ABSTRACT

This material provides documentation for users of the 2018 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) micro-data file. NAMCS is a national probability sample survey of visits to office-based physicians and community health centers (CHCs) conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). It is part of the National Health Care Surveys, which measure health care utilization across a variety of health care providers. This public use file and documentation is for the “traditional” or office-based component of NAMCS. Data on CHCs are being released separately. A summary of changes for 2018 is presented first which highlights all of the most important information for data users. Section I, "Description of the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey," includes information on the scope of the survey, the sample, field activities, data collection procedures, medical coding procedures, population estimates, and sampling errors. Section II provides technical information about variables on the file, as well as a list of all physician specialties eligible for sampling. Section III contains marginal data and estimates for selected items on the data record. The appendices contain sampling errors, instructions and definitions for completing the Patient Record form, and lists of codes used in the survey.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2018

At the time of this public use file release, data from the 2017 NAMCS were not yet available because of challenges encountered when collecting information directly from Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems. The 2018 NAMCS did not utilize direct submission of EHR records and was therefore able to be processed more quickly. Because 2016 NAMCS was the most recent data release prior to 2018 NAMCS, changes and comparisons are made between those two files. Differences are described in more detail below and primarily reflect changes in weighting methodology**.**

A. Data Collection and Comparability of 2018 NAMCS Estimates with Previous Years of Data

For 2018, the only mode of data collection was the automated laptop-assisted instrument used since 2012. This differs from the 2016 NAMCS, which used this mode in addition to another used for the first time in 2016. That mode involved the direct submission of electronic health records (EHR) and is described in the 2016 NAMCS Public Use File Documentation. However, the 2016 data collected through direct EHR submission presented many processing challenges and have not yet been released. Only data collected via Census abstraction were released for 2016. The 2017 NAMCS data have been delayed for the same reason.

Research was conducted to assess any data anomalies between 2016 and 2018 NAMCS data. To accomplish this, more than 30 tables of 2018 estimates were compared with the same tables of 2016 estimates. Most of the variables published in the annual summary web tables were compared. Significant differences between the two years were noted and investigated.

When interpreting the differences between the 2016 and 2018 estimates, it is important to keep in mind that the method used to weight NAMCS data changed starting with 2018 data. This is described in more detail below and will also be the subject of an upcoming NCHS methodology report.

To better assess whether the changes noted between 2016 estimates and 2018 estimates were the result of the change in the weighting methodology, additional research was conducted. The weighting methodology used for 2018 was applied to the 2016 data, and resulting estimates were compared. Many of the significant differences noted in the initial comparison between the original 2016 estimates and the 2018 estimates were not found when comparing estimates for both years using the new weighting methodology. A report comparing 2016 and 2018 estimates based on the same weighting methodology is planned. Furthermore, the 2016 NAMCS Public Use Data File may be re-released to include new versions of the two weighting variables, PATWT (for visit-level estimates) and PHYSWT (for physician-level estimates). Data users would then have both sets of weighting variables available for their research. The reweighted 2016 data will also be available at the NCHS Research Data Center.

B. Nonresponse Bias

Physician-level response (successful collection of data in the Physician Induction Interview) for the core (non-Community Health Center [CHC]) NAMCS sample was 54.3% (weighted) in 2018, but only 35.2% (weighted) of physicians (496 physicians, unweighted) provided data for at least one sampled visit and, thus, are the only ones to have data in the public use file. (See Table 1 for more information on response and participation rates.)

Because of the decreased number of physicians participating in the 2018 NAMCS and increasing concerns about the potential for nonresponse bias, a special NCHS work group was convened to investigate these issues. The result of this research was a new method for weighting NAMCS sample data that adjusts for potential nonresponse bias. 2018 NAMCS data were weighted using this new methodology. This is discussed in more detail in Section 1. The last in-depth report on nonresponse bias in NAMCS was published using 2012 data (1).

C. Race and Ethnicity

Item nonresponse rates for race and ethnicity were similar to those in 2016 and remained high. In 2018, the missing rate for race was 28.6 percent (unweighted) and 32.0 percent (weighted). For ethnicity, it was 27.8 percent (unweighted) and 31.0 percent (weighted).

Starting with 2009 data, NAMCS adopted the technique of model-based single imputation for missing race and ethnicity data, as described in more detail in Section I. This model was used to impute 2018 data, with modifications which reflect the current sampling design.

Users should be aware that high percentages of item nonresponse may lead to biased estimates, particularly if the imputation algorithm omitted a variable of importance, and that the single imputation algorithm may underestimate some standard errors. We anticipate this underestimate to be fairly small for most estimates, particularly those with design effects of 5 or greater. However, standard errors may be underestimated more substantially for those domains with design effects under 5. For more information about the decision to adopt a model-based single imputation methodology, see the 2009 NAMCS Public Use Data File Documentation.

D. Laboratory Results

As in 2016, the decision was made to include laboratory test results (cholesterol, high density lipoprotein, low density lipoprotein, triglycerides, HbA1c, blood glucose, and serum creatinine) on the public use file. However, except for some extreme outliers, the lab data have not been edited and are included for data users who wish to explore them further.

E. Estimates by Physician Specialty Group and by Geographic Region

The 2018 NAMCS Public Use Data File only includes 496 physicians. This is a much smaller number of physicians than in previous years. Because of the reduced sample size and the resulting inability to make reliable estimates for certain characteristics, the public use file does not contain the REGIONOFF item (geographic region of the physician's location where majority of visit records were sampled) nor does it contain the SPECR item (physician specialty, 14 groups). The physician specialty group variable SPECCAT (primary care, surgical care, medical care specialty) is still on the file, as is MSA (metropolitan statistical area status of physician's interview location).

F. Survey Items

The 2018 automated survey instrument was identical to that used for 2016, as was the Physician Induction Form. However, one set of new variables was added to the public use file and two variables were removed, as described below.

1. New or Modified Items on the Public Use File

The Services category for services ordered or provided during the sampled visit typically includes space for write-in procedures. Up to 9 procedures are coded each year by contracted medical coders. In 2016, these write-in procedures were coded using the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) (2). However, in 2018, this was switched to the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology classification (CPT). Because of the licensing agreement with AMA, we are able to include the CPT codes on the public use file but not the code labels, which makes the data harder for researchers to interpret.

NCHS has developed its own regrouping of the CPT codes into a Health Care Services Master Category List with its own descriptive labels. This reclassification was used to add a set of procedure category variables (CATPROC1-CATPROC9) to the public use file. These categories will at least allow researchers

to get a broader understanding of the nature of the procedures included in the CPT codes, without violating the terms of the licensing agreement.

There were no other changes to the 2018 survey items. The survey instrument underwent a few minor modifications in terms of the help screens provided to Census abstractors when collecting the data. These changes included new or revised definitions for four chronic conditions (Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C), additional information about recording diastolic blood pressure, some modified language regarding the collection of ethnicity data, and a new instruction about how to report an unknown number of past visits in last 12 months. Item instructions are shown in Appendix I.

2. Deleted items on the Public Use File

The geographic variable REGIONOFF (region where majority of physician's sampled visits occurred) was removed from the public use file for 2018. The only geographic variable remaining on the 2018 public use file is MSA (was physician's interview location within an MSA). The physician specialty variable SPECR (a 14-group variable denoting broad specialty group), was also removed from the public use file. The remaining physician classification variables are MDDO (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy) and SPECCAT (type of specialty: primary care, surgical care or medical care). The region and physician specialty variables were removed because low survey response in 2018 resulted in the inability to make reliable estimates using these variables.

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL AMBULATORY MEDICAL CARE SURVEY

A. INTRODUCTION

This micro-data file contains data collected in the 2018 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). NAMCS is a national probability sample survey conducted by the Division of Health Care Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). For 2018, the sampling design allowed for the estimation of ambulatory medical care visits to office-based physicians and community health centers (CHCs) nationally and within the four U.S. Census Bureau regions (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West). Only visits to office-based physicians are included in this data file. Data from the separate CHC component of NAMCS are released separately. Also, although the NAMCS sampling design allowed for regional estimates, the region variable is not included on the 2018 NAMCS public use file because of low response rates and the inability to make reliable estimates by region.

Data for the 2018 NAMCS were collected using a computer-assisted automated tool. U.S. Census Bureau Field Representatives abstracted data from medical charts using a laptop computer and an automated survey instrument. Data were obtained for a total of 9,953 sampled visits.

Please note the following important points concerning analysis of NAMCS data on this micro-data file:

PATIENT VISIT WEIGHT

Micro-data file users should be fully aware of the importance and proper use of the "patient visit weight" used to produce national and sub-national estimates. Information about the patient visit weight is presented on pages 2 and 27. If more information is needed, the staff of the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch can be consulted by calling (301) 458-4600 during regular working hours or by sending an email inquiry to ambcare@cdc.gov.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Researchers should also be aware of the reliability or unreliability of survey estimates. The National Center for Health Statistics considers an estimated number of visits or a visit rate to be reliable if it has a relative standard error of 30 percent or less (i.e., the standard error is no more than 30 percent of the estimate) and it is based on at least 30 sample records. NCHS has new guidelines for determining the reliability of proportions (3). These standards are based on a minimum denominator sample size and on the absolute and relative widths of a confidence interval calculated using the Clopper-Pearson method. Additional information about relative standard errors is presented in Appendix I. If you have questions, consult Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch staff.

B. SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

The basic sampling unit for NAMCS is the physician-patient encounter or visit. Traditionally, only visits to the offices of nonfederally employed physicians classified by the American Medical Association (AMA) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as "office-based, patient care" were included in NAMCS. Physicians in the specialties of anesthesiology, pathology, and radiology are excluded from the physician universe. However, starting in 2006, in addition to the traditional sample, NAMCS included a sample of community health centers. These were included through 2011, but community health centers became a separate component of the survey in 2012. Data have been released separately for them since that time. For more information, see the 2014 NAMCS Community Health Center Public Use File Documentation. Types of contacts not included in the 2018 NAMCS were those made by telephone, those made outside

the physician's office (for example, house calls), visits made in hospital settings (unless the physician has a private office in a hospital and that office meets the NAMCS definition of “office”), visits made in institutional settings by patients for whom the institution has primary responsibility over time (for example, nursing homes), and visits to doctors’ offices that are made for administrative purposes only (for example, to leave a specimen, pay a bill, or pick up insurance forms).

C. SAMPLING FRAME AND SIZE OF SAMPLE

The sampling frame for the 2018 NAMCS (core sample, not including CHC delivery sites) was composed of all physicians listed in the master files maintained by the AMA and AOA who met the following criteria:

-- Office-based or hospital-employed, as defined by the AMA and AOA;

-- Principally engaged in patient care activities;

-- Nonfederally employed;

-- Not in specialties of anesthesiology, pathology, or radiology

-- Younger than 85 years of age at the time of the survey.

Physicians whom the AMA classifies as “hospital-employed” were added to the sampling frame starting with the 2014 NAMCS. This expansion of the NAMCS physician sampling frame is due to concerns that NAMCS was not covering visits made to office-based practices which are owned by hospitals, and to increases in reported hospital purchases of physician practices in recent years.

The 2018 NAMCS traditional or core sample included 2,999 physicians: 2,788 Medical Doctors and 211 Doctors of Osteopathy. Sample physicians were screened at the time of the survey to assure that they met the above-mentioned criteria. A total of 1,352 physicians did not meet all of the criteria and were ruled out of scope (ineligible) for the study. The most frequent reasons for being out of scope were that the physician did not see ambulatory patients, was retired, or was not office-based.

Of the 1,647 in-scope (eligible) physicians, 496 submitted data for sample patient visits in the study. Data were collected for 9,953 visits by U.S. Census Bureau Field Representatives.

A total of 176 physicians saw no patients during their assigned reporting period because of vacations, illness, or other reasons for being temporarily not in practice and hence did not provide any PRFs. Of the 496 physicians for whom PRFs were abstracted, 434 participated fully or adequately (i.e. at least half of the PRFs expected, based on the total number of visits during the reporting week, were submitted), and 62 participated minimally (i.e. fewer than half of the expected number of PRFs were submitted). The unweighted response rate for visit data was 37.0 percent (40.5 percent weighted), based on the number of full responders and those who saw no patients during their sample week. The weighted participation rate was 44.0 percent based on the total of full and minimal responders, including those who saw no patients during their reporting week (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of physicians in the universe, total sample, sample response categories, response rates, number of participants and participation rate by sampled physician specialty group: National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2018

Region	Total (1)	In Scope	Respondents	Response rates: unweighted (weighted) (2)	Participants (3)	Participation rate (weighted) (3)
Total	2,999	1,647	610	37.0(40.5)	672	44.0
Northeast	818	431	140	32.5(34.4)	160	37.7
Midwest	672	328	133	40.5(40.7)	146	45.5
South	691	372	187	50.3(52.7)	208	56.3
West	818	516	150	29.1(29.0)	158	31.8

NOTE: Region represents sampling location.

(1) Data are derived from the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association and represent the total number of physicians who were eligible for the 2018 NAMCS sample.

(2) Respondents are physicians for whom at least one-half of their expected number of Patient Record forms were completed (full responders) and also includes responding physicians who saw no patients during their sampled week. Response rate is the number of respondents divided by the estimated number of in-scope physicians.

(3) Participants are physicians for whom at least one Patient Record form was completed (full and minimal responders) and also includes physicians who saw no patients during their sampled week. Participation rate is the number of participants divided by the estimated number of in-scope physicians.

D. SAMPLING DESIGN

The sampling design was the same as in 2016. The 2018 NAMCS sampling design utilized a stratified two-stage sample, with physicians selected in the first stage and visits in the second stage. A stratified list sample of physicians was selected from the master files maintained by the American Medical Association (AMA) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

The sampling (hard) strata were defined by Census region and 15 broad physician specialty groups (General and Family Practice, Osteopathy, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Cardiovascular Diseases, Dermatology, Urology, Psychiatry, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, and a residual category for All Other Specialties). Physicians were given a random number and assigned to their respective sampling stratum. Within each sampling stratum, they were sorted first by Census division.

Within Census division, physicians were next sorted by MSA status (location in a metropolitan statistical area or not), based on Office of Management and Budget designations from Census 2010 data. Within MSA status, physicians were then sorted by their practice type (primary care, surgical, medical specialty). Within each of the implicit strata defined by Census division, MSA status, and practice type, physicians were ordered by the previously assigned random number. Within each of the 60 hard strata, a systematic random sample was selected from the list of sorted physicians. On average, about 62 physicians were selected from within hard strata, with actual numbers ranging from 50 to 129.

The final stage was the selection of patient visits within the annual practices of sampled physicians. This involved two steps. First, the total physician sample was divided into 52 subsamples using systematic sampling from a list in which the physicians were sorted in the order of their selection to the total sample and those subsamples were then randomly assigned to the 52 weeks in the survey year. Second, a systematic random sample was selected from a chronologic list of visits seen during the assigned week. Visit sampling was mainly conducted by Census Field Representatives. The sampling rate varied for this final step from a 100-percent sample for very small practices to a 10-percent sample for very large practices as determined in the physician interview. The method by which the sampling rate was determined is available from the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch (AHCSB).

E. POPULATION FIGURES

The base population used in computing annual visit rates is presented in tables 2 and 3. The denominators used in calculating 2018 visit rates for age, sex, race and ethnicity are Census 2010-based postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States. The population estimates are special tabulations developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, from the July 1, 2018 set of state population estimates by age, sex, race, and ethnicity.

Population estimates by metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status are based on estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population from the 2018 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), National Center for Health Statistics, compiled according to the July 2015 Office of Management and Budget definition of core-based statistical areas. Information about MSA definitions is available from the U.S. Census Bureau. Information about methodological changes in producing MSA estimates over time and their impact on comparing visit rates by MSA can be found in the 2016 NAMCS Public Use Data File Documentation.

Population estimates for race groups in the 2018 NAMCS are based on the 2010 U.S. Census in which respondents were able to indicate more than one race category. Since 2001, the denominators used for calculating race-specific visit rates in NAMCS reports reflect multiple-race reporting. Specific race denominators reflect persons with a single race identification, and a separate denominator is available for persons with more than one race designation.

