

# ***CHIS 2016 Release Note/Errata***

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This document describes the initial release of CHIS 2016 1-Year data on October 31, 2017. This release includes several CHIS data products: Public Use Files, AskCHIS, and Confidential Data. This document is updated when the released CHIS 2016 data files are updated or corrected.

Before analyzing or reporting CHIS data, please visit the following page for new and notable design features and data collected in CHIS 2016 (What's New) and more documentation on CHIS methods: <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx>

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

1. 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.

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. **Spouse insurance** variables including: insurance coverage variables for adult respondent's spouse.

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.
2. **Detailed smoking variables** on smoking cessation, hookah use, rules about smoking/vaping at home, and cigarette tax 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. These questions will be discontinued in CHIS 2017-2018, due to the extremely small population the questions reach.
3. **High deductible insurance** variables in teen file.
4. **Spouse/Partner's relationship with child or teen** in adult file.

## **Version History**

<b>Data Products</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
PUF	Version 1.0.0	10/31/2017	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2016 data
AskCHIS	Version 1.0.0	10/31/2017	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2016 data
Confidential Data	Version 1.0.0	10/31/2017	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2016 data