



**H·CUP**  
HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT

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**Nationwide Application Kit**

**NIS/KID/NASS/NEDS/NRD**

**All HCUP Databases and select Supplemental Files may be purchased through the HCUP Central Distributor.**

**Please visit [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech\\_assist/centdist.jsp](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/centdist.jsp)**

## NATIONWIDE APPLICATION

The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample (NIS), Kids' Inpatient Database (KID), Nationwide Ambulatory Surgery Sample (NASS), Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS), and Nationwide Readmissions Database (NRD) are available through the HCUP Central Distributor under the auspices of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

The Nationwide Databases exclude data elements that could directly or indirectly identify individuals. Access to the files is open to users who sign a Data Use Agreement (DUA). Users must agree to use the database only for research and statistical purposes, to make no attempts to identify individuals, and to comply with all other provisions and restrictions of the DUA. Your information will be used only to evaluate your application, fulfill your order, and to follow up in the event of a DUA violation.

For information on the Nationwide Databases, see the "Overview" documents at <https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/databases.jsp>.

**If you have questions, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor by toll-free telephone (866-290-4287), fax (805-979-3787), or by email at [HCUP@AHRQ.gov](mailto:HCUP@AHRQ.gov).**

## Completing the Nationwide Application for NIS/KID/NASS/NEDS/NRD

This hard copy application is provided as a courtesy in cases where the online HCUP Central Distributor cannot be used to create and submit applications electronically. Please visit the Purchase HCUP Data page on the HCUP-US website ([www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech\\_assist/centdist.jsp](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/centdist.jsp)) for additional information.

If you must use this hard copy application to order HCUP databases, be aware that:

- All information will be entered and tracked in the online system by HCUP Central Distributor staff. HCUP data users do not have an option for non-electronic storage of their information.
- If you have an existing account with the online HCUP Central Distributor, this order will be added to your record.
- If you do not have an existing account, one will be created for you. You will be notified via email if a new account is created for you.
- Your request will be entered into the system within 2 business days. You will be notified via email about the status of your application.
- Registration and status emails are sent from [Do-Not-Reply-HCUPDistributor@ibm.com](mailto:Do-Not-Reply-HCUPDistributor@ibm.com) and [hcupus@us.ibm.com](mailto:hcupus@us.ibm.com) to the email address you provide in your application.
- You will be notified via email when your Nationwide databases are ready for digital download. You must log-in to your account to access these files.

Payment:

- A detailed invoice will be provided by email, including total payment due for the HCUP data products in your order and applicable taxes.
- Detailed payment instructions will be provided along with the Invoice.
- Orders will not be fulfilled until payment has been received.

Directions:

1. Print or type all responses. Complete all applicable parts of this application.
2. Complete the Applicant Information section (Part I)
3. Complete the online HCUP Data Use Agreement Training and provide your DUA training certification code and date (Part II).
4. Select the HCUP Databases you are requesting (Part III)
5. Read and sign the Data Use Agreement for Nationwide Databases (Part IV).
6. Read and sign the Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser form (Part V).
7. Read and sign the Indemnification Clause (Part VI).
8. If you are requesting special pricing, complete the Eligibility for Special Pricing page (Part VII).
9. Complete your estimated payment and intended payment method (Part VIII).
10. Submit the completed application via postal service, fax, or email using the contact information detailed in the Final Checklist instructions at end of this application.

**Questions? Please contact HCUP Central Distributor User Support:**

- Email: [hcup@ahrq.gov](mailto:hcup@ahrq.gov)
- Telephone: 866-290-4287 (toll free)

## Part I: Applicant Information

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### User Information:

- **NOTE:** Your email address is your username in the online HCUP Central Distributor.
- If you do not have an existing account with the online HCUP Central Distributor, one will be created for you. If an account is created for you, you will be notified via email.
- If you have an existing account with the online HCUP Central Distributor, this order will be added to your record.
- Your application will be entered into the system within 2 business days. Notifications about your account and order status will be sent to this email address from [Do-Not-Reply-HCUPDistributor@ibm.com](mailto:Do-Not-Reply-HCUPDistributor@ibm.com) and [hcupus@us.ibm.com](mailto:hcupus@us.ibm.com).
- You will need to log-in to your account to access all downloadable Nationwide Databases.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact and Shipping Information:

- HCUP Nationwide Databases will be shipped on physical media. Nationwide database downloads are currently unavailable.
- Databases must be received by the account holder responsible for the data under the terms of the HCUP DUA.

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization Affiliation:

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Organization:

1. Check the *one* box that best describes your organization.

- University/college/teaching institution
- Government agency
- Managed care, insurer
- Healthcare provider
- Pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical product firm
- Trade association, lobbying group, consortium
- Research organization, consultant
- Other (describe in space provided): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Check the *one* box that best characterizes the type of ownership of your organization.

