



The 2005–2006 New York State Inpatient Databases (SID) and State Ambulatory Surgery Databases (SASD) purchased prior to the year 2010 contain some duplicate records. The duplicate records, while rare, occur in multiple hospitals across the State of New York. The issue of the duplicate records, however, is limited, and analyses of utilization for specific diagnoses and procedures will not be significantly impacted. The duplicate records tend to be complex cases that result in an in-hospital death. The effect of the duplication is that it artificially inflates hospital – or county-level –mortality rates, especially for rare conditions.

The duplicate records have been removed from updated 2005–2006 New York SID and SASD files. In the process of correcting this problem, additional records were uncovered by New York hospitals and submitted to AHRQ for the 2005-2006 data years. Therefore, the corrected files actually contain slightly more records (less than 1%) than the original 2005–2006 New York SID and SASD.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your organization. If you had previously purchased the 2005–2006 New York HCUP SID or SASD and would like a copy of the updated file, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor (866-556-4287 toll-free or HCUPDistributor@AHRQ.gov).

Sincerely,
The HCUP Central Distributor Team