CHIS 2018 Release Note/Errata
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This document describes the initial release of CHIS 2018 1-Year data on October 24, 2019. 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 CHIS 2018 data files are updated or corrected.

In general, use CHIS data to get estimates (percents, means, confidence intervals) for the population's health information rather than for basic demographic characteristics (sex, age, race, ethnicity, education, homeowner status) or population totals. Use numbers from the 2010 Census to obtain counts of demographic characteristics. Use data from the California Department of Finance or Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program for the years in between censuses.

Before analyzing or reporting CHIS data, please visit the following page for new and notable design features and data collected, and details of question changes and reclamations in CHIS 2018 (What's New), as well as more documentation on CHIS methods: http://chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx. Additionally, given small teen sample sizes for 2018 as well as previous recent years, it is recommended to aggregate more than one year of data when analyzing teen data files.

Some variables that were not available in CHIS 2017 due to skip errors during data collection are once again available in the 2018 data. They include:

1. **Indian Health Service** participation in the adult file (AI20 and IHS)
2. **Emergency room visit for asthma** variables in the adult file (AB67 and AH13A)
3. Some **family and parent immigration status and country of origin** variables in the child file, including the following: CH14, CH15, CH16YR, CITIZ1_F, CITIZ2_F, CNTRYF, FAMCIT, and YRUSF
4. Some **marijuana use** variables in the adult file, including method of marijuana use and co-use with tobacco, as well as marijuana use recommendations by health care provider (AC117 – AC127)
5. **Food stamp and WIC program participation** variables in the child file (CE11A and CE11C)
6. **Satisfaction with current health insurance** and **amount others contribute to health plan cost** variables in the adult file (AH139 and AH129)

Additionally, please be advised of the following when examining childhood asthma across time:

1. **Universe differences:** In 2017, **CA33** (children with current asthma who had an ER/urgent care visit for asthma in the past 12 months) had an extra skip condition to exclude Imperial County samples. This skip condition was removed in 2018. Additionally, variables **CA41, CA48, and CA49** were all affected by the skip condition change to CA33.

Version History

Version	Release Date	Description
Version 1.0.0	10/24/2019	Initial Release of 1-Year CHIS 2018 data