Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS)
2000

Errata Sheet

In the 2000 Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 6,248 discharges from South Carolina are missing external cause of injury codes (E Codes). No other NIS records are affected.

An ASCII file containing the missing information is available. The separate E Code file includes information only for those South Carolina discharges missing E Codes. There are 118,436 discharges from South Carolina in the 2000 NIS; only 6,248 South Carolina discharges are missing E Codes.

To order the separate ASCII file containing the missing South Carolina E Code information, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor at:
E-mail: HCUPDistributor@ahrq.gov
Phone (toll free): 866-556-HCUP (4287)

To add the missing E Codes to the South Carolina discharges in the 2000 NIS, proceed as follows:

1. Load the separate ASCII E Code file into the same format as your 2000 NIS data. SAS and SPSS load programs are provided. There are three data elements in the E Code file: a unique record identifier (KEY), the cause of injury code (DX11), and the place of injury code (DX12). Some records may be missing the place of injury code because this information was not reported.

2. Merge the separate E Code file onto the NIS by the unique record identifier KEY.

3. The South Carolina discharges in the NIS include a maximum of ten diagnoses, so data elements DX1-DX10 may already be filled with diagnosis codes. The additional E Codes will replace blank diagnoses in position 11 (DX11) and position 12 (DX12).

If you need assistance working with the file, please contact us at:

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