

Dear CHIS Data User:

Our records indicate that you utilized one of our single-year public use files (PUFs) for CHIS 2014-2018 to examine the health of California's adult, teen, and/or child populations.

Please note that the CHIS 2014-2018 PUF data files have been updated to contain revised content.

Notably, CHIS has removed variables POVLL_ACA and FPG from all single-year PUFs for years 2014-2018. Additionally, CHIS has revised the data for the following variables:

- AI22A_P and AH125_P in the adult PUFs for 2017 and 2018
- IHS in the adult PUF for 2017
- SOCHESS2 in the teen PUF for 2017
- CC7BNEW (name revision from CC7C), CE11A, and CE11C in the child PUF for 2017

Please download the revised CHIS 2014-2018 PUFs here (login required):

<http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/data/public-use-data-file/Pages/public-use-data-files.aspx>

We have provided more information about these changes below. If you have any questions or concerns about these updates, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you.

The CHIS Team

Removal

Previous versions of the single-year PUFs from 2014-2018 contained the variables POVLL_ACA (Family Poverty Threshold Level: ACA (4 Levels)) and FPG (Federal Poverty Guideline) for all age groups. These variables have now been removed from the current iterations of all PUFs for these years. Some inconsistencies were discovered with the complex calculations relating to these variables and their intended constructions and imputations. Both of these variables can be constructed by users of the public use file using other variables included in the public use file, and thus by removing these variables, users are able to construct their own variables with the specific parameters and calculation metrics of most interest to them.

Revision

This revision applies to the adult PUFs for CHIS 2017 and 2018. During preparation of the release of 2018 CHIS data in October 2019, it was discovered that the variables AI22A_P (Name of Health Plan (PUF Recode)) and AH125_P (Medicare Advantage Plan Name (PUF Recode)) both contained a recoding error. This error, while minimal, caused some respondents to be designated as having a health insurance plan for these variables even when they are actually uninsured. This issue was isolated to these two variables, and no other insurance variables were impacted by the recoding error. This recoding issue has

been resolved and the corrected data is now included in the reposted 2017 and 2018 PUFs. Please continue to analyze AI22A_P and AH125_P with caution in the 2015 and 2016 adult PUFs.

Additionally, the below revisions have occurred for the data in the 2017 PUF files.

These revisions apply to the adult file for 2017:

- IHS: Covered by Indian Health Service
 - Data updated and replaced

These revisions apply to the teen file for 2017:

- SOCHES2: Social Cohesion Neighborhood Scale
 - Data corrected and replaced

These revisions apply to the child file for 2017:

- CC7BNEW: Use Free Community or Public Dental Programs
 - Variable renamed from previous name of CC7C
- CE11A: Child Receiving Food Stamp Benefits
 - Data replaced by new imputation
- CE11C: Child Currently on WIC
 - Data replaced by new imputation