Data indicate that multiple races are recorded for a patient less frequently in medical records compared to their numbers in the general population. The 2018 population estimates indicate that 2.6 percent of the total population identify themselves as being of multiple races. In contrast, multiple race patients account for just 0.2 percent of weighted NAMCS visits (based on known race data only). (REMINDER: Beginning with the 2009 NAMCS, NAMCS data only include imputed values for the race categories White, Black, and Other; see 2009 or 2010 NAMCS Public Use File Documentation Summary of Changes for more information.) This is roughly the same percentage reported in the 2016 NAMCS and earlier years. The difference may exist because abstractors are less likely to know and record multiple race preferences of patients. It suggests that the race population rates calculated for 2018 may be slight overestimates for the single race categories and slight underestimates for the multiple race category, but it should be kept in mind that race data are missing on the public use file for 28.6 percent (unweighted) and 32.0 percent (weighted) of 2018 NAMCS records overall.

F. FIELD ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Census Bureau acts as the data collection agent for NAMCS. The first contact with the sample physician is through a letter from the Director, NCHS. After the physician receives the introductory letter, the Census Field Representative (FR) telephones the physician to establish basic eligibility and to schedule an appointment. At the appointment, the FR explains the survey to the physician and to any staff who may be involved in abstracting the data. Also at the initial visit, the FR obtains the practice characteristics of up to five office locations (expanded from four in 2011) where the physician sees patients during the reporting week. After abstraction has been completed, the physician is given a certificate of appreciation for her or his participation.

G. DATA COLLECTION

Data collection for the 2018 NAMCS was conducted by abstraction of medical records by U.S. Census Bureau field staff. Physicians were instructed to keep a daily listing of all patient visits during the assigned reporting week using an arrival log, optional worksheet, or similar method. This list was the sampling frame to indicate the visits for which data were to be recorded. It was to include both scheduled and unscheduled patients, but not cancellations or no-shows. Visits were selected from the list using a random start and a predetermined sampling interval based on the physician's estimated visits for the week and the number of days the physician was expected to see patients that week. In this way, a systematic random sample of visits was obtained. The sampling procedures were designed so that about 30 Patient Records would be completed during the assigned reporting week. This was intended to minimize the data collection workload and maintain equal reporting levels among sample physicians regardless of practice size.

Data for sampled visits were recorded on laptops. The 2018 Patient Record "Sample Card" showing the data items included in the survey is available at the Ambulatory Health Care Data website: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_survey_instruments.htm#namcs. Terms and definitions relating to the automated Patient Record are included in Appendix I.

H. CONFIDENTIALITY

In April 2003, the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was implemented to establish minimum Federal standards for safeguarding the privacy of individually identifiable health information. No personally identifying information, such as patient's name or address or Social Security number, is collected in NAMCS. Data collection is authorized by Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (Title 42, U.S. Code, 242k). All information collected is held in the strictest confidence according to law [Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42, U.S. Code, 242m(d))] and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (Title 5 of PL 107-347). The NAMCS protocol has been approved by the NCHS Research Ethics Review Board annually starting in February 2003. Waivers of the requirements to obtain informed consent of patients and patient authorization for release of patient medical record data by health care providers were granted.

In the spring of 2003, NAMCS implemented additional data collection procedures to help providers assure patient confidentiality. Census Bureau Field Representatives were trained on how the Privacy Rule allows physicians to make disclosures of protected health information without patient authorization for public health purposes and for research that has been approved by a Research Ethics Review Board. Physicians were encouraged to accept a data use agreement between themselves and NCHS, since the Privacy Rule allows physicians to disclose limited data sets (i.e., data sets with no direct patient identifiers) for research and public health purposes if such an agreement exists.

Assurance of confidentiality was provided to all physicians according to Section 308 (d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m). Strict procedures were utilized to prevent disclosure of NAMCS data. All information which could identify the physician was confidential and was seen only by persons engaged in NAMCS, and was not disclosed or released to others for any other purpose. Names or other identifying information for individual patients were not removed from the physician's office.

Prior to release of the public use data file, NCHS conducts extensive disclosure risk analysis to minimize the chance of any inadvertent disclosure. Based on research conducted by NCHS for 2018 NAMCS, certain variables were subject to masking in some cases (ownership status, physician's diagnosis, and medications). Furthermore, outlier values for certain variables (age, age of pregnant patient, height, weight, number of past visits in last 12 months, and time spent with physician) were top coded in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. Masking was performed in such a way to cause minimal impact on the data; data users who wish to use unmasked data can apply to the NCHS Research Data Center.

Table 2. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018

Race and sex	All ages	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34
All Races	322,104,849	3,846,430	15,958,397	41,036,368	42,000,631	44,496,541
Male	157,520,484	1,967,636	8,161,850	20,949,171	21,153,472	22,165,546
Female	164,584,365	1,878,794	7,796,547	20,087,197	20,847,159	22,330,995
White Only	246,670,891	2,756,078	11,401,932	29,638,546	30,833,934	32,705,368
Male	121,688,227	1,411,208	5,842,550	15,164,939	15,620,281	16,499,926
Female	124,982,664	1,344,870	5,559,382	14,473,607	15,213,653	16,205,442
Black Only	42,459,792	585,107	2,431,604	6,177,957	6,246,022	6,495,988
Male	19,880,564	297,999	1,232,709	3,128,699	3,064,099	3,076,222
Female	22,579,228	287,108	1,198,895	3,049,258	3,181,923	3,419,766
AIAN* Only	4,078,148	61,665	254,968	655,483	631,731	632,543
Male	2,033,110	31,466	129,707	333,317	316,771	323,093
Female	2,045,038	30,199	125,261	322,166	314,960	309,450
Asian Only	19,236,971	194,850	861,022	2,199,961	2,465,315	3,307,182
Male	9,151,347	99,940	442,133	1,118,729	1,234,633	1,607,414
Female	10,085,624	94,910	418,889	1,081,232	1,230,682	1,699,768
NHOPI*	778,338	12,125	49,994	121,654	112,481	132,223
Male	388,762	6197	25,426	61,710	55,947	67,153
Female	389,576	5928	24,568	59,944	56,534	65,070
Multiple Races	8,880,709	236605	958,877	2,242,767	1,711,148	1,223,237
Male	4,378,474	120826	489,325	1,141,777	861,741	591,738
Female	4,502,235	115779	469,552	1,100,990	849,407	631,499

*NHOPI is Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. AIAN is American Indian/Alaska Native.

Metropolitan Statistical Area totals	
MSA	280,445,911
Non-MSA	41,658,938

Table 2. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018 - con.

Race and sex	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
All Races	40,475,358	41,121,092	42,020,032	30,268,592	20,881,408
Male	19,885,434	20,105,049	20,215,458	14,133,214	8,783,654
Female	20,589,924	21,016,043	21,804,574	16,135,378	12,097,754
White Only	30,485,688	31,959,360	33,844,940	25,211,716	17,833,329
Male	15,258,573	15,876,302	16,486,288	11,929,895	7,598,265
Female	15,227,115	16,083,058	17,358,652	13,281,821	10,235,064
Black Only	5,393,778	5,297,987	5,027,766	3,026,980	1,776,603
Male	2,448,465	2,407,977	2,277,783	1,294,890	651,721
Female	2,945,313	2,890,010	2,749,983	1,732,090	1,124,882
AIAN* Only	542,730	490,616	429,762	245,480	133,170
Male	275,304	244,647	207,111	115,272	56,422
Female	267,426	245,969	222,651	130,208	76,748
Asian Only	3,068,555	2,632,657	2,119,333	1,443,011	945,085
Male	1,432,516	1,224,386	961,043	634,576	395,977
Female	1,636,039	1,408,271	1,158,290	808,435	549,108
NHOPI*	116,167	93,276	74,934	42,902	22,582
Male	59,257	46,178	36,324	20,648	9,922
Female	56,910	47,098	38,610	22,254	12,660
Multiple Races	868,440	647,196	523,297	298,503	170,639
Male	411,319	305,559	246,909	137,933	71,347
Female	457,121	341,637	276,388	160,570	99,292

*NHOPI is Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. AIAN is American Indian/Alaska Native.

SOURCE: These are U.S. Census Bureau postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as of July 1, 2018. The estimates of age, sex, and race are from special tabulations developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau using the July 1, 2018 set of state population estimates, and reflect Census 2010 data. More information may be obtained from the Census website at www.census.gov.

Table 3. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by ethnicity, age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018

HISPANIC Race and sex	All ages	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34
All Races	59,214,173	1,007,195	4,163,530	10,528,914	9,640,458	9,220,136
Male	29,678,541	514,498	2,123,285	5,364,603	4,878,461	4,753,297
Female	29,535,632	492,697	2,040,245	5,164,311	4,761,997	4,466,839
White Only	52,012,148	854,982	3,538,590	9,048,526	8,414,393	8,076,132
Male	26,092,202	436,849	1,805,440	4,611,398	4,258,358	4,174,405
Female	25,919,946	418,133	1,733,150	4,437,128	4,156,035	3,901,727
Black Only	2,860,822	57,163	237,105	561,472	476,217	467,544
Male	1,391,339	29,165	120,699	285,094	240,938	229,870
Female	1,469,483	27,998	116,406	276,378	235,279	237,674
AIAN* Only	1,715,332	30,186	124,436	307,874	282,883	279,770
Male	886,863	15,375	63,121	157,081	143,212	150,051
Female	828,469	14,811	61,315	150,793	139,671	129,719
Asian Only	596,450	12,615	50,987	114,602	96,606	95,097
Male	295,344	6,453	26,057	58,700	48,731	47,092
Female	301,106	6,162	24,930	55,902	47,875	48,005
NHOPI*	210,775	4,272	17,192	39,520	33,310	36,935
Male	108,255	2,182	8,703	19,999	16,816	19,963
Female	102,520	2,090	8,489	19,521	16,494	16,972
Multiple Races	1,818,646	47,977	195,220	456,920	337,049	264,658
Male	904,538	24,474	99,265	232,331	170,406	131,916
Female	914,108	23,503	95,955	224,589	166,643	132,742

Table 3. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by ethnicity, age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018 - con.

HISPANIC Race and sex	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
All Races	8,458,143	6,962,566	4,867,432	2,668,768	1,697,031
Male	4,300,494	3,484,054	2,360,602	1,215,898	683,349
Female	4,157,649	3,478,512	2,506,830	1,452,870	1,013,682
White Only	7,480,633	6,238,881	4,372,515	2,423,398	1,564,098
Male	3,816,369	3,131,174	2,123,717	1,104,117	630,375
Female	3,664,264	3,107,707	2,248,798	1,319,281	933,723
Black Only	393,977	292,224	204,773	107,782	62,565
Male	184,222	134,827	94,591	47,556	24,377
Female	209,755	157,397	110,182	60,226	38,188
AIAN* Only	255,596	202,745	137,055	63,491	31,296
Male	136,700	106,897	70,238	30,985	13,203
Female	118,896	95,848	66,817	32,506	18,093
Asian Only	83,933	64,580	43,883	22,152	11,995
Male	41,576	31,482	20,725	9,822	4,706
Female	42,357	33,098	23,158	12,330	7,289
NHOPI*	32,673	22,978	14,204	6,361	3,330
Male	17,541	11,701	6,959	3,054	1,337
Female	15,132	11,277	7,245	3,307	1,993
Multiple Races	211,331	141,158	95,002	45,584	23,747
Male	104,086	67,973	44,372	20,364	9,351
Female	107,245	73,185	50,630	25,220	14,396

*NHOPI is Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. AIAN is American Indian/Alaska Native.

SOURCE: These are U.S. Census Bureau postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as of July 1, 2018. They were developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau using the July 1, 2018 set of state population estimates, and reflect Census 2010 data. More information may be obtained from the Census website at www.census.gov.

Table 3. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by ethnicity, age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018 – con.

NON-HISPANIC Race and sex	All ages	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34
All Races	262,890,676	2,839,235	11,794,867	30,507,454	32,360,173	35,276,405
Male	127,841,943	1,453,138	6,038,565	15,584,568	16,275,011	17,412,249
Female	135,048,733	1,386,097	5,756,302	14,922,886	16,085,162	17,864,156
White Only	194,658,743	1,901,096	7,863,342	20,590,020	22,419,541	24,629,236
Male	95,596,025	974,359	4,037,110	10,553,541	11,361,923	12,325,521
Female	99,062,718	926,737	3,826,232	10,036,479	11,057,618	12,303,715
Black Only	39,598,970	527,944	2,194,499	5,616,485	5,769,805	6,028,444
Male	18,489,225	268,834	1,112,010	2,843,605	2,823,161	2,846,352
Female	21,109,745	259,110	1,082,489	2,772,880	2,946,644	3,182,092
AIAN* Only	2,362,816	31,479	130,532	347,609	348,848	352,773
Male	1,146,247	16,091	66,586	176,236	173,559	173,042
Female	1,216,569	15,388	63,946	171,373	175,289	179,731
Asian Only	18,640,521	182,235	810,035	2,085,359	2,368,709	3,212,085
Male	8,856,003	93,487	416,076	1,060,029	1,185,902	1,560,322
Female	9,784,518	88,748	393,959	1,025,330	1,182,807	1,651,763
NHOPI*	567,563	7,853	32,802	82,134	79,171	95,288
Male	280,507	4,015	16,723	41,711	39,131	47,190
Female	287,056	3,838	16,079	40,423	40,040	48,098
Multiple Races	7,062,063	188,628	763,657	1,785,847	1,374,099	958,579
Male	3,473,936	96,352	390,060	909,446	691,335	459,822
Female	3,588,127	92,276	373,597	876,401	682,764	498,757

Table 3. U.S. population estimates used in computing annual visit rates for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, by ethnicity, age, race, and sex: July 1, 2018 - con.

NON-HISPANIC Race and sex	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
All Races	32,017,215	34,158,526	37,152,600	27,599,824	19,184,377
Male	15,584,940	16,620,995	17,854,856	12,917,316	8,100,305
Female	16,432,275	17,537,531	19,297,744	14,682,508	11,084,072
White Only	23,005,055	25,720,479	29,472,425	22,788,318	16,269,231
Male	11,442,204	12,745,128	14,362,571	10,825,778	6,967,890
Female	11,562,851	12,975,351	15,109,854	11,962,540	9,301,341
Black Only	4,999,801	5,005,763	4,822,993	2,919,198	1,714,038
Male	2,264,243	2,273,150	2,183,192	1,247,334	627,344
Female	2,735,558	2,732,613	2,639,801	1,671,864	1,086,694
AIAN* Only	287,134	287,871	292,707	181,989	101,874
Male	138,604	137,750	136,873	84,287	43,219
Female	148,530	150,121	155,834	97,702	58,655
Asian Only	2,984,622	2,568,077	2,075,450	1,420,859	933,090
Male	1,390,940	1,192,904	940,318	624,754	391,271
Female	1,593,682	1,375,173	1,135,132	796,105	541,819
NHOPI*	83,494	70,298	60,730	36,541	19,252
Male	41,716	34,477	29,365	17,594	8,585
Female	41,778	35,821	31,365	18,947	10,667
Multiple Races	657,109	506,038	428,295	252,919	146,892
Male	307,233	237,586	202,537	117,569	61,996
Female	349,876	268,452	225,758	135,350	84,896

*NHOPI is Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. AIAN is American Indian/Alaska Native.

SOURCE: These are U.S. Census Bureau postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as of July 1, 2018. They were developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau using the July 1, 2018 set of state population estimates, and reflect Census 2010 data. More information may be obtained from the Census website at www.census.gov.

I. DATA PROCESSING

1. Edits

Once electronic data were collected, a number of steps were required for data processing. Specifications for checking, configuring, and transmitting the data files were developed by NCHS and applied by the Census Bureau. Data files were transmitted either to NCHS for further processing, or to RTI International, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. At NCHS, the data underwent multiple consistency checks and review of verbatim entries. RTI edited and coded verbatim entries which required medical coding (patient's reason for visit, physician's diagnosis, cause of injury, services, and procedures) and further assessed the values assigned to a variable that indicated whether the diagnosis is probable, questionable, or rule out. Medication editing and coding were performed entirely at NCHS by the NAMCS Drug Database Coordinator.