- Not-for-Profit
- For-profit

## Part II: HCUP Data Use Agreement Training

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Because of the sensitive nature of the data contained in the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) databases, there is a continued need to reinforce the safeguards and restrictions placed on use of the data. All data purchasers and users of HCUP data must complete the online HCUP Data Use Agreement (DUA) Training. This course emphasizes the importance of data protection, helps to reduce the risk of inadvertent violations, and describes your individual responsibility when using HCUP data. The course will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

If you have not previously completed the HCUP DUA Training, please go to the HCUP-US website at [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech\\_assist/dua.jsp](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/dua.jsp), complete the training, and enter the certification number at the end of the course in the space provided below.

HCUP DUA Training Certification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date HCUP DUA Training course completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part III: Selection of HCUP Databases

In the following pages, you will select the HCUP Nationwide databases you wish to order. For detailed information about the file contents, structure, format, and guidelines for working with HCUP data products, refer to the database documentation found online at [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/databases.jsp](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/databases.jsp).

For specific price information, please see the price lists below. The prices of the NIS, KID, NASS, NEDS, and NRD have been set to cover the costs associated with disseminating these files to data requesters.

Students may purchase any Nationwide Database at a discounted price. Students must demonstrate that they are a current student by providing: (1) a copy of a valid student ID, OR (2) a letter of verification from the registrar's office, a professor, or the program director. AHRQ offers a student discount for use of the HCUP Nationwide Databases in the data purchaser's own academic pursuits (i.e., capstone project, dissertation). Student priced data may not be transferred to another individual.

#### Section A. Select National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample (NIS)

Database	Content/Size	Price
NIS, 2018	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NIS, 2017	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NIS, 2016	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 625 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 125 Students
NIS, 2015	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100 Students
NIS, 2014	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100 Students
NIS, 2013	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 760 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100 Students
NIS, 2012	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 767 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2011	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 857 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2010	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 827 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2009	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 828 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2008	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 864 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2007	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 964 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
NIS, 2006	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1033 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 2005	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 956 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 2004	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 970 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 2003	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 936 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 2002	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 893 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students

Database	Content/Size	Price
NIS, 2001	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 550 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 2000	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 539 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 1999	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 516 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, 1998	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 489 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 6, 1997	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 519 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 5, 1996	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 448 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 4, 1995	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 455 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 3, 1994	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 421 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 2, 1993	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 439 MB product	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 160 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
NIS, Release 1, 1988–1992	5 years of data, in compressed, encrypted 1,577 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 322 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
<b>SUBTOTAL NIS DATA COST: Calculate cost for all NIS files requested. (See Part VIII to calculate estimated payment due)</b>		

Section B. Select Kids' Inpatient Databases (KID)

Database	Content/Size	Price
KID, 2016	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 234 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100 Students
KID, 2012	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 234 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
KID, 2009	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 286 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 350 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Students
KID, 2006	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 318 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
KID, 2003	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 272 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
KID, 2000	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 131 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
KID, 1997	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 70 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 Students
<b>SUBTOTAL KID DATA COST: Calculate cost for all KID files requested.</b> <b>(See Part VIII to calculate estimated payment due.)</b>		



Section C. Select Nationwide Ambulatory Surgery Sample (NASS)

Database	Media/structure	Price
NASS, 2018	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 330 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NASS, 2017	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 330 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NASS, 2016	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 330 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
<b>SUBTOTAL NASS DATA COST: Calculate cost for all NASS files requested.            (See Part VIII to calculate estimated payment due.)</b>		

Section D. Select Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS)

Database	Media/structure	Price
NEDS, 2018	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NEDS, 2017	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NEDS, 2016	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NEDS, 2015	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NEDS, 2014	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NEDS, 2013	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1517 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NEDS, 2012	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2011	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1415 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2010	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1391 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2009	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1463 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2008	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1387 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2007	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 1178 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NEDS, 2006	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 988 MB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
<b>SUBTOTAL NEDS DATA COST: Calculate cost for all NEDS files requested. (See Part VIII to calculate estimated payment due.)</b>		

Section E. Select Nationwide Readmissions Databases (NRD)

Database	Media/structure	Price
NRD, 2018	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NRD, 2017	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NRD, 2016	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NRD, 2015	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200 Students
NRD, 2014	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NRD, 2013	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Students
NRD, 2012	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NRD, 2011	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
NRD, 2010	1 year of data, in compressed, encrypted 2 GB product file	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 All Others <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 Students
<b>SUBTOTAL NRD DATA COST: Calculate cost for all NRD files requested.</b> <b>(See Part VIII to calculate estimated payment due.)</b>		

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## Part IV: Data Use Agreement for HCUP Nationwide Databases

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All users of HCUP data must agree to the terms of the HCUP Data Use Agreement (DUA).

