

# PSID Medicare Claims File Available through Special Contract

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## I. Introduction

In 1990, a supplement concerning the health of elderly Heads and Wives/"Wives" of PSID families was added to the PSID questionnaire and conducted by the study. Dr. Lee Lillard at the RAND Corporation designed the supplement with funding from the National Institute on Aging. As part of the supplement, we asked permission from respondents to request their Medicare records from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Medicare identification numbers were collected from willing respondents. These identification numbers were then submitted to HCFA to obtain Medicare Automated Data Retrieval System (MADRS) claims filed by the respondents in 1990. MADRS data are available from 1984 to 1991.

This file is available only through special contractual arrangement. It contains data constructed from the participating respondents' Medicare claims as reported in the MADRS, as well as identification numbers needed to link these data to the PSID main data files. The data were initially processed by staff at the RAND Corporation and converted to ASCII format by the PSID staff. There are 4 data files. SAS and SPSS data definition statements have been prepared for each data file.

## II. Data Files

This dataset consists of a Person Calendar Year file and three person-episode files: Home Health, Inpatient, and SNF/Swing Bed. The Person Calendar file contains a record for every year that a respondent has any Medicare claims. In this file, the maximum number of records for a given respondent is 10.

In each of the three episode files (Home Health, Inpatient, and SNF/Swing Bed) there is one record for each person-episode, and at least one record for each person who provided a valid Medicare ID. The variable EPISDATA indicates whether a record contains episode data or not.

FILE CONTENT	NUMBER OF RECORDS	NUMBER OF VARIABLES	FILE NAME	FILE SIZE
Person Calendar Year	4,870	379	mifinal.dat	8,853,660
Home Health Data by Episodes	1,020	12	mihhsty.dat	47,940
Inpatient Data by Episodes	1,674	139	miinpsty.dat	1,036,206
SNF Data by Episodes	872	62	misnfsty.dat	214,512

## III. SAS and SPSS Files

These files contain SAS and SPSS statements providing information about the variables in the data files. The two files of each type, SAS and SPSS, correspond to the data files provided and are named accordingly. Therefore,

"mifinal.SAS" contains SAS statements for the mifinal.DAT file; and "mifinal.SPS" contains SPSS statements for the mifinal.DAT file. These statements provide variable names and locations, variable labels and missing data codes.

The SAS and SPSS statements are not intended to represent completed and full programs for the respective statistical program packages to run extracts, analysis, and so on. You must provide all other SAS or SPSS statements needed to complete a program.

File Attributes for Program Statement Files

SAS STATEMENTS	FILE SIZE
mifinal.sas	29,357
mihhsty.sas	2,750
miinpsty.sas	11,762
misnfsty.sas	5,966
SPSS STATEMENTS	FILE SIZE
mifinal.sps	28,316
mihhsty.sps	2,380
miinpsty.sps	11,182
misnfsty.sps	5,508

**IV. Documentation** The following machine-readable documentation files are provided for the Medicare Claims files.

File Description and Attributes for Documentation Files

FILE CONTENT	FILE NAME	FILE SIZE
Documentation	madr.txt	143,336
README File	readme.txt	2,111

#### V. Additional Help

If you have questions regarding this file, please [contact us](#).