2. Quality Control

All RTI International medical coding and keying operations were subject to quality control procedures. The contractor selected an 11.4 percent sample of records which were independently recoded and compared. Differences were adjudicated by RTI with error rates reported to NCHS. Coding error rates ranged between 1.1 and 3.3 percent.

3. Adjustments for Item Nonresponse

Unweighted item nonresponse rates exceeded 5.0 percent for the following data items:

Variable	Variable Description	Denominator	Nonresponse %
PREGNANT	Is patient pregnant?	All visits by females ages 12-50	14.0
GESTWK	Gestation week	All visits by pregnant females	19.7
ETHUN	Patient ethnicity - unimputed	All visits	27.8
RACEUN	Patient race - unimputed	All visits	28.6
USETOBAC	Current tobacco use	All visits	19.9
EVERTOBAC	Former tobacco user	All visits	36.9
INJURY, INJPOISAD	Is visit related to injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment?	All visits	5.3
INJURY72	Did the injury/trauma, overdose/ poisoning or adverse effect occur within 72 hours prior to the date and time of this visit?	All injury visits	55.5
INTENT	Is this injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning intentional or unintentional?	All injury visits	19.1
INJURY_ENC	Type of encounter for injury visit	All injury visits	25.1
CAUSE1	Cause of Injury #1	All injury visits	55.4
TEMPF	Temperature (in Fahrenheit)	All visits	75.4
HTIN	Height (in inches)	All visits	40.4
WTLB	Weight (in pounds)	All visits	35.6

BMI	Body mass index - calculated from height and weight	All visits	39.9
BPSYS	Systolic blood pressure	All visits	45.8
BPDIAS	Diastolic blood pressure	All visits	45.9
REFER	Was patient referred for visit?	All visits not made to patient's primary care provider	14.9
PASTVIS	How many past visits in the last 12 months?	All visits by established patients	16.6
EXCIPROV	Excision of tissue provided	All visits where excision was reported	23.4
BIOPROV	Biopsy provided	All visits where biopsy was reported	14.8
NCMED30	Is Medication #30 new or continued?	All visits with Medication #30 listed	16.7
TIMEMD	Time spent with physician	All visits where a physician was seen	30.9
EREMINDR	Does reporting location have this computerized capability: providing reminders for guideline-based interventions or screening tests?	All visits	6.0
EWARNR	If location has computerized capability to order prescriptions, are warnings of drug interactions or contraindications provided?	All visits with computerized capability to order prescriptions	6.3
EGENLISTR	Does reporting location have this computerized capability: providing data to generate lists of patients with particular health conditions?	All visits	6.5
EDATAREPR	Does reporting location have this computerized capability: providing data to create reports on clinical care measures for patients with specific chronic conditions (e.g. HbA1c for diabetics)?	All visits	6.8
ESHARES	Do you electronically send patient health information to another provider whose EHR system is different from your own?	All visits	11.6
ESHARER	Do you electronically receive patient health information from another provider whose EHR system is different from your own?	All visits	11.1
PRMCARER	Percent of patient care revenue from Medicare	All visits	17.2
PRMAIDR	Percent of patient care revenue from Medicaid	All visits	17.2
PRPRVTR	Percent of patient care revenue from private insurance	All visits	17.0
PRPATR	Percent of patient care revenue from patient payments	All visits	17.0
PROTHR	Percent of patient care revenue from other sources	All visits	17.0

PRMANR	Percent of patient care revenue from managed care contracts	All visits	20.4
REVFFSR	Percent of patient care revenue from fee-for-service	All visits	25.2
REVCAPR	Percent of patient care revenue from capitation	All visits	25.2
REVCASER	Percent of patient care revenue from case rates	All visits	25.2
REVOTHR	Percent of patientcare revenue from other	All visits	25.2
CAPITATE	Type of payments accepted from new patients: capitated private insurance	All visits from providers that currently accept "new" patients	7.9
NOCAP	Type of payments accepted from new patients: non-capitated private insurance	All visits from providers who currently accept "new" patients	5.9
PRIVATE	Type of payments accepted from new patients: private insurance (capitated or non-capitated)	All visits from providers who currently accept "new" patients	5.4
NNOCHRGE	Type of payments accepted from new patients: no charge/charity	All visits from providers who currently accept "new" patients	8.3
PHYSCOMP	Which of the following methods best describes your basic compensation?	All visits	6.3
SDAPPTPCT	What percentage of your visits are same day appointments?	All visits where physicians responded ‘yes’ to “Does your practice set time aside for same day appointments?”	26.2

Denominators for the above rates were adjusted to account for skip patterns on the data collection forms. For example, only visits to physicians who accepted new patients were included in the calculation of whether the physician accepted new patients with Medicaid, etc. Physician nonresponse to the initial item may also be taken into account, which would make nonresponse rates for the secondary item somewhat higher. Nonresponse is calculated to include blanks, abstractor responses of unknown, and physician’s refusal to answer.

IMPORTANT: For items such as vital signs (patient height and weight, etc.), nonresponse rates are calculated for all visits, but it should be considered that such measurements are not routinely taken or reported at visits to certain specialties, such as psychiatry or dermatology among others. It is advisable for researchers to calculate their own nonresponse rates for their topic of interest; these rates are only provided as a general indicator.

Some missing data items were imputed by randomly assigning a value from a PRF with similar characteristics, where similar visits were generally those with the same physician specialty, geographic region, and 3-digit ICD-10-CM code for primary diagnosis. Race and ethnicity were imputed using a model-based, single, sequential regression imputation method. The model for imputing race and ethnicity used the following variables: Census race and ethnicity population estimates for ZIP code, duration of visit, patient age, patient sex, whether the visit occurred in an MSA, physician specialty recode, whether

the visit included hypertension as a current diagnosis/chronic condition, diagnosis group, major reason for visit, and an indicator for patient ZIP code or provider ZIP (the latter was used for the Census variables if patient ZIP was not available). Also in 2018, time spent with physician was imputed using a similar model-based, single, sequential regression imputation method.

The following variables were imputed: birth year (0.2 percent), sex (0.7 percent), ethnicity (27.8 percent), race (28.6 percent), has the patient been seen in this practice before? (1.2 percent), if yes, how many past visits in last 12 months? (16.6 percent of visits by established patients), and time spent with physician (31.2 percent of visits where a physician was seen). Blank or otherwise missing responses are so noted in the data.

J. MEDICAL CODING

The PRF contains several medical items which use three separate coding systems. As stated previously, the following items -- patient's reason for visit (RFV1-RFV5), physician's diagnosis (DIAG1-DIAG5), cause of injury (CAUSE1-CAUSE3), and procedures (PROC1-PROC9) -- were transmitted to RTI International, Inc., Research Triangle Park, North Carolina for processing. Responses to the medication items (MED1-MED30) were coded by the NAMCS Drug Database Coordinator. These items and their coding systems are described briefly below.

1. Patient's Complaint(s), Symptoms(s) or Other Reason(s) for this Visit

Information on patient's reason for visit was collected in the automated Patient Record and coded according to A Reason for Visit Classification for Ambulatory Care (RVC) (4). The most recent classification can be found in Appendix II. The classification is updated as needed to incorporate new codes as well as changes to existing codes. The system continues to utilize a modular structure. The digits 1 through 8 precede the 3-digit RVC codes to identify the various modules as follows:

Prefix	Module
"1" =	Symptom module
"2" =	Disease module
"3" =	Diagnostic, screening, and preventive module
"4" =	Treatment module
"5" =	Injuries and adverse effects module
"6" =	Test results module
"7" =	Administrative module
"8" =	Uncodable entries
"9" =	Special code = blank

Up to five reasons for visit were coded from the reason for visit item in sequence; coding instructions for this item are contained in the Reason for Visit Classification and Coding Manual (5).

2. Cause of Injury/Trauma, Overdose/Poisoning, or Adverse Effect of Medical/Surgical Treatment

Up to three causes of injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect were coded from text responses to the "Cause of injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment" item in the Injury section on NAMCS PRFs. NCHS contracted medical coders used the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) (6) to code responses. Unlike the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) (7), which included the Supplementary Classification of External Causes of Injury and Poisoning (E-codes), ICD-10-CM uses additional chapters of codes starting with the letters V, W, X, and Y to describe external causes of injury.

For the NAMCS public use file, only the first four digits of the ICD-10-CM 7-digit cause of injury code are included. There is a separate item added to indicate the encounter status normally found in the 7th position for initial episode of care for the injury, subsequent episode of care for the injury, or sequela of the injury. There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits and inapplicable 4th digits are dash-filled.

Examples: V011 = V01.1 Pedestrian injured in collision with pedal cycle in traffic accident.
W14- = W14 Fall from tree

Because ICD-10-CM incorporates many alphabetic characters into their expanded list of codes, we can no longer provide numeric recodes for the cause of injury fields.

3. Provider's Diagnosis

Up to five diagnoses were coded in sequence from text responses to the "Diagnosis" item on the NAMCS PRF. NCHS contracted medical coders used the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) to code responses. Coding instructions for diagnoses are contained in the NAMCS Coding Requirements Manual (8).

In ICD-10-CM, diagnosis codes can have a maximum of seven digits. ICD-10-CM organizes these codes within chapters from A to T. The Z chapter is used to assign codes for occasions that are not related to a current illness or injury.

For the NAMCS public use file, only the first four digits of the diagnosis code are included. There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits and inapplicable 4th digits are dash-filled. For example:

F321 = F32.1 Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate
I10- = I10 Essential (primary) hypertension
Z992 = Z99.2 Dependence on renal dialysis

In addition to the diagnosis codes from the ICD-10-CM the following unique codes in the diagnosis fields were developed by NAMCS staff:

ZZZ0 = noncodable diagnosis, insufficient information for coding, illegible diagnosis
ZZZ1 = left before being seen, walked out, eloped, left against medical advice
ZZZ2 = discharge dispositions entered such as "return to nursing home", "transfer to nursing home", "transfer to psychiatric hospital", "transfer to other hospital", sent to see specialist, referred
ZZZ3 = Insurance/HMO will not authorize treatment
ZZZ4 = Entry of "none," "no diagnosis," "no disease," "healthy" as the ONLY entry in the diagnosis item
ZZZ5 = Entry of "NA", "Not Available", "Not Applicable" or "Blank".
-9 = Field is blank (in contrast to an actual entry of "Blank")

As mentioned above, because ICD-10-CM uses non-numeric characters so extensively, we are no longer able to provide numeric recodes for the character format codes.

4. Services

The "Services" item used a checkbox format under the sub-headings of Examinations/Screenings, Laboratory tests, Imaging, Procedures, Treatments, and Health Education/Counseling. It also allowed for text to be entered under "Other Services Not Listed". Up to 9 procedures could be coded from the verbatim text entries. RTI International, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina classified and coded

the verbatim text using AMA's Current Procedural Terminology. This is different from the 2016 NAMCS, which used the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) to code procedure data.

Because of the licensing agreement with AMA, we are not able to include code labels for each individual CPT code. However, new categorical variables CATPROC1-CATPROC9 aggregate the CPT codes into a system developed at NCHS, with NCHS's own labels. These will not be as granular as the original CPT codes, but do provide a broad breakdown for the data user.

In order for the checkbox data to give the most inclusive estimate, efforts were made to ensure that text entries which could be coded to checkboxes were also included in the checkbox. For example, a record where the Services verbatim text was "ultrasound of the left eye" was edited to also mark the "Other Ultrasound" checkbox. The guidelines for the Services item have traditionally been that procedures which could be coded to checkboxes were retained in the write-in section, if they provided additional detail about the procedure beyond what was available in the checkbox. If no additional detail was provided by the verbatim text, only the checkbox was checked. Researchers should be careful to compare data in the checkboxes with the procedure write-in data to ensure that they are not double counting procedures.

5. Medications & Immunizations

The NAMCS drug data collected under "Medications & Immunizations" have been classified and coded using the entry name (the entry made on the Patient Record) according to a unique classification scheme developed at NCHS (9). The medical classification system of drugs by entry name uses a five-digit coding scheme which is updated regularly to include new products. It includes the following special codes:

-9 = blank
99980 = unknown entry, other
99999 = illegible entry

For 2018, up to 30 medications could be recorded for each visit. A list of drug codes by entry name is included in Appendix III.

In addition to drugs coded by entry name, this file contains the following drug information:

a. Generic drug code: Beginning with the 2006 data release, drugs are coded in terms of their generic components and therapeutic classifications using Lexicon Plus®, a proprietary database of Cerner Multum, Inc., also used by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, NCHS. The Lexicon Plus is a comprehensive database of all prescription and some nonprescription drug products available in the U.S. drug market.

In accordance with the license agreement, NCHS publications, tabulations, and software applications should cite the Multum Lexicon as the source and basis for the coding and classification of NAMCS drug data. For additional information on the Multum Lexicon Drug Database, please refer to: http://www.cerner.com.

Beginning with the 2006 data release, all drug codes based on entry name (using NCHS' classification system as cited above) were also assigned a unique generic drug code from Multum's Lexicon Drug Database, whenever possible. The structure of the Multum database is such that multiple ingredient drugs are assigned a single generic drug code encompassing all of a drug's ingredients rather than being assigned generic drug codes for each ingredient. For example, Tylenol No. 3 has a single generic code that reflects the combination of acetaminophen with codeine.

The format of the generic drug code (DRUGID) also changed starting in 2006. Rather than the 5 digit numeric code used prior to 2006, the generic drug code is 6 digits, beginning with the letters “a”, “c” or “d”. Codes beginning with the letter “n” were also used, starting with 2009 data. All Multum codes begin with the letter “d”, but there were some drug names reported by NAMCS participants that were not found in the Lexicon Drug Database. These were assigned unique drug codes beginning with an “a” where a drug’s ingredients could be determined, or a “c” in the case where a drug’s ingredients could not be determined for 2006-2007. Beginning with 2008 data, “n” codes have been used to code all drugs newly appearing in the NAMCS data for which a code could not be found in Multum. The variables DRUGID1 through DRUGID30 reflect the generic codes for each drug reported.

b. Prescription status code: A code designed to identify the legal status (prescription or nonprescription) of the drug entry.

c. Controlled substance status code: A code used to denote the degree of potential abuse and federal control of a drug entry.

d. Composition status code: A code used to distinguish between single-ingredient and combination drugs.

e. Therapeutic category code: The Multum Lexicon provides a 3-level nested category system that assigns a therapeutic classification to each drug and each ingredient of the drug (e.g., for naproxen: the broadest category is central nervous system agents [level 1]; the more detailed category is analgesics [level 2]; and the most detailed category is nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents [level 3]). Not all drugs have three classification levels; some may only have two [e.g. for digoxin: cardiovascular agents [level 1]; inotropic agents [level 2]), others only have one. See Appendix III for the complete Multum category scheme.

Each drug may have up to four therapeutic categories on the data file. The variables RX1CAT1 through RX30CAT4 reflect the unique Multum drug categories for a particular drug; these are character values with codes from ‘001’ through ‘464’. **This variable will always show the most detailed therapeutic level available of a particular drug.**

For example, psychotherapeutic agents in Multum are further classified into a second more detailed level as antidepressants or antipsychotics. Antidepressants are further classified into seven subcategories (miscellaneous antidepressants, SSRI antidepressants, tricyclic antidepressants, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, phenylpiperazine antidepressants, tetracyclic antidepressants, and SSNRI antidepressants); antipsychotics are further classified into five subcategories. For a drug categorized as a tricyclic antidepressant, it would have a drug category code of ‘209’, reflecting the Level 3 code.