Instructions to complete the HCUP Data Use Agreement:

1. Print the Data Use Agreement for the Nationwide Databases
  - PDF file, 260 KB: [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/team/NationwideDUA.pdf](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/team/NationwideDUA.pdf)
2. Sign and date the DUA.
3. Insert signed agreement after this page in your completed application packet.

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## Part V. Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser

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As an HCUP database purchaser your responsibilities extend beyond those of a data user. You are required to acknowledge these terms as part of the application process.

Instructions to complete the Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser:

1. Print the Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser
  - PDF file, 107 KB: [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech\\_assist/centdist/ResponsibilitiesDataPurchaser.pdf](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/centdist/ResponsibilitiesDataPurchaser.pdf)
2. Sign and date the Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser.
3. Insert signed Responsibilities after this page in your completed application packet.

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## Part VI: Indemnification Clause

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As an HCUP database purchaser your responsibilities extend beyond those of a data user. You are required to acknowledge these terms as part of the application process.

Instructions to complete the Indemnification Clause:

1. Print the Indemnification Clause
  - PDF file, 71 KB: [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech\\_assist/centdist/IndemnificationClause.pdf](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/centdist/IndemnificationClause.pdf)
2. Sign and date the Indemnification Clause.
3. Insert signed Indemnification Clause after this page in your completed application packet.

## Part VII. Eligibility for Special Pricing

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AHRQ offers a student discount for use of the HCUP Nationwide Databases in the data purchaser's own academic pursuits (i.e., capstone project, dissertation).

- Student priced data may not be transferred to another individual.
- Additional information is required to verify student pricing eligibility.

### Student Pricing

If you requested student pricing for any Nationwide Database(s), the following information is required. Please also identify which form of documentation you have provided with this application to verify your student status.

I am a student

Name of college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a copy of my valid student ID, *or*,

I have enclosed a letter from my registrar's office, professor advisor, or program director verifying that I am currently registered as a student.

## Part VIII: Estimated Payment Information

### Estimated Payment Due

Enter the subtotals from Part II, Sections A – E to estimate the total cost of your database purchase in the table below. The HCUP Central Distributor will determine the taxes due and provide you with a final Invoice by email.

SUBTOTAL COST	
Subtotal NIS Data Cost From Section A:	\$ _____
Subtotal KID Data Cost From Section B:	\$ _____
Subtotal NASS Data Cost From Section C:	\$ _____
Subtotal NEDS Data Cost From Section D:	\$ _____
Subtotal NRD Data Cost From Section E:	\$ _____
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### Sales Tax and Tax Exemption

The HCUP Central Distributor will collect applicable sales taxes at the time the order is placed, unless a tax exemption number is provided with the application. Typically this is the federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) for the not-for-profit or governmental organization.

Tax Exemption Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Intended Payment Method

Detailed instructions for submitting payment will be sent to you by email along with your final Invoice. Do not send payment with this application.

Please indicate intended payment method. Through its payment processing vendor, MOST Investments, LLC, dba Pantheon Software, the HCUP Central Distributor accepts the following:

- Purchase order.** The HCUP Central Distributor accepts purchase orders, which may be paid by credit card, check, or wire transfer. Vendor information for purchase orders may be requested from the HCUP Central Distributor.
- Credit Card.** Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- Check**
- Wire transfer**

**Please be aware that orders will not be fulfilled until payment has been received.**

## Final Checklist

### Have you . . .

- √ Completed the Applicant Information section ([Part I](#))?
- √ Completed the HCUP Data Use Agreement Training and provided your DUA training certification code and date ([Part II](#))?
- √ Selected your HCUP Databases ([Part III](#))?
- √ Inserted your signed Data Use Agreement for Nationwide Databases ([Part IV](#))?
- √ Inserted your signed Responsibilities of the Data Purchaser ([Part V](#))?
- √ Inserted your signed Indemnification Clause ([Part VI](#))?
- √ Supplied the necessary information and documentation to qualify for student pricing (as described in [Part VII](#))?
- √ Determined the estimated cost of data purchase and identified your intended payment method ([Part VIII](#))?

### If so, complete the application process by submitting your application by fax or mail:

HCUP Central Distributor  
IBM Watson Health  
5425 Hollister Avenue, Suite 140  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Telephone: (866) 290-HCUP (4287) (toll free)  
Fax: (805) 979-3787

Email: [hcup@ahrq.gov](mailto:hcup@ahrq.gov)

For privacy protection, please consider password-protecting Application Kits sent via email. A third-party Zip utility (such as ZIP Reader, 7-zip, SecureZIP®, or WinZip™) is recommended. Passwords should be transmitted separately.

### Questions? Please contact HCUP Central Distributor User Support:

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