

The HCUP Central Distributor State Inpatient Databases (SID), State Ambulatory Surgery Databases (SASD), and State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD) for Kentucky 2010 has a data coding error in the payer information included in the HCUP data elements PAY1, PAY2, and PAY3. This affects 3.7 percent of the SID discharges, 3.8 percent of SASD records, and 1.6 percent of SEDD records. In these cases, PAY1, PAY2, and PAY3 indicate that Medicaid (value 2) is the payer, when in fact it was Medicare (value 1). The information in the source-supplied fields PAY1_X, PAY2_X, and PAY3_X contains the value "R" which indicates Medicare Managed Care. A corrected version of the 2010 KY SID, SEDD, and SEDD is available.

If you had previously purchased the 2010 KY SID, SASD, or SEDD and would like a copy of the updated data file, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor (866-556-4287 toll-free or hcup-distributor@AHRQ.gov).

Sincerely,

The HCUP Central Distributor Team