Other drugs may have only two levels available, such as immunologic agents. There are six level 2 categories of immunologic agents, and no further breakdowns into a third level in the Multum system. Therefore, RX1CAT1 would reflect only a second level code in that case. So, using RX1CAT1-RX30CAT4 will allow one to identify the most specific level of a drug, but **will not, by itself, identify whether that code reflects the first, second, or third level.**

In order to understand each level in terms of the Multum hierarchy, we have also placed on the file additional variables that show the full first, second, and third levels, if applicable, for each drug category for each drug. For example, in the case of the tricyclic antidepressant mentioned earlier, RX1CAT1=’209’. But there are three additional variables corresponding to that drug’s first therapeutic category. RX1V1C1 (meaning Drug 1, Level 1 of Therapeutic Category 1) would be ‘242’ (psychotherapeutic agents), RX1V2C1 (Drug 1, Level 2 of Therapeutic Category 1) would be ‘249’ (antidepressants), and RX1V3C1 (Drug 1, Level 3 of Therapeutic Category 1) would be ‘209’

(tricyclic antidepressants). If there were no second or third level for a particular category, the entry would be blank (‘ ‘). This is repeated for each of the drug’s maximum of four therapeutic categories. The three levels can easily be concatenated by data users if they wish to obtain a complete code showing the full level structure applicable to each drug’s therapeutic categories. An advantage of having separate levels is that it allows data users to aggregate drugs at any level desired. SAS code is provided at the website for micro-data users who wish to group therapeutic categories in various ways.

All drugs were coded using Multum drug categories, even those drugs not found in Multum’s drug database. “Unspecified” drugs were assigned to their respective therapeutic category (e.g., hormones – unspecified: category id=97, category name=hormones/hormone modifiers). Drugs that could not be assigned to any drug entry name (MED1-30 = 99980, 99999) were put in an NCHS-defined miscellaneous category.

In some cases, NCHS was able to categorize a drug’s therapeutic class at the first or second Multum level, but not at the more detailed level. When this occurred, the undetermined levels are designated as ‘999’ in the data.

As mentioned above, Multum uses a “combination” category for some multiple ingredient drugs. These include antihypertensive combinations, antiasthmatic combinations, upper respiratory combinations, psychotherapeutic combinations, bronchodilator combinations, sex hormone combinations, skeletal muscle relaxant combinations, and narcotic analgesic combinations. This categorization may be sufficient for certain analyses but not for others because it lacks information about the therapeutic effect of the individual ingredients that make up the combination. For example, the drug HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE; LOSARTAN is identified as an antihypertensive combination.

Therefore, we know that this drug has an antihypertensive drug effect. However, based on this combination category we do not know that the drug’s single ingredients have the therapeutic effects of a diuretic and angiotensin II inhibitor, which is relevant for some analyses.

As a result, NCHS decided that, in addition to assigning therapeutic categories to each drug, a separate file would be provided listing the ingredients for each drug along with the therapeutic classes for each ingredient. In the case of single ingredient drugs, the ingredient therapeutic categories would be the same as the drug therapeutic categories. This separate downloadable file (the current version is DRUG_INGREDIENTS_2018 and can be found under the “DRUGS” folder in the Downloadable Documentation section of the website can be matched to the main file using the DRUGID code. For each DRUGID on the main file, the supplemental file contains up to 5 ingredients and up to 3 therapeutic category codes for each ingredient.

The NAMCS drug database has undergone various changes over the years which affect can trending. Please see the 2016 NAMCS Public Use File Documentation for more information.

For users who are interested in analyzing drug data, one method involves the isolation of those records with drugs, or drug mentions, and the creation of a separate data file of drug mentions. Each PRF can have up to 30 drug mentions recorded, so whatever file is created would need to include all of them. This method can be used for obtaining estimates of drug mentions, but is not recommended for variance estimation. Rather, the structure of the visit file should be kept intact when estimating variance. In order to do this, estimates of drug mentions can be obtained by creating a new weight variable (called DRUGWT in this example). This variable is created by multiplying PATWT (the patient visit weight) by NUMMED (the number of medications recorded at the sampled visit) or DRUGWT=PATWT*NUMMED. DRUGWT can then be used in place of PATWT to weight one’s data; it produces the estimated number of drug mentions rather than visits. (See Codebook section for more on PATWT and NUMMED.)

This documentation contains some marginal data for drug mentions. Also provided are drug coding lists in Appendix III. To facilitate searching for drugs in Appendix III, it is recommended that researchers utilize the online search function in Adobe Acrobat with the pdf document, or visit the survey website and use the online drug database under Research Tools (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_database.htm). Should the data user need additional assistance in analyzing data on drug mentions, the staff of the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch is available. See page 2 for contact information. Our website can be accessed at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/namcs.htm

K. ESTIMATION PROCEDURES

Statistics produced from the 2018 NAMCS were derived by a multistage estimation procedure. The procedure produces essentially unbiased national estimates and has four components: 1) inflation by reciprocals of the selection probabilities, 2) adjustment for nonresponse, 3) a ratio adjustment to fixed totals, and 4) weight smoothing. Each of these components is described below.

1. Inflation by Reciprocals of Sampling Probabilities

Because the survey utilized a two-stage sample design starting in 2012, there were two probabilities:

a) the probability of selecting a physician within a stratum
b) the probability of selecting a patient visit within the physician's practice

The strata used for the first probability were determined by sampling strata defined by physician specialty and geographical areas defined by the four Census regions. The second probability was defined to be the number of PRFs completed divided by the exact number of office visits during the physician's specified reporting week. To derive annual estimates, all weekly estimates were inflated by the number of weeks annually in which the physician typically saw patients in his/her practice.

2. Adjustment for Nonresponse

For the 2018 NAMCS, estimates were adjusted to account for 242 physicians whose eligibility for NAMCS remained unknown when data collection was completed. NAMCS visit estimates were also adjusted to account for in-scope physicians who did not provide abstracted PRFs (non-PRF physicians) either because they saw no patients during their sample week or failed to provide abstracted PRFs for visits by patients they did see during their sample week. For 2018, these adjustments account for nonresponse within physician practice type (primary care, surgical specialty, or medical specialty), and region.

Beginning with 2004 data, changes were made to the nonresponse adjustment factor to account for the seasonality of the reporting period. Weights for nonresponding physicians were shifted to responding physicians in reporting periods within the same seasonal quarter of the year if there was a sufficient response level within every quarter period. The shift in nonresponse adjustment did not significantly affect any of the overall annual estimates.

Beginning with 2003 data, the adjustment for non-PRF physicians differs from the adjustment used in prior years. This is described in more detail here. The 2003 weight with the revised nonresponse adjustment increased the overall visit estimate by 12 percent over the same estimate obtained using the original weight. For this reason, 2003 and subsequent year visit estimates are not entirely comparable to visit estimates computed using the previous weighting strategy. If researchers are presenting data with estimates or rates across these years, we recommend including a footnote such as the following: "The weights for 2003 and later years include adjustments for variation in the typical number of weeks worked annually and for variation in visit volume in a work week, whereas the weights for earlier years do not. The revised weighting algorithm increased visit estimates."

3. Ratio Adjustment

A post-ratio adjustment was made within each of the physician specialty groups and region sampling strata to adjust for changes in the physician population represented in the sampling frame between the time when the sample was selected and the time the survey was conducted. The ratio adjustment is a multiplication factor which had as its numerator the number of physicians in the universe in each physician specialty group and region and as its denominator the estimated number of physicians in that particular specialty group and region. The numerator was based on figures obtained from the AMA and AOA master files for the survey year, and the denominator was the estimate of the numerator based on the sample.

4. Weight Smoothing

Each year there may be a few sample physicians whose final visit weights are large relative to those for the rest of the sample. There is a concern that those few may adversely affect the ability of the resulting statistics to reflect the universe, especially if the sampled patient visits to some of those few physicians should be unusual relative to the universe. Extremes in final weights also increase the resulting variances. Extreme weights can be truncated, but this leads to an understatement of the total visit count. The technique of weight smoothing is used instead, because it preserves the total estimated visit count within each specialty by shifting the "excess" from visits with the largest weights to visits with smaller weights.

Excessively large visit weights were trimmed, and a ratio adjustment was performed to yield the same estimated total visit count as the unsmoothed weights. The ratio adjustment is a multiplication factor that uses as its numerator the total visit count in each physician group before the largest weights are trimmed, and, as its denominator, the total visit count in the same group after the largest weights are trimmed. This smoothing was done within each physician group defined by practice type and the nine Census divisions.

For the first time in 2018, NAMCS weights were adjusted using Multipurpose Iterative Proportional Fitting (IPF). This is a novel calibration technique, which simultaneously implements calibration in multiple specified domains, nonresponse adjustment, and weight trimming as part of a unified iteration cycle. The calibration domains included: (1) cells defined by physician specialty (primary care specialty, surgical care specialty, and medical care specialty as defined by the American Medical Association), and geographic region (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau); (2) 15 domains defined by physician specialty group, using groups formed by NCHS as general and family practice, osteopathy, internal medicine, pediatrics, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedic surgery, cardiovascular diseases, dermatology, urology, psychiatry, neurology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and a residual “all other” group; and (3) 5 domains corresponding to quantiles of the estimated response propensity. A methodological report describing this process is planned for future publication**.**

L. SAMPLING ERRORS

Procedures for calculating sampling errors as well as estimates of standard errors of statistics derived from NAMCS are described in Appendix I of this document.

M. PATIENT VISIT WEIGHTS

The 2018 NAMCS data file contains patient visit weights (PATWT) for producing national estimates from sample data. This is a vital component of the survey data and micro-data file users should understand how to use it correctly.

The statistics contained on the micro-data file reflect data concerning only a sample of patient visits, not a complete count of all the visits that occurred in the United States. Each record on the data file represents

one visit in the abstracted sample of 9,953 visits. In order to obtain visit estimates from survey data, each record is assigned an inflation factor called the "patient visit weight." By aggregating the patient visit weights contained in the PATWT variable on the 9,953 sample records for 2018, the user can obtain the estimated total of 860,385,639 office visits made in the United States.

The marginal tables on pages 114-119 contain data on numbers of records for selected variables as well as the corresponding national estimated number of visits and drug mentions obtained by aggregating the PATWT version of "patient visit weights" on those records. Similar tables are also provided for physician-level estimates.

N. PHYSICIAN CODE and PATIENT CODE

The purpose of these codes is to allow for greater analytical depth by permitting the user to link all of the sampled records for an individual physician. This linkage enables users to conduct more comprehensive analysis without violating the confidentiality of patients or physicians.

To uniquely identify a record, both the 4-digit physician code and the 3-digit patient visit code must be used. Patient visit codes are merely a sequential numbering of the physician's visits abstracted for NAMCS and alone will not uniquely identify visit records.

O. USE OF THE PHYSICIAN-LEVEL WEIGHT

The physician-level weight (PHYSWT) has been available on the public use file since the 2005 data release, but is available for earlier years in the NCHS Research Data Center. These weights allow data users to calculate physician-level estimates. There is one weight for each physician which appears on the first visit record only for that physician. When running an analysis of physician-level characteristics using PHYSWT, it is recommended to select only those records where PHYSWT is greater than 0. This will result in correct sample counts, which are useful for assessing reliability. Weighted estimates will be correct either way, because of the one weight per physician format.

It should be kept in mind, however, that estimates at the physician level generated using PHYSWT only reflect the characteristics of those physicians who saw patients in their sample week. There were an additional 176 physicians who responded to the 2018 NAMCS but did not see any patients during their sampled week due to being on vacation or other reasons. The physician estimates produced using NAMCS data in public use data files do not include data for such physicians nor physicians who did see patients in their sample week but who refused to participate in the survey. Therefore, estimates made with PHYSWT may be biased due to the omission of such physicians, if such physicians have different characteristics than those who provided data on sample visits. Physician-level estimates from the NAMCS visit-level file are better for analyzing visit characteristics at the physician level, because such characteristics would not be biased by the omission of physicians who didn't see patients. For example, one could examine average time spent with physicians across physicians rather than simply across visits. This type of analysis is slightly complicated; a description along with sample SAS code is available at the Ambulatory Health Care Data website.

Data users should also keep in mind the effects of nonresponse bias when producing physician-level estimates. See page 2 for additional information on nonresponse bias. If there are questions, Branch contact information is provided on page 2 as well.

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II. CODEBOOK AND PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY LIST

A. CODEBOOK

Number of records = 9,953

This section consists of a detailed breakdown of each variable on the record, including a sequential item number, field length, file location, and brief description, along with valid codes. Most data are from the PRF, but there are also many items included from the Physician Induction Interview.

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
			DATE OF VISIT
1	2	1-2	[VMONTH] MONTH OF VISIT 01-12: January-December
2	1	3	[VDAYR] DAY OF WEEK OF VISIT 1 = Sunday 2 = Monday 3 = Tuesday 4 = Wednesday 5 = Thursday 6 = Friday 7 = Saturday
3	3	4-6	[AGE] PATIENT AGE (reported in years or derived from date of visit and date of birth) Age has been top coded in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. 000 = Under 1 year 001- 092 = 1-92 years 093 = 93 years and over
4	1	7	[AGER] AGE RECODE 1 = Under 15 years 2 = 15-24 years 3 = 25-44 years 4 = 45-64 years 5 = 65-74 years 6 = 75 years and over

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
5	3	8-10	[AGEDAYS] AGE IN DAYS FOR PATIENTS LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF AGE (derived from date of visit and date of birth) -7 = Not applicable 0-364 (0 = Less than one day old)
6	1	11	[SEX] SEX 1 = Female 2 = Male
7	2	12-13	[PREGNANT] IS PATIENT PREGNANT? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
8	2	14-15	[GESTWK] IF PATIENT IS PREGNANT, SPECIFY GESTATION WEEK -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not Applicable 2-41
9	2	16-17	[ETHUN] UNIMPUTED ETHNICITY This variable is NOT imputed. Ethnicity data were missing for 27.8 percent of NAMCS visit records. -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer 1 = Hispanic or Latino 2 = Not Hispanic or Latino
10	2	18-19	[RACEUN] UNIMPUTED RACE This variable is NOT imputed. Race data were missing for 28.6 percent of NAMCS visit records. -9 = Blank 1 = White 2 = Black or African American 3 = Asian 4 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 5 = American Indian or Alaska Native 6 = More than one race reported

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
11	1	20	[ETHIM] IMPUTED ETHNICITY Missing data for ethnicity were imputed for this variable. Ethnicity data were missing for 27.8 percent of NAMCS visit records. 1 = Hispanic 2 = Not Hispanic
12	1	21	[RACER] IMPUTED RACE Missing data for race were imputed for this variable. Race data were missing for 28.6 percent of NAMCS visit records. 1 = White 2 = Black 3 = Other
13	1	22	[RACERETH] IMPUTED RACE/ETHNICITY Missing race and ethnicity data were imputed for this variable. Both race and ethnicity were missing for 20.7 percent of records. Race alone was missing for an additional 7.9 percent and ethnicity alone was missing for an additional 7.1 percent of records. NOTE: In survey years prior to 2009, the categories were Non-Hispanic White, Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Multiple Races. Starting in 2009, the decision was made to reformulate this item. Hispanic can now be of any race. 1 = White Only, Non-Hispanic 2 = Black Only, Non-Hispanic 3 = Hispanic 4 = Other Race/Multiple Race, Non-Hispanic
14	1	23	[NOPAY] NO RESPONSE TO EXPECTED SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT FOR THIS VISIT 0 = At least one source of payment was reported 1 = All expected source of payment boxes are blank
15	1	24	[PAYPRIV] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: PRIVATE INSURANCE 0 = No 1 = Yes
16	1	25	[PAYMCARE] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: MEDICARE 0 = No 1 = Yes

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
17	1	26	[PAYMCAID] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: MEDICAID OR CHIP OR OTHER STATE-BASED PROGRAM 0 = No 1 = Yes
18	1	27	[PAYWKCMP] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: WORKER'S COMPENSATION 0 = No 1 = Yes
19	1	28	[PAYSELF] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: SELF-PAY 0 = No 1 = Yes
20	1	29	[PAYNOCHG] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: NO CHARGE/CHARITY 0 = No 1 = Yes
21	1	30	[PAYOTH] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: OTHER 0 = No 1 = Yes
22	1	31	[PAYDK] EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT: UNKNOWN 0 = No 1 = Yes

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
23	2	32-33	[PAYTYPER] RECODED PRIMARY EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THIS VISIT (Recoded from 'Expected Sources of Payment for this Visit' using this hierarchy of payment categories: Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP or other state-based program, Private Insurance, Worker's Compensation, Self-Pay, No Charge/Charity, Other, Unknown)

IMPORTANT: For more information about earlier versions of the variable PAYTYPE, and variable PAYTYPER which used a different hierarchy of payment categories, please see the 2009 NAMCS Public Use Data File Documentation.

