



As part of the on-going HCUP quality management program, we have identified a minor issue with the following 2013 Iowa HCUP Central Distributor databases: State Inpatient Databases (SID), State Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases (SASD), and State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD). The databases contain incorrect patient demographic information for some self-pay patients. The 2013 Iowa SID, SASD, and SEDD have been recreated using corrected patient demographic information.

Differences between the Update Data and the Original Data Files

- For the SID, approximately 6,700 records (2 percent of total records) had different values for the HCUP revisit variables VisitLink and DaysToEvent. There were very few changes to other data elements.
- For the SASD and SEDD, the values for the HCUP revisit variables VisitLink and DaysToEvent had minimal changes, but approximately 33,000 records (2 percent of total records) had changes to other data elements, such as patient ZIP Code and data elements derived from the ZIP Code such as patient county (PSTCO2) and urban-rural location of the patient's residence (variables starting PL_).

Updated Data Now Available

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your organization. If you would like a complimentary copy of the updated version of the files that you purchased, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor (866-556-4287 toll-free or HCUPDistributor@AHRQ.gov).

Sincerely,

The HCUP Central Distributor Team