

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

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This document describes the updated CHIS 2016 1-Year data file release on October 31, 2018. This release includes several CHIS data products: Public Use Files, AskCHIS, and access-restricted Confidential Data in the CHIS Data Access Center. This document is updated when the released CHIS 2016 data files are updated or corrected.

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New in Version 2.0.0:

1. Adult e-cigarette usage content are added.
2. Health insurance plan name variables are added to adult, child and teen files.

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

Adult e-cigarette usage content are included in this CHIS 2016 release, as well as concurrent updated releases of 2014 and 2015 data and the new release of CHIS 2017 data. Please be advised of the following when examining adult e-cigarette usage across time:

1. **Question language differences:** Wording modifications in the adult version of these questions in 2016 and 2017 added references to specific e-cigarette brands (i.e., Blu, NJOY, Vuse), in contrast to 2014 and 2015. We believe that this wording change creates measurement differences between these periods, therefore we advise against comparing estimates from before and after the wording changes were implemented in 2016.
2. **Universe differences:** all adults were asked about e-cigarette usage in 2017, compared to adults 18-65 in prior years.

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>Version</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Version 2.0.0	10/31/2018	Updated Release of 1-Year CHIS 2016 data
Version 1.0.0	10/31/2017	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2016 data