-9 = Blank
-8 = Unknown
1 = Private insurance
2 = Medicare
3 = Medicaid or CHIP or other state-based program
4 = Worker's Compensation
5 = Self-pay
6 = No charge/charity
7 = Other

24	2	34-35	[USETOBAC] TOBACCO USE

-9 = Blank
-8 = Unknown
1 = Not current
2 = Current

25	2	36-37	[EVERTOBAC] PRIOR TOBACCO USE

-8 = Unknown
1 = Never
2 = Former

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
26	2	38-39	[INJURY] IS THIS VISIT RELATED TO AN INJURY/TRAUMA, OVERDOSE/POISONING, OR ADVERSE EFFECT OF MEDICAL/SURGICAL TREATMENT?

This is a summary variable provided for trending with previous years of data, although the format has changed slightly from previous years to better reflect uncertainties and nuances in the injury data. It has been recoded from the INJPOISAD variable below.

This item reflects a broad definition of injury traditionally used in NAMCS, but some changes have been made in 2018. It includes visits with any of the following: NCHS Reason for Visit Classification codes in the injury, poisoning, or adverse effects module (50000-59999), diagnosis codes in the 'S' or 'T' chapters of ICD-10-CM, diagnosis codes for complications of medical or surgical care (located throughout the ICD-10-CM; a list of codes is available by contacting AHCSB); and cause of injury codes in the 'V', 'W', 'X' and 'Y' chapters of ICD-10-CM. This definition of injury is used in the INJURY, INJPOISAD, and INTENT variables. It is somewhat narrower than the broad definition used in NAMCS data in the past. The older definition included other conditions, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, which were outside of the Injury and Poisoning chapter of ICD-9-CM.

-9 = Blank
-8 = Unknown
0 = No
1 = Yes
2 = Questionable injury status (visit was reported as injury related but lacked any of the reason, diagnosis, and cause codes used to define an injury visit)

27	2	40-41	[INJPOISAD] IS THIS VISIT RELATED TO AN INJURY/TRAUMA, OVERDOSE/POISONING OR ADVERSE EFFECT OF MEDICAL/ SURGICAL TREATMENT?

This variable reflects the injury item format used since 2012. INJPOISAD was created directly from reason for visit, diagnosis, and cause of injury codes first, followed by consideration of unedited data which indicated an injury but where no concrete evidence of injury existed.

-9 = Blank
-8 = Unknown
1 = Yes, injury/trauma
2 = Yes, overdose/poisoning
3 = Yes, adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment
4 = No, visit is not related to injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment
5 = Questionable injury status (visit was reported as injury related but lacked an injury reason for visit, diagnosis, or cause of injury)

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
28	2	42-43	[INJURY72] Did the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment occur within 72 hours prior to the date and time of this visit? [Note that in 2015, the wording changed to include adverse effects.] -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
29	2	44-45	[INTENT] IS THIS INJURY/TRAUMA OR OVERDOSE/POISONING INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL? NOTE: The categories for this item have been the same since 2014. In 2014, the order of the categories was changed on the survey instrument. Previously, “Unintentional” was listed first. Use caution when combining data across years. -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown/intent unclear 1 = Intentional 2 = Unintentional 3 = Intent unclear (note that this category from the survey instrument was simply a renaming/replacement of the “Unknown” category used for this item on the instrument prior to 2012. Responses have been recoded to -8, our standard coding convention for cases where the answer to the item is unknown) 4 = Questionable injury status (visit was reported as injury related but lacked an injury reason for visit, diagnosis, or cause of injury)
30	2	46-47	[INJURY_ENC] Type of encounter for injury visits This variable was added to give additional detail from the 7th digit of the original ICD-10-CM code. Since the ICD-10-CM codes have been truncated on the public use file, information contained in the 7th digit would otherwise not be available on the public use file. -9 = Not applicable/Blank 1 = Initial encounter 2 = Subsequent encounter 3 = Sequela encounter 4 = Both initial and subsequent encounter codes present 5 = Both Initial and sequela encounter codes present 6 = Both subsequent and sequela encounter codes present 7 = Initial, subsequent, and sequela encounter codes present

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
			PATIENT'S REASON(S) FOR VISIT (See page 21 in Section I and Coding List in Appendix II.)
31	5	48-52	[RFV1] REASON # 1 -9 = Blank 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0
32	5	53-57	[RFV2] REASON # 2 -9 = Blank 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0
33	5	58-62	[RFV3] REASON # 3 -9 = Blank 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0
34	5	63-67	[RFV4] REASON # 4 -9 = Blank 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0
35	5	68-72	[RFV5] REASON # 5 -9 = Blank 10050-89990 = 1005.0-8999.0
			CAUSE OF INJURY/TRAUMA, OVERDOSE/POISONING OR ADVERSE EFFECT OF MEDICAL/SURGICAL TREATMENT (See page 21 in Section I for explanation of codes.)
36	4	73-76	[CAUSE1] CAUSE #1 (ICD-10-CM, V-Y Codes) External cause of injury codes are from the V, W, X, and Y chapters of ICD-10-CM. Only the first 4 digits of each code are provided. There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits. -9 = Not applicable/Blank V000-Y000 = V00.0 – Y99.9
37	4	77-80	[CAUSE2] CAUSE #2 (ICD-10-CM, V-Y codes) See CAUSE1.
38	4	81-84	[CAUSE3] CAUSE #3 (ICD-10-CM, V-Y codes) See CAUSE1.

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
39	2	85-86	[PRIMCARE] ARE YOU THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown 1 = Yes 2 = No
40	2	87-88	[REFER] WAS PATIENT REFERRED FOR THIS VISIT? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
41	1	89	[SENBEFOR] HAS THE PATIENT BEEN SEEN IN YOUR PRACTICE BEFORE? 1 = Yes, established patient 2 = No, new patient
42	3	90-92	[PASTVIS] HOW MANY PAST VISITS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS? The value has been top coded at 26 for visits to all specialties except psychiatry and at 91 for visits to psychiatrists. Top coding of outlier values was done in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. -7 = Not applicable 0-25 = 0-25 visits 26 = 26 visits or more (applies to all specialties except psychiatry) 27-91 (psychiatry only)
43	2	93-94	[MAJOR] MAJOR REASON FOR THIS VISIT -9 = Blank 1 = New problem (<3 mos. onset) 2 = Chronic problem, routine 3 = Chronic problem, flare-up 4 = Pre surgery 5 = Post surgery 6 = Preventive care (e.g. routine prenatal, well-baby, screening, insurance, general exams)

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
			DIAGNOSIS (See page 22, Section 1 for explanation of coding.) Note: Diagnosis was modified on a small number of records due to confidentiality requirements.
44	4	95-98	[DIAG1] DIAGNOSIS #1 (ICD-10-CM) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits; for inapplicable or masked fourth digits, a dash is inserted. -9 = Blank (no entry made) A000 – Z998 = A00.0-Z99.8 ZZZ0 = Non-codable, insufficient information for coding, illegible ZZZ1 = Left before being seen; patient walked out; “eloped”, left against medical advice (AMA) ZZZ2 = Transferred to another facility; sent to see specialist (discharge order rather than diagnosis) ZZZ3 = Insurance/HMO will not authorize treatment ZZZ4 = Entry of "none," "no diagnosis," "no disease," or "healthy" (this is the only entry) ZZZ5 = Entry of "Not applicable”, “Not Available”, “NA” or “Blank”
45	2	99-100	[PRDIAG1] IS DIAGNOSIS #1 PROBABLE, QUESTIONABLE, OR RULE OUT? -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
46	4	101-104	[DIAG2] DIAGNOSIS #2 (ICD-10-CM) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits; for inapplicable or masked fourth digits, a dash is inserted. See DIAGNOSIS #1 for details.
47	2	105-106	[PRDIAG2] IS DIAGNOSIS #2 PROBABLE, QUESTIONABLE, OR RULE OUT? -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
48	4	107-110	[DIAG3] DIAGNOSIS #3 (ICD-10-CM) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits; for inapplicable or masked fourth digits, a dash is inserted. See DIAGNOSIS #1 for details.
49	2	111-112	[PRDIAG3] IS DIAGNOSIS #3 PROBABLE, QUESTIONABLE, OR RULE OUT? -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
50	4	113-116	[DIAG4] DIAGNOSIS #4 (ICD-10-CM) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits; for inapplicable or masked fourth digits, a dash is inserted. See DIAGNOSIS #1 for details.
51	2	117-118	[PRDIAG4] IS DIAGNOSIS #4 PROBABLE, QUESTIONABLE, OR RULE OUT? -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
52	4	119-122	[DIAG5] DIAGNOSIS #5 (ICD-10-CM) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits; for inapplicable or masked fourth digits, a dash is inserted. See DIAGNOSIS #1 for details.
53	2	123-124	[PRDIAG5] IS DIAGNOSIS #3 PROBABLE, QUESTIONABLE, OR RULE OUT? -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No REGARDLESS OF THE DIAGNOSES WRITTEN ABOVE, DOES THE PATIENT NOW HAVE: 0 = No 1 = Yes
54	1	125	[ETOHAB] Alcohol misuse, abuse, or dependence
55	1	126	[ALZHD] Alzheimer’s Disease/Dementia
56	1	127	[ARTHRTIS] Arthritis
57	1	128	[ASTHMA] Asthma
58	2	129-130	[ASTH_SEV] Asthma severity -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable 1 = Intermittent 2 = Mild persistent 3 = Moderate persistent 4 = Severe persistent 5 = Other, specify 6 = None recorded

ITEM NO.	FIELD LENGTH	FILE LOCATION	[ITEM NAME], DESCRIPTION, AND CODES
59	2	131-132	[ASTH_CON] Asthma control -9=Blank -7=Not applicable 1=Well-controlled 2=Not well controlled 3=Very poorly controlled 4=Other, specify 5=None recorded
60	1	133	[ADD] Attention deficit disorder (ADD)/ Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
61	1	134	[AUTISM] Autism spectrum disorder
62	1	135	[CANCER] Cancer
63	1	136	[CEBVD] Cerebrovascular disease/History of stroke (CVA) or transient ischemic attack (TIA)
64	1	137	[CKD] Chronic kidney disease (CKD)
65	1	138	[COPD] Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
66	1	139	[CHF] Congestive heart failure (CHF)
67	1	140	[CAD] Coronary artery disease (CAD), ischemic heart disease (IHD), or history of myocardial infarction (MI)
68	1	141	[DEPRN] Depression6
69	1	142	[DIABTYP1] Diabetes mellitus (DM), type I
70	1	143	[DIABTYP2] Diabetes mellitus (DM), type II
71	1	144	[DIABTYP0] Diabetes mellitus (DM), type unspecified
72	1	145	[ESRD] End stage renal disease (ESRD)
73	1	146	[HEPB] Hepatitis B
74	1	147	[HEPC] Hepatitis C
75	1	148	[HPE] History of pulmonary embolism (PE), or deep vein thrombosis (DVT), or venous thromboembolism (VTE)
76	1	149	[HIV] HIV infection/AIDS
77	1	150	[HYPLIPID] Hyperlipidemia
78	1	151	[HTN] Hypertension
79	1	152	[OBESITY] Obesity
80	1	153	[OSA] Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)
81	1	154	[OSTPRSIS] Osteoporosis
82	1	155	[SUBSTAB] Substance abuse or dependence
83	1	156	[NOCHRON] None of the above 0 = “None” not checked 1 = “None” checked 2 = Entire item blank
84	2	157-158	[TOTCHRON] TOTAL NUMBER OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS -9 = Entire item blank 0-10 (reported range)

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			VITAL SIGNS AND MEASURES
85	1	159	[HTTAKE] Was height measurement reported? (Created during data processing based on reported data.) 0 = No 1= Yes
86	2	160-161	[HTIN] PATIENT'S HEIGHT (inches) Height has been top coded in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. -9 = Blank 19 - 77 inches (reported range) 72 = 72 inches or more (top code for females) 77 = 77 inches or more (top code for males)
87	1	162	[WTTAKE] Was weight measurement reported? (Created during data processing based on reported data.) 0 = No 1= Yes
88	3	163-165	[WTLB] PATIENT'S WEIGHT (pounds) Weight has been top coded in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. -9 = Blank 6-349 (reported range) 350 = 350 lbs. or more
89	8	166-173	[BMI] Body-Mass Index This was calculated from Patient's Height and Weight during data processing. It contains a decimal point and up to 2 decimal places. BMI was not calculated for pregnant females, patients under age 2, or patients with a recorded height and/or weight that fell outside of acceptable ranges. Also, BMI was recalculated to reflect top coded values for height and weight. -9 = Missing data -7 = Not calculated -5 = Height and/or weight outside of acceptable ranges 10.7 – 64.0 (reported range)
90	1	174	[TEMPTAKE] Was temperature reported? (Created during data processing based on reported data.) 0 = No 1= Yes

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91	4	175-178	[TEMPF] Temperature (Fahrenheit) There is an implied decimal between the third and fourth digits. -9 = Blank 914 – 1043 = 91.4 - 104.3 Fahrenheit (reported range)
92	1	179	[BLODPRES] Was blood pressure reported? (Created during data processing based on reported data.) 0 = No 1= Yes
93	3	180-182	[BPSYS] Blood pressure – systolic -9 = Blank 68-239 (reported range)
94	3	183-185	[BPDIAS] Blood pressure – diastolic -9 = Blank 33-146 (reported range) 998 = P, Palp, DOP, or DOPPLER
			SERVICES
95	1	186	[SERVICES] Were any examinations/screenings, laboratory tests, imaging, procedures, treatments, health education/counseling, or other services ordered or provided at this visit? NOTE: Prior to 2012, diagnostic and screening services were collected in one question on the PRF, non-medication services in another, and health education in a third. As described in the annual public use file documentation, from 2009-2011, the diagnostic and screening services item was combined with the non-medication services item to create a combined services item during data processing. Starting in 2012, all services were combined into one item on the PRF. 0 = No services were reported 1 = At least one service was reported
			0 = No, 1 = Yes for each category below
			Examinations:
96	1	187	[ETOH] Alcohol abuse screening (includes AUDIT, MAST, CAGE, T-ACE)
97	1	188	[BREAST] Breast exam
98	1	189	[DEPRESS] Depression screening
99	1	190	[DVS] Domestic violence screening
100	1	191	[FOOT] Foot exam

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101	1	192	[NEURO] Neurologic exam
102	1	193	[PELVIC] Pelvic exam
103	1	194	[RECTAL] Rectal exam
104	1	195	[RETINAL] Retinal/Eye exam
105	1	196	[SKIN] Skin exam
106	1	197	[SUBST] Substance abuse screening (includes NIDA/NM ASSIST, CAGE-AID, DAST-10]
			Laboratory tests:
107	1	198	[BMP] Basic metabolic panel ((BMP)
108	1	199	[CBC] CBC (Complete blood count)
109	1	200	[CHLAMYD] Chlamydia test
110	1	201	[CMP] Comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP)
111	1	202	[CREAT] Creatinine/Renal function panel
112	1	203	[BLDCX] Culture, blood
113	1	204	[TRTCX] Culture, throat
114	1	205	[URNCX] Culture, urine
115	1	206	[OTHCX] Culture, other
116	1	207	[GLUCOSE] Glucose, serum
117	1	208	[GCT] Gonorrhea test
118	1	209	[HGBA] HgbA1C (Glycohemoglobin)
119	1	210	[HEPTEST] Hepatitis testing/Hepatitis panel
120	1	211	[HIVTEST] HIV test
121	1	212	[HPVDNA] HPV DNA test
122	1	213	[CHOLEST] Lipid profile
123	1	214	[HEPATIC] Liver enzyme/hepatic function panel
124	1	215	[PAP] Pap test
125	1	216	[PREGTEST] Pregnancy/HCG test
126	1	217	[PSA] PSA (Prostate specific antigen)
127	1	218	[STREP] Rapid strep test
128	1	219	[THYROID] TSH/Thyroid panel
129	1	220	[URINE] Urinalysis (UA)
130	1	221	[VITD] Vitamin D test
			Imaging:
131	1	222	[ANYIMAGE] This item was created during data processing and indicates whether any of the imaging boxes were checked.
132	1	223	[BONEDENS] Bone mineral density
133	1	224	[CATSCAN] CT Scan
134	1	225	[ECHOCARD] Echocardiogram
135	1	226	[OTHULTRA] Other ultrasound
136	1	227	[MAMMO] Mammography
137	1	228	[MRI] MRI
138	1	229	[XRAY] X-ray

