

CHIS 2015 Release Note/Errata

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This document describes the initial release of CHIS 2015 1-Year data on December 14, 2016. This release includes several CHIS data products: Public Use Files, AskCHIS, and Confidential Data. This document is updated when the released CHIS 2015 data files are updated or corrected.

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Due to changes in data collection, some variables went through unique data processing procedures, these variables include:

1. **The Medicare questions** in the adult interview were changed a couple of months after the start of CHIS 2015 data collection from asking about coverage through a Medicare HMO plan to asking more generally about coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan. In order to produce a combined estimate for the full year, we attempted to map early responses using the original version of the questions into the new versions of the questions, and imputed where necessary.
2. In some instances, insurance questions for the spouse of the sampled adult were erroneously skipped. In constructing **teen and child insurance variables** for those children and teens who received their coverage through the adult respondent's spouse, when the **spouse insurance information** was not collected, we relied upon alternative follow-up questions to impute values.
3. In some cases, **the Medi-Cal coverage question** in the adult interview was erroneously skipped. In these situations, we imputed responses incorporating information collected in the screener interview about Medi-Cal coverage for anyone in the household.

A few variables that require additional processing are excluded from the initial release, and will be released at a later time, including:

1. **Health insurance plan name** variables including: name of main health plan and HMO status in adult, child, and teen files; name of Medicare plan for adult file.
2. **School location, ID number** (the county-district-school, or CDS code assigned to public and private schools), **and type** variables in teen and child files.
3. **Industry and occupation coding** variables in adult file.
4. **Spouse insurance** variables including: insurance coverage variables for adult respondent's spouse.
5. **Family type** variable in child file.

Some contents are withheld from this release, and may be released in the future subject to funder approval.

1. **E-cigarette variables** on e-cig use, usage frequency, and reasons why in adult file.

Some other contents are excluded from this data release because skip errors during data collection led to insufficient data to produce estimates.

1. **Race most identified with** variables in adult, teen and child file, for Hispanic/Latino respondents identifying with one or more races or non-Hispanic/Latino respondents reporting more than one race.
2. **Covered California plan tier and subsidy** variables in teen and child file.
3. **High deductible insurance** variables in teen file.
4. **WIC Program variable** in adult file.
5. **Spouse/Partner's relationship with child or teen** in adult file.

Version History

Data Products	Version	Release Date	Description
PUF	Version 1.0.0	12/14/2016	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2015 data
AskCHIS	Version 1.0.0	12/14/2016	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2015 data
Confidential Data	Version 1.0.0	12/14/2016	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2015 data