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139	1	230	[OTHIMAGE] Other imaging NOTE: This was not a checkbox category on the survey. It was created during data processing based on responses to the “other services not listed” items, in which data respondents could enter names of procedures which were later coded using CPT procedure codes. (Note that use of CPT is new for 2018 NAMCS. 2016 NAMCS used ICD-10-PCS codes.)
.			Procedures:
140	1	231	[AUDIO] Audiometry
141	1	232	[BIOPSY] Biopsy
142	2	233-234	[BIOPROV] Biopsy provided -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
143	1	235	[CARDIAC] Cardiac stress test
144	1	236	[COLON] Colonoscopy
145	1	237	[CRYO] Cryosurgery (cryotherapy)/Destruction of tissue
146	1	238	[EKG] EKG/ECG
147	1	239	[EEG] Electroencephalogram (EEG)
148	1	240	[EMG] Electromyogram (EMG)
149	1	241	[EXCISION] Excision of tissue
150	2	242-243	[EXCIPROV] Excision of tissue provided -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
151	1	244	[FETAL] Fetal monitoring
152	1	245	[PEAK] Peak flow
153	1	246	[SIGMOID] Sigmoidoscopy
154	2	247-248	[SIGPROV] Sigmoidoscopy provided -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No
155	1	249	[SPIRO] Spirometry
156	1	250	[TONO] Tonometry
157	1	251	[TBTEST] Tuberculosis skin testing/PPD
158	1	252	[EGD] Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy/EGD

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159	1	253	[SIGCOLON] Sigmoidoscopy/Colonoscopy This item was created during data processing and indicates whether any type of sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy was ordered or provided, as reported in the checkbox data or write-in procedures.
			Treatments:
160	1	254	[CSW] Cast/Splint/Wrap
161	1	255	[CAM] Complementary and alternative medicine (CAM)
162	1	256	[DME] Durable medical equipment
163	1	257	[HOMEHLTH] Home health care
164	1	258	[MENTAL] Mental health counseling, excluding psychotherapy
165	1	259	[OCCUPY] Occupational therapy
166	1	260	[PT] Physical therapy
167	1	261	[PSYCHOTH] Psychotherapy
168	1	262	[RADTHER] Radiation therapy
169	1	263	[WOUND] Wound care
			Health education/Counseling:
170	1	264	[ETOHED] Alcohol abuse counseling
171	1	265	[ASTHMAED] Asthma education
172	1	266	[ASTHMAP] Asthma action plan given to patient
173	1	267	[DIAEDUC] Diabetes education
174	1	268	[DIETNUTR] Diet/Nutrition
175	1	269	[EXERCISE] Exercise
176	1	270	[FAMPLAN] Family planning/Contraception
177	1	271	[GENETIC] Genetic counseling
178	1	272	[GRWTHDEV] Growth/Development
179	1	273	[INJPREV] Injury prevention
180	1	274	[STDPREV] STD prevention
181	1	275	[STRESMGT] Stress management
182	1	276	[SUBSTED] Substance abuse counseling
183	1	277	[TOBACED] Tobacco use/Exposure
184	1	278	[WTREDUC] Weight reduction
185	1	279	[OTHSERV] Other services not listed

PROCEDURES

Procedures 1-9 are derived from the write-in fields under “Other Services Not Listed” on the PRF. To get a complete picture of the number and type of procedures reported at a visit, data users should include results from all of the procedure fields in addition to the services checkbox items.

For 2018 NAMCS, the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding system was used to code write-in procedures. This is different than previous years when the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) codes were used (2016) and ICD-9-CM Volume 3 Procedure Classification codes were used (2015 and previous years). Because of contract restrictions, NCHS can only publish the CPT codes themselves, not the code labels.

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All CPT codes are five digits and can be either numeric or alphanumeric, depending on category. They are generally ordered into sub-categories based on procedure/service type and anatomy.

186	5	280-284	[PROC1] Write-in procedure #1 Based on AMA's Current Procedural Terminology, this is a left-justified alphanumeric code. -9 = Blank 00100-99607 99999 = Illegible/unable to code
187	5	285-289	[PROC2] Write-in procedure #2: See PROC1 for details.
188	5	290-294	[PROC3] Write-in procedure #3: See PROC1 for details.
189	5	295-299	[PROC4] Write-in procedure #4: See PROC1 for details.
190	5	300-304	[PROC5] Write-in procedure #5: See PROC1 for details.
191	5	305-309	[PROC6] Write-in procedure #6: See PROC1 for details.
192	5	310-314	[PROC7] Write-in procedure #7: See PROC1 for details.
193	5	315-319	[PROC8] Write-in procedure #8: See PROC1 for details.
194	5	320-324	[PROC9] Write-in procedure #9: See PROC1 for details.

PROCEDURE CATEGORIES

An NCHS work group has developed broader categories of CPT codes, with labels assigned by NCHS. They are provided here as a convenience for data users and the labels for each code appearing in the 2018 data are available in the downloadable SAS formats (nam18for.txt). The full list of categories and labels will also be available at the website.

195	5	325-329	[CATPROC1] Procedure category code for PROC1. 10000-34999 -9= Blank 99999 = Insufficient information
196	5	330-334	[CATPROC2] Procedure category code for PROC2: See CATPROC1.
197	5	335-339	[CATPROC3] Procedure category code for PROC3: See CATPROC1.
198	5	340-344	[CATPROC4] Procedure category code for PROC4: See CATPROC1.
199	5	345-349	[CATPROC5] Procedure category code for PROC5: See CATPROC1.
200	5	350-354	[CATPROC6] Procedure category code for PROC6: See CATPROC1.
201	5	355-359	[CATPROC7] Procedure category code for PROC7: See CATPROC1.
202	5	360-364	[CATPROC8] Procedure category code for PROC8: See CATPROC1.
203	5	365-369	[CATPROC9] Procedure category code for PROC9: See CATPROC1.
204	2	370-371	[SERVCNT] Total number of services reported as ordered or provided at the visit. Includes all services and vital sign determinations, including write-in entries for procedures (adjusted to avoid double counting between procedures that could be reported as both a checkbox and with more detail in the write-in field). 0-25 (reported range)

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205	1	372	[ALLSERV] Were any services ordered or provided at the visit, including vital sign determinations? 0 = No services were ordered or provided at the visit 1 = At least one service was ordered or provided at the visit MEDICATIONS & IMMUNIZATIONS (See page 23 for more information. See Appendix III for Code List.)
206	1	373	[MED] WERE ANY PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ORDERED OR PROVIDED (BY ANY ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION) AT THIS VISIT? 0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Entire item blank, including “None” box
207	5	374-378	[MED1] MEDICATION #1 -9 = Blank 00000-99227 = 00000-99227 99980 = Unknown Entry; Other 99999 = Illegible Entry
208	5	379-383	[MED2] MEDICATION #2 - See MED1.
209	5	384-388	[MED3] MEDICATION #3 - See MED1.
210	5	389-393	[MED4] MEDICATION #4 - See MED1.
211	5	394-398	[MED5] MEDICATION #5 - See MED1.
212	5	399-403	[MED6] MEDICATION #6 - See MED1.
213	5	404-408	[MED7] MEDICATION #7 - See MED1.
214	5	409-413	[MED8] MEDICATION #8 - See MED1.
215	5	414-418	[MED9] MEDICATION #9 - See MED1.
216	5	419-423	[MED10] MEDICATION #10 - See MED1.
217	5	424-428	[MED11] MEDICATION #11 - See MED1.
218	5	429-433	[MED12] MEDICATION #12 - See MED1.
219	5	434-438	[MED13] MEDICATION #13 - See MED1.
220	5	439-443	[MED14] MEDICATION #14 - See MED1.
221	5	444-448	[MED15] MEDICATION #15 - See MED1.
222	5	449-453	[MED16] MEDICATION #16 - See MED1.
223	5	454-458	[MED17] MEDICATION #17 - See MED1.
224	5	459-463	[MED18] MEDICATION #18 - See MED1.
225	5	464-468	[MED19] MEDICATION #19 - See MED1.
226	5	469-473	[MED20] MEDICATION #20 - See MED1.
227	5	474-478	[MED21] MEDICATION #21 - See MED1.
228	5	479-483	[MED22] MEDICATION #22 - See MED1.
229	5	484-488	[MED23] MEDICATION #23 - See MED1.
230	5	489-493	[MED24] MEDICATION #24 - See MED1.
231	5	494-498	[MED25] MEDICATION #25 - See MED1.
232	5	499-503	[MED26] MEDICATION #26 - See MED1.
233	5	504-508	[MED27] MEDICATION #27 - See MED1.
234	5	509-513	[MED28] MEDICATION #28 - See MED1.
235	5	514-518	[MED29] MEDICATION #29 - See MED1.
236	5	519-523	[MED30] MEDICATION #30 - See MED1.

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237	2	524-525	[NCMED1] Was medication #1 new or continued? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable (no drug listed) 1 = New 2 = Continued
238	2	526-527	[NCMED2] Was medication #2 new or continued? See NCMED1.
239	2	528-529	[NCMED3] Was medication #3 new or continued? See NCMED1.
240	2	530-531	[NCMED4] Was medication #4 new or continued? See NCMED1.
241	2	532-533	[NCMED5] Was medication #5 new or continued? See NCMED1.
242	2	534-535	[NCMED6] Was medication #6 new or continued? See NCMED1.
243	2	536-537	[NCMED7] Was medication #7 new or continued? See NCMED1.
244	2	538-539	[NCMED8] Was medication #8 new or continued? See NCMED1.
245	2	540-541	[NCMED9] Was medication #9 new or continued? See NCMED1.
246	2	542-543	[NCMED10] Was medication #10 new or continued? See NCMED1.
247	2	544-545	[NCMED11] Was medication #11 new or continued? See NCMED1.
248	2	546-547	[NCMED12] Was medication #12 new or continued? See NCMED1.
249	2	548-549	[NCMED13] Was medication #13 new or continued? See NCMED1.
250	2	550-551	[NCMED14] Was medication #14 new or continued? See NCMED1.
251	2	552-553	[NCMED15] Was medication #15 new or continued? See NCMED1.
252	2	554-555	[NCMED16] Was medication #16 new or continued? See NCMED1.
253	2	556-557	[NCMED17] Was medication #17 new or continued? See NCMED1.
254	2	558-559	[NCMED18] Was medication #18 new or continued? See NCMED1.
255	2	560-561	[NCMED19] Was medication #19 new or continued? See NCMED1.
256	2	562-563	[NCMED20] Was medication #20 new or continued? See NCMED1.
257	2	564-565	[NCMED21] Was medication #21 new or continued? See NCMED1.
258	2	566-567	[NCMED22] Was medication #22 new or continued? See NCMED1.
259	2	568-569	[NCMED23] Was medication #23 new or continued? See NCMED1.
260	2	570-571	[NCMED24] Was medication #24 new or continued? See NCMED1.
261	2	572-573	[NCMED25] Was medication #25 new or continued? See NCMED1.
262	2	574-575	[NCMED26] Was medication #26 new or continued? See NCMED1.
263	2	576-577	[NCMED27] Was medication #27 new or continued? See NCMED1.
264	2	578-579	[NCMED28] Was medication #28 new or continued? See NCMED1.
265	2	580-581	[NCMED29] Was medication #29 new or continued? See NCMED1.
266	2	582-583	[NCMED30] Was medication #30 new or continued? See NCMED1.
267	2	584-585	[NUMMED] NUMBER OF MEDICATIONS CODED 0 – 30
268	2	586-587	[NUMNEW] NUMBER OF NEW MEDICATIONS CODED 0 – 30

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269	2	588-589	[NUMCONT] NUMBER OF CONTINUED MEDICATIONS CODED 0 – 30 NOTE: For NUMNEW and NUMCONT, the value '0' can reflect the following situations: for NUMNEW, a) no drug listed; b) drug listed as continued medication only; or c) drug listed but unknown whether new or continued; for NUMCONT, a) no drug listed; b) drug listed as new medication only, or c) drug listed but unknown whether new or continued PROVIDERS SEEN 0 = No, 1 = Yes
270	1	590	[NOPROVID] No answer to item
271	1	591	[PHYS] Physician
272	1	592	[PHYSASST] Physician assistant
273	1	593	[NPNMW] Nurse practitioner/Midwife
274	1	594	[RNLPN] RN/LPN
275	1	595	[MHP] Mental health provider
276	1	596	[OTHPROV] Other provider
277	1	597	[PROVNONE] None; no providers seen
278	3	598-600	[TIMEMD] TIME SPENT WITH MD (in minutes) Time spent with MD has been top coded in accordance with NCHS confidentiality requirements. 0-89 minutes 90 = 90 minutes or more VISIT DISPOSITION 0 = No, 1 = Yes
279	1	601	[NODISP] No answer to item
280	1	602	[RETREFPHY] Return to referring physician
281	1	603	[REFOTHMD] Refer to other physician
282	1	604	[RETAPPT1] Return in less than 1 week
283	1	605	[RETAPPT2] Return in 1 week to less than 2 months
284	1	606	[RETAPPT3] Return in 2 months or greater
285	1	607	[RETUNSP] Return at unspecified time
286	1	608	[RETNEED] Return as needed (p.r.n.)
287	1	609	[ERADMHOS] Refer to emergency department/Admit to hospital
288	1	610	[OTHDISP] Other visit disposition

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			TESTS
			NOTE: These data were only collected for visits to selected specialties. Specialties not included were the following: general surgery, orthopedic surgery, dermatology, urology, neurology, psychiatry, ophthalmology, and otolaryngology.
289	2	611-612	[CHOL] WAS BLOOD FOR TOTAL CHOLESTEROL TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
290	3	613-615	[CHOLRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR TOTAL CHOLESTEROL -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 71 - 482 mg/dL (reported range)
291	4	616-619	[DAYDCHOL] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF CHOLESTEROL LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
292	2	620-621	[HDL] WAS BLOOD FOR HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN (HDL) TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VIIST OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
293	3	622-624	[HDLRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 20 - 183 mg/dL
294	4	625-628	[DAYDHDL] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF HDL LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit

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295	2	629-630	[LDL] WAS BLOOD FOR LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN (LDL) TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
296	3	631-633	[LDLRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN (LDL) -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 24 - 290 mg/dL
297	4	634-637	[DAYDLDL] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN (LDL) LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
298	4	638-641	[LIPIDERR] CALCULATED LDL RESULT. NOT TO BE USED FOR ANALYSIS. This variable is to be used for comparison with the LDLRES value to point out possible errors in the lipid test reporting. -999 = Blank -2 - 334

Note: LIPIDERR was calculated for records with non-negative values for ALL lipid numbers (cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and TGS) and only when the date of the test matched for all four variables. The following formula was used: LIPIDERR=(CHOLRES-HDLRES-(TGSRES/5)). The value was then rounded. Some lab values were capped during data collection, which should be considered when interpreting LIPIDERR.

299	4	642-645	[LDLDIFF] DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REPORTED LDL RESULT (LDLRES) AND CALCULATED LDL (LIPIDERR). NOT TO BE USED FOR ANALYSIS. This variable is to be used for comparison to the LDLRES value in order to point out possible errors that may exist in the lipid test reporting. -999 = Blank -130 - 72
300	2	646-647	[TGS] WAS BLOOD FOR TRIGLYCERIDES TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months

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301	3	648-650	[TGSRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR TRIGLYCERIDES -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 27 - 703 mg/dL
302	4	651-654	[DAYDTGS] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF TRIGLYCERIDES LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
303	2	655-656	[A1C] WAS BLOOD FOR GLYCOHEMOGLOBIN (HbA1c) TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
304	4	657-660	[A1CRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR GLYCOHEMOGLOBIN (HbA1c)TRIGLYCERIDES TEST -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 4.4 - 15.7%
305	4	661-664	[DAYDA1C] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF GLYCOHEMOGLOBIN (HbA1c) LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
306	2	665-666	[FBG] WAS BLOOD FOR FASTING BLOOD GUCOSE (FBG) TEST DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
307	3	667-669	[FBGRES] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR FASTING BLOOD GLUCOSE (FBG) TEST -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 45 - 550 mg/dL

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308	4	670-673	[DAYDFBG] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF FASTING BLOOD GLUCOSE (FBG) LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
309	2	674-675	[SERUM] WAS BLOOD FOR SERUM CREATININE DRAWN ON THE DAY OF THE SAMPLED VISIT OR DURING THE12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE VISIT? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 1 = Yes 2 = None found within 12 months
310	5	676-680	[SERUMRESR] MOST RECENT RESULT FOR SERUM CREATININE (mg/dL) -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -7 = Not applicable, provider not sampled 0.04 – 9.69 mg/dL
311	4	681-684	[DAYDSERUM] DIFFERENCE IN DAYS BETWEEN VISIT DATE AND DATE OF SERUM CREATININE LAB RESULT -900 = Blank -800 = Unknown -700 = Not applicable, provider not sampled -365 to 0 = Up to 365 days before date of visit to date of visit
**** THE FOLLOWING FIELDS SHOW WHETHER DATA WERE REPORTED ON THE PRF OR CALCULATED DURING DATA PROCESSING, OR WHETHER DATA WERE IMPUTED TO REPLACE BLANKS ****			
312	2	685-686	[AGEFLAG] Was patient age reported on the PRF or calculated during data processing based on date of visit and date of birth? -9 = Birth date imputed 0 = Calculated by NCHS 1 = Entered by respondent IMPUTED ITEMS 0 = Not imputed 1 = Imputed
313	1	687	[BDATEFL] Patient birth year
314	1	688	[SEXFL] Patient sex
315	1	689	[ETHNICFL] Patient ethnicity
316	1	690	[RACERFL] Patient race
317	1	691	[SENBEFL] Has patient been seen in your practice before?
318	1	692	[PASTFL] If yes, how many past visits in last 12 months?

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319	1	693	[TIMEMDFL] Time spent with physician (minutes)
			******END OF IMPUTED DATA ITEMS******
320	1	694	[HTWTFL] Did height or weight fall outside of acceptable ranges? 0 = Height and weight within acceptable ranges 1 = Height and/or weight not within acceptable ranges
321	5	695-699	[PHYCODE] PHYSICIAN CODE - A unique code assigned to all records from a particular physician. 1-496
322	3	700-702	[PATCODE] PATIENT CODE - A number assigned to identify each individual record from a particular physician. 1-73
323	1	703	[SPECCAT] PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY GROUP (Recoded from internal data using categories on page 111.) 1 = Primary care specialty 2 = Surgical care specialty 3 = Medical care specialty
324	1	704	[MDDO] TYPE OF DOCTOR 1 = M.D. - Doctor of Medicine 2 = D.O. - Doctor of Osteopathy
325	1	705	[RETYPOFFR] TYPE OF OFFICE SETTING FOR THIS VISIT (Recoded) 1 = Private solo or group practice 2 = Other
326	2	706-707	[SOLO] DO YOU HAVE A SOLO PRACTICE, OR ARE YOU ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER PHYSICIANS IN A PARTNERSHIP, A GROUP PRACTICE, OR SOME OTHER WAY AT THIS VISIT LOCATION? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Solo 2 = Non-solo
327	2	708-709	[EMPSTAT] ARE YOU A FULL OR PART OWNER, EMPLOYEE, OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AT THIS VISIT LOCATION? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Full owner 2 = Part owner 3 = Employee 4 = Contractor

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328	2	710-711	[OWNSR] WHO OWNS THE PRACTICE AT THIS VISIT LOCATION? (Recoded) -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Physician or physician group 2 = Medical/Academic health center; other hospital 3 = Insurance company, health plan, or HMO; other health care Corporation; other
329	2	712-713	[PATEVEN] DO YOU SEE PATIENTS IN THE OFFICE DURING THE EVENING OR ON WEEKENDS AT THIS VISIT LOCATION? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No DURING LAST NORMAL WEEK OF PRACTICE, DID YOU MAKE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES WITH PATIENTS:
330	2	714-715	[NHVISR] NURSING HOME VISITS -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 0 = No 1 = Yes
331	2	716-717	[HOMVISR] OTHER HOME VISITS -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 0 = No 1 = Yes
332	2	718-719	[HOSVISR] HOSPITAL VISITS -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 0 = No 1 = Yes
333	2	720-721	[TELCONR] TELEPHONE CONSULTS -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 0 = No 1 = Yes

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334	2	722-723	[ECONR] INTERNET/EMAIL CONSULTS -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 0 = No 1 = Yes

NOTE: For items 335-396, in cases where the physician had more than one in-scope office location, the questions were asked for the location where the physician had the most office visit encounters during his or her last normal week of practice.

335	2	724-725	[EBILLANY] DOES YOUR PRACTICE SUBMIT ANY CLAIMS ELECTRONICALLY (ELECTRONIC BILLING)? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
336	2	726-727	[EMEDREC] DOES YOUR PRACTICE USE AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) OR ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD (EMR) SYSTEM? Do not include billing records systems. -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes, all electronic 2 = Yes, part paper and part electronic 3 = No
337	2	728-729	[HHSMU] DOES YOUR CURRENT SYSTEM MEET MEANINGFUL CRITERIA AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
338	2	730-731	[EMRINS] AT YOUR PRACTICE, ARE THERE PLANS FOR INSTALLING A NEW EMR SYSTEM OR REPLACING THE CURRENT SYSTEM WITHIN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Maybe

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Questions on features of a reporting location's computerized capabilities have changed over the years. The instrument format used in 2018 is the same as was used in 2016, but it is slightly different from what was used in 2015 and previous years.

The current format is essentially similar to the recoded "R" variables used in 2010-2015. For example, in 2015, EDEMOG reflected the actual instrument format and EDEMOGR was a recoding of that format to match years 2010-2015 for trending purpose. The categories used with the recoded "R" variables were 1=Yes, 2=No, and 4=Yes, but turned off/not used. The 'Turned off/not used' category was dropped for 2016, so the only response options are yes and no. The "R" variable name was retained because the response categories are similar to those from 2010-2015 and they now reflect the actual instrument format as well. Please take note of these differences if using data from multiple years.

PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THE AMBULATORY REPORTING LOCATION HAS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COMPUTERIZED CAPABILITIES AND HOW OFTEN THESE CAPABILITIES ARE USED: (APPLIES TO ITEMS 339-358)

339	2	732-733	[EDEMOGR] RECORDING PATIENT HISTORY AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1= Yes 2= No
340	2	734-735	[EPROLSTR] RECORDING PATIENT PROBLEM LIST -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1= Yes 2= No
341	2	736-737	[EPNOTESR] RECORDING CLINICAL NOTES -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1= Yes 2= No
342	2	738-739	[EMEDALGR] RECORDING PATIENT'S MEDICATIONS AND ALLERGIES -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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343	2	740-741	[EMEDIDR] RECONCILING LISTS OF PATIENTS' MEDICATIONS TO IDENTIFY THE MOST ACCURATE LIST -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
344	2	742-743	[EREMINDR] REMINDERS FOR GUIDELINE-BASED INTERVENTIONS AND/OR SCREENING TESTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
345	2	744-745	[ECPOER] ORDERING PRESCRIPTIONS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
346	2	746-747	[ESCRIPR] IF YES TO ORDERING PRESCRIPTIONS, ARE PRESCRIPTIONS SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE PHARMACY? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
347	2	748-749	[EWARNR] IF YES TO ORDERING PRESCRIPTIONS, ARE WARNINGS OF DRUG INTERACTIONS OR CONTRAINDICATIONS PROVIDED? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
348	2	750-751	[ECONTR] DO YOU PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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349	2	752-753	[ECONTSCRIPR] ARE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SENT ELECTRONICALLY? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
350	2	754-755	[ECTOER] ORDERING LAB TESTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
351	2	756-757	[ERESULTR] VIEWING LAB RESULTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
352	2	758-759	[ERADIR] ORDERING RADIOLOGY TESTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
353	2	760-761	[EIMGRESR] VIEWING IMAGING RESULTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
354	2	762-763	[EIDPTR] IDENTIFYING PATIENTS DUE FOR PREVENTIVE OR FOLLOW-UP CARE IN ORDER TO SEND PATIENTS REMINDERS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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355	2	764-765	[EGENLISTR] GENERATING LISTS OF PATIENTS WITH PARTICULAR HEALTH CONDITIONS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
356	2	766-767	[EDATAREPR] PROVIDING DATA TO CREATE REPORTS ON CLINICAL CARE MEASURES FOR PATIENTS WITH SPECIFIC CHRONIC CONDITIONS (e.g. HbA1c FOR DIABETES) -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
357	2	768-769	[ESUMR] PROVIDING PATIENTS WITH CLINICAL SUMMARIES FOR EACH VISIT -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
358	2	770-771	[EMSGR] EXCHANGING SECURE MESSAGES WITH PATIENTS -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
359	2	772-773	[REFOUT] DO YOU REFER ANY OF YOUR PATIENTS TO A PROVIDER OUTSIDE OF YOUR OFFICE OR GROUP? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
360	2	774-775	[REF_ELE] HOW DO YOU SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: ELECTRONICALLY (EHR, WEB PORTAL, OR ONLINE REGISTRIES)? -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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361	2	776-777	[REF_PAPER] HOW DO YOU SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: VIA PAPER-BASED METHODS (FAX, eFAX, OR MAIL) -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
362	2	778-779	[NO_REF] HOW DO YOU SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: WE DO NOT SEND ANY PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION TO PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF OUR OFFICE OR GROUP -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
363	2	780-781	[REFOUTHOWUNK] HOW DO YOU SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
364	2	782-783	[REFOUTHOWREF] HOW DO YOU SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
365	2	784-785	[REFIN] DO YOU SEE PATIENTS REFERRED TO YOU BY PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR OFFICE OR GROUP? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
366	2	786-787	[REC_ELE] HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: ELECTRONICALLY (EHR, WEB PORTAL, OR ONLINE REGISTRIES)? -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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367	2	788-789	[REC_PAPER] HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: VIA PAPER-BASED METHODS (FAX, eFAX, OR MAIL) -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
368	2	790-791	[NO_REC] HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF OUR OFFICE OR GROUP -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
369	2	792-793	[REFINHOWUNK] HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: UNKNOWN 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked 2 = Entire item blank
370	2	794-795	[REFINHOWREF] HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION: REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
371	2	796-797	[ESHARE] DO YOU SEND OR RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY? ELECTRONICALLY DOES NOT INCLUDE SCANNED OR PDF DOCUMENTS FROM FAX, eFAX, OR MAIL. -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
372	2	798-799	[ESHARES] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION TO ANOTHER PROVIDER WHOSE EHR SYSTEM IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR OWN? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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373	2	800-801	[ESHARER] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY RECEIVE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER WHOSE EHR SYSTEM IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR OWN? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
374	2	802-803	[DISCHSR_SEND] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SUMMARIES TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? – SEND ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
375	2	804-805	[DISCHSR_REC] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SUMMARIES TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? – RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
376	2	806-807	[DISCHSR_NO] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SUMMARIES TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? – DO NOT SEND OR RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
377	2	808-809	[DISCHSR_UNK] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SUMMARIES TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? – UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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378	2	810-811	DISCHSR_REF] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SUMMARIES TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? – REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
379	2	812-813	[EEDSR_SEND] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – SEND ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
380	2	814-815	[EEDSR_REC] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
381	2	816-817	[EEDSR_NO] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – DO NOT SEND OR RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
382	2	818-819	[EEDSR_UNK] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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383	2	820-821	[EEDSR_REF] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
384	2	822-823	[ESUMCSR_SEND] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE SUMMARY OF CARE RECORDS FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR REFERRALS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? --SEND ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
385	2	824-825	[ESUMCSR_REC] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE SUMMARY OF CARE RECORDS FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR REFERRALS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? --RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
386	2	826-827	[ESUMCSR_NO] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE SUMMARY OF CARE RECORDS FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR REFERRALS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? –DO NOT SEND OR RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
387	2	828-829	[ESUMCSR_UNK] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE SUMMARY OF CARE RECORDS FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR REFERRALS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? –UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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388	2	830-831	[ESUMCSR_REF] DO YOU ELECTRONICALLY SEND OR RECEIVE SUMMARY OF CARE RECORDS FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR REFERRALS TO OR FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATION? –REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
389	2	832-833	[PTONLINE_VIEW] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – VIEW THEIR MEDICAL RECORD ONLINE -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
390	2	834-835	[PTONLINE_DOWN] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – DOWNLOAD AND TRANSMIT HEALTH INFORMATION IN THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD TO THEIR PERSONAL FILES -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
391	2	836-837	[PTONLINE_REQ] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – REQUEST CORRECTIONS TO THEIR ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
392	2	838-839	[PTONLINE_ENTER] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – ENTER THEIR HEALTH INFORMATION ONLINE (E.G. WEIGHT, SYMPTOMS) -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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393	2	840-841	[PTONLINE_UPLOAD] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – UPLOAD THEIR DATA FROM SELF-MONITORING DEVICES (E.G. BLOOD GLUCOSE READINGS) -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
394	2	842-843	[PTONLINE_NO] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – NONE OF THE ABOVE -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
395	2	844-845	[PTONLINE_UNK] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
396	2	846-847	[PTONLINE_REF] CAN PATIENTS SEEN AT THE REPORTING LOCATION DO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE ACTIVITIES? – REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank -7 = Not applicable 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
397	2	848-849	[PRMCARER] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from Medicare? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent

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398	2	850-851	[PRMAIDR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from Medicaid? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
399	2	852-853	[PRPRVTR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from private insurance? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
400	2	854-855	[PRPATR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from patient payments? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
401	2	856-857	[PROTHR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from other sources? (including charity, research, Champus, VA, etc.) -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
402	2	858-859	[PRMANR] Roughly, what percentage of the patient care revenue received by this practice comes from (these) managed care contracts? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent

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403	2	860-861	[REVFFSR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from usual, customary, and reasonable fee-for-service? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
404	2	862-863	[REVCAPR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from capitation? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
405	2	864-865	[REVCASER] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from case rates (e.g. package pricing/episode of care)? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
406	2	866-867	[REVOTHR] Roughly, what percent of your patient care revenue comes from other sources? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Less than or equal to 25 percent 2 = 26-50 percent 3 = 51-75 percent 4 = More than 75 percent
407	2	868-869	[ACEPTNEW] Are you currently accepting "new" patients into your practice? -9 = Blank -8 = Don't know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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408	2	870-871	[CAPITATE] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? - Capitated private insurance -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
409	2	872-873	[NOCAP] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Non-capitated private insurance -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
410	2	874-875	[PRIVATE] (Derived from responses to CAPITATE and NOCAP) From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Private insurance (capitated or non-capitated) -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
411	2	876-877	[NMEDCARE] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Medicare -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
412	2	878-879	[NMEDCAID] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Medicaid -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No

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413	2	880-881	[NWORKCMP] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Workers compensation -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
414	2	882-883	[NSELFPAY] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – Self-pay -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
415	2	884-885	[NNOCHRGE] From those “new” patients, which of the following types of payment do you accept? – No charge -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -7 = Not applicable -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Yes 2 = No
416	2	886-887	[PHYSCOMP] WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS BEST DESCRIBES YOUR BASIC COMPENSATION? -9 = Blank -8 = Don’t know -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Fixed salary 2 = Share of practice billings or workload 3 = Mix of salary and share of billings or other measures of performance(e.g., your own billings, practice financial performance, quality measures, practice profiling) 4 = Shift, hourly or other time-based payment 5 = Other

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			CLINICAL PRACTICES MAY TAKE VARIOUS FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION (SALARY, BONUS, PAY RATE, ETC.) PAID TO THE PHYSICIANS IN THE PRACTICE. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THE PRACTICE EXPLICITLY CONSIDERS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN DETERMINING YOUR COMPENSATION:
417	2	888-889	[COMPPROD] FACTORS THAT REFLECT YOUR OWN PRODUCTIVITY -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
418	2	890-891	[COMPSAT] RESULTS OF SATISFACTION SURVEYS FROM YOUR OWN PATIENTS -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
419	2	892-893	[COMPQUAL] SPECIFIC MEASURES OF QUALITY, SUCH AS RATES OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR YOUR PATIENTS -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
420	2	894-895	[COMPDROF] RESULTS OF PRACTICE PROFILING, THAT IS, COMPARING YOUR PATTERN OF USING MEDICAL RESOURCES WITH THAT OF OTHER PHYSICIANS -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
421	2	896-897	[COMPFIN] THE OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PRACTICE -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
422	2	898-899	[COMPUNK] UNKNOWN -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked
423	2	900-901	[COMPREF] REFUSED TO ANSWER -9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked

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424	2	902-903	[SASDAPPT] Does your practice set time aside for same day appointments?

NOTE: There was a change for 2015 in how this question and the following question SDAPPTPCT were asked. In previous years, the order of these questions was reversed and they were asked independently, meaning that a practice that reported a percentage of visits as same day appointments could also answer “no” (did not set aside time for same day appointments). One might conjecture that the same day appointments reported in such cases might have been due to last minute cancellations or other factors, as opposed to having specific time set aside for same day appointments.

For 2015, the survey instrument underwent a change, such that SASDAPPT was asked first, and ONLY physicians who responded “yes” to that question (does your practice set aside time for same day appointments?) were asked about the percentage of visits that were same day appointments. For this reason the results from SDAPPTPCT will not be comparable with previous years of data, and, in fact, substantial differences can be seen when comparing percentages across years. To further emphasize the differences, the item name has been changed from SDAPPT used in previous years to SDAPPTPCT in 2015.

-9 = Blank
-8 = Unknown
-6 = Refused to answer question
1 = Yes
2 = No

425	3	904-906	[SDAPPTPCT] If your practice sets aside time for same day appointments, what percent of your daily visits are same day appointments? -9 = Blank -7 = Not applicable (practice does not set aside time for same day appointments) -6 = Refused to answer question 0-100
426	2	907-908	[APPTTIME] On average, about how long does it take to get an appointment for a routine medical exam? -9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = Within 1 week 2 = 1-2 weeks 3 = 3-4 weeks 4 = 1-2 months 5 = 3 or more months 6 = Do not provide routine exams

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427	1	909	[MSA] METROPOLITAN/NON-METROPOLITAN STATUS (Based on physician location in conjunction with the definition of the Bureau of the Census and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.) 1 = MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) 2 = Not MSA (includes micropolitan statistical areas)

DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1

NOTE: Starting with the 2006 data release, all drug codes based on entry name (using NCHS' standard classification system) were also assigned a unique generic drug code from Multum's Lexicon Drug Database, where possible. The structure of the Multum database is such that multiple ingredient drugs are assigned a single generic drug code encompassing all of a drug's ingredients rather than being assigned generic drug codes for each ingredient, as in past years of NAMCS drug data. All Multum codes start with the letter "d" but there were some drugs reported in NAMCS that could not be assigned a code in Multum. For 2006 and 2007, these received a prefix of either "a" (when ingredients could be determined) or "c" (when ingredients could not be determined). Beginning with 2008, the use of "a" and "c" codes was replaced with "n" codes. For more on the structure of the drug data (including information on therapeutic class and drug ingredients), please see page 23.

428	6	910-915	[DRUGID1] DRUG ID (See page 155 for more information.) a07001-a92507 = NCHS code (for drugs not found in Multum but for which ingredients could be determined, for drugs added to the database for survey years 2006 and 2007) c00001-c00898, c00900-c92511 = NCHS code (for drugs not found in Multum and with undetermined ingredients) c00899 – Undetermined pharmaceutical aid d00001-d08524 = Multum code n00000-n13006 = NCHS code (for drugs not found in Multum that were added to the database beginning with survey year 2008)
429	1	916	[PRESCR1] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE 1 = Prescription Drug 2 = Nonprescription Drug 3 = Undetermined 4 = Illicit [not used in NAMCS] 5 = Both Prescription and Over-the-Counter
430	1	917	[CONTSUB1] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE 1 = Schedule I (Research Only) 2 = Schedule II 3 = Schedule III 4 = Schedule IV 5 = Schedule V 6 = No Control 7 = Undetermined 8 = Multiple Schedules
431	1	918	[COMSTAT1] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE 1 = Single Entity Drug 2 = Combination Drug 3 = Undetermined

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432	3	919-921	[RX1CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1

Reflects the most detailed therapeutic level to which the drug can be classified. For some drugs, Multum Level 1 (broadest level) is the most detailed, while others can be coded to Level 2, but the majority can be coded to Level 3 (most detailed level). For more on the Multum classification system, please see page 23. The complete Multum classification is shown in Appendix III.

" " = Blank/Not applicable
001 - 899 = Drug category

433	3	922-924	[RX1CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
434	3	925-927	[RX1CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
435	3	928-930	[RX1CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.

DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS

See RX1CAT1 for general coding conventions that apply to all Multum drug categories. Complete Multum classification scheme is shown in Appendix III.

436	3	931-933	[RX1V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
437	3	934-936	[RX1V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
438	3	937-939	[RX1V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
439	3	940-942	[RX1V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
440	3	943-945	[RX1V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
441	3	946-948	[RX1V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
442	3	949-951	[RX1V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
443	3	952-954	[RX1V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
444	3	955-957	[RX1V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
445	3	958-960	[RX1V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
446	3	961-963	[RX1V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
447	3	964-966	[RX1V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #2
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
448	6	967-972	[DRUGID2] DRUG ID
449	1	973	[PRESCR2] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
450	1	974	[CONTSUB2] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
451	1	975	[COMSTAT2] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
452	3	976-978	[RX2CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
453	3	979-981	[RX2CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
454	3	982-984	[RX2CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
455	3	985-987	[RX2CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
456	3	988-990	[RX2V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
457	3	991-993	[RX2V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
458	3	994-996	[RX2V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
459	3	997-999	[RX2V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
460	3	1000-1002	[RX2V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
461	3	1003-1005	[RX2V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
462	3	1006-1008	[RX2V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
463	3	1009-1011	[RX2V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
464	3	1012-1014	[RX2V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
465	3	1015-1017	[RX2V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
466	3	1018-1020	[RX2V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
467	3	1021-1023	[RX2V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #3
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
468	6	1024-1029	[DRUGID3] DRUG ID
469	1	1030	[PRESCR3] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
470	1	1031	[CONTSUB3] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
471	1	1032	[COMSTAT3] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
472	3	1033-1035	[RX3CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
473	3	1036-1038	[RX3CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
474	3	1039-1041	[RX3CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
475	3	1042-1044	[RX3CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
476	3	1045-1047	[RX3V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
477	3	1048-1050	[RX3V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
478	3	1051-1053	[RX3V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
479	3	1054-1056	[RX3V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
480	3	1057-1059	[RX3V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
481	3	1060-1062	[RX3V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
482	3	1063-1065	[RX3V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
483	3	1066-1068	[RX3V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
484	3	1069-1071	[RX3V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
485	3	1072-1074	[RX3V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
486	3	1075-1077	[RX3V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
487	3	1078-1080	[RX3V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #4
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
488	6	1081-1086	[DRUGID4] DRUG ID
489	1	1087	[PRESCR4] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
490	1	1088	[CONTSUB4] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
491	1	1089	[COMSTAT4] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
492	3	1090-1092	[RX4CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
493	3	1093-1095	[RX4CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
494	3	1096-1098	[RX4CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
495	3	1099-1101	[RX4CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
496	3	1102-1104	[RX4V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
497	3	1105-1107	[RX4V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
498	3	1108-1110	[RX4V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
499	3	1111-1113	[RX4V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
500	3	1114-1116	[RX4V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
501	3	1117-1119	[RX4V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
502	3	1120-1122	[RX4V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
503	3	1123-1125	[RX4V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
504	3	1126-1128	[RX4V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
505	3	1129-1131	[RX4V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
506	3	1132-1134	[RX4V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
507	3	1135-1137	[RX4V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #5
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
508	6	1138-1143	[DRUGID5] DRUG ID
509	1	1144	[PRESCR5] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
510	1	1145	[CONTSUB5] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
511	1	1146	[COMSTAT5] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
512	3	1147-1149	[RX5CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
513	3	1150-1152	[RX5CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
514	3	1153-1155	[RX5CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
515	3	1156-1158	[RX5CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
516	3	1159-1161	[RX5V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
517	3	1162-1164	[RX5V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
518	3	1165-1167	[RX5V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
519	3	1168-1170	[RX5V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
520	3	1171-1173	[RX5V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
521	3	1174-1176	[RX5V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
522	3	1177-1179	[RX5V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
523	3	1180-1182	[RX5V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
524	3	1183-1185	[RX5V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
525	3	1186-1188	[RX5V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
526	3	1189-1191	[RX5V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
527	3	1192-1194	[RX5V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #6
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
528	6	1195-1200	[DRUGID6] DRUG ID
529	1	1201	[PRESCR6] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
530	1	1202	[CONTSUB6] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
531	1	1203	[COMSTAT6] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
532	3	1204-1206	[RX6CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
533	3	1207-1209	[RX6CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
534	3	1210-1212	[RX6CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
535	3	1213-1215	[RX6CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
536	3	1216-1218	[RX6V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
537	3	1219-1221	[RX6V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
538	3	1222-1224	[RX6V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
539	3	1225-1227	[RX6V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
540	3	1228-1230	[RX6V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
541	3	1231-1233	[RX6V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
542	3	1234-1236	[RX6V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
543	3	1237-1239	[RX6V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
544	3	1240-1242	[RX6V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
545	3	1243-1245	[RX6V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
546	3	1246-1248	[RX6V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
547	3	1249-1251	[RX6V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #7
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
548	6	1252-1257	[DRUGID7] DRUG ID
549	1	1258	[PRESCR7] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
550	1	1259	[CONTSUB7] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
551	1	1260	[COMSTAT7] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
552	3	1261-1263	[RX7CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
553	3	1264-1266	[RX7CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
554	3	1267-1269	[RX7CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
555	3	1270-1272	[RX7CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
556	3	1273-1275	[RX7V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
557	3	1276-1278	[RX7V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
558	3	1279-1281	[RX7V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
559	3	1282-1284	[RX7V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
560	3	1285-1287	[RX7V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
561	3	1288-1290	[RX7V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
562	3	1291-1293	[RX7V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
563	3	1294-1296	[RX7V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
564	3	1297-1299	[RX7V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
565	3	1300-1302	[RX7V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
566	3	1303-1305	[RX7V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
567	3	1306-1308	[RX7V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #8
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
568	6	1309-1314	[DRUGID8] DRUG ID
569	1	1315	[PRESCR8] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
570	1	1316	[CONTSUB8] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
571	1	1317	[COMSTAT8] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
572	3	1318-1320	[RX8CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
573	3	1321-1323	[RX8CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
574	3	1334-1326	[RX8CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
575	3	1327-1329	[RX8CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
576	3	1330-1332	[RX8V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
577	3	1333-1335	[RX8V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
578	3	1336-1338	[RX8V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
579	3	1339-1341	[RX8V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
580	3	1342-1344	[RX8V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
581	3	1345-1347	[RX8V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
582	3	1348-1350	[RX8V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
583	3	1351-1353	[RX8V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
584	3	1354-1356	[RX8V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
585	3	1357-1359	[RX8V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
586	3	1360-1362	[RX8V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
587	3	1363-1365	[RX8V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #9
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
588	6	1366-1371	[DRUGID9] DRUG ID
589	1	1372	[PRESCR9] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
590	1	1373	[CONTSUB9] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
591	1	1374	[COMSTAT9] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
592	3	1375-1377	[RX9CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
593	3	1378-1380	[RX9CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
594	3	1381-1383	[RX9CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
595	3	1384-1386	[RX9CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
596	3	1387-1389	[RX9V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
597	3	1390-1392	[RX9V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
598	3	1393-1395	[RX9V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
599	3	1396-1398	[RX9V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
600	3	1399-1401	[RX9V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
601	3	1402-1404	[RX9V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
602	3	1405-1407	[RX9V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
603	3	1408-1410	[RX9V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
604	3	1411-1413	[RX9V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
605	3	1414-1416	[RX9V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
606	3	1417-1419	[RX9V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
607	3	1420-1422	[RX9V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #10
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
608	6	1423-1428	[DRUGID10] DRUG ID
609	1	1429	[PRESCR10] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
610	1	1430	[CONTSUB10] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
611	1	1431	[COMSTAT10] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
612	3	1432-1434	[RX10CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
613	3	1435-1437	[RX10CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
614	3	1438-1440	[RX10CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
615	3	1441-1443	[RX10CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
616	3	1444-1446	[RX10V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
617	3	1447-1449	[RX10V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
618	3	1450-1452	[RX10V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
619	3	1453-1455	[RX10V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
620	3	1456-1458	[RX10V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
621	3	1459-1461	[RX10V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
622	3	1462-1464	[RX10V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
623	3	1465-1467	[RX10V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
624	3	1468-1470	[RX10V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
625	3	1471-1473	[RX10V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
626	3	1474-1476	[RX10V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
627	3	1477-1479	[RX10V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #11
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
628	6	1480-1485	[DRUGID11] DRUG ID
629	1	1486	[PRESCR11] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
630	1	1487	[CONTSUB11] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
631	1	1488	[COMSTAT11] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
632	3	1489-1491	[RX11CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
633	3	1492-1494	[RX11CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
634	3	1495-1497	[RX11CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
635	3	1498-1500	[RX11CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
636	3	1501-1503	[RX11V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
637	3	1504-1506	[RX11V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
638	3	1507-1509	[RX11V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
639	3	1510-1512	[RX11V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
640	3	1513-1515	[RX11V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
641	3	1516-1518	[RX11V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
642	3	1519-1521	[RX11V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
643	3	1522-1524	[RX11V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
644	3	1525-1527	[RX11V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
645	3	1528-1530	[RX11V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
646	3	1531-1533	[RX11V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
647	3	1534-1536	[RX11V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #12
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
648	6	1537-1542	[DRUGID12] DRUG ID
649	1	1543	[PRESCR12] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
650	1	1544	[CONTSUB12] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
651	1	1545	[COMSTAT12] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
652	3	1546-1548	[RX12CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
653	3	1549-1551	[RX12CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
654	3	1552-1554	[RX12CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
655	3	1555-1557	[RX12CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
656	3	1558-1560	[RX12V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
657	3	1561-1563	[RX12V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
658	3	1564-1566	[RX12V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
659	3	1567-1569	[RX12V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
660	3	1570-1572	[RX12V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
661	3	1573-1575	[RX12V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
662	3	1576-1578	[RX12V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
663	3	1579-1581	[RX12V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
664	3	1582-1584	[RX12V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
665	3	1585-1587	[RX12V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
666	3	1588-1590	[RX12V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
667	3	1591-1593	[RX12V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #13
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
668	6	1594-1599	[DRUGID13] DRUG ID
669	1	1600	[PRESCR13] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
670	1	1601	[CONTSUB13] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
671	1	1602	[COMSTAT13] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
672	3	1603-1605	[RX13CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
673	3	1606-1608	[RX13CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
674	3	1609-1611	[RX13CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
675	3	1612-1614	[RX13CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
676	3	1615-1617	[RX13V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
677	3	1618-1620	[RX13V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
678	3	1621-1623	[RX13V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
679	3	1624-1626	[RX13V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
680	3	1627-1629	[RX13V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
681	3	1630-1632	[RX13V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
682	3	1633-1635	[RX13V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
683	3	1636-1638	[RX13V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
684	3	1639-1641	[RX13V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
685	3	1642-1644	[RX13V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
686	3	1645-1647	[RX13V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
687	3	1648-1650	[RX13V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #14
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
688	6	1651-1656	[DRUGID14] DRUG ID
689	1	1657	[PRESCR14] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
690	1	1658	[CONTSUB14] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
691	1	1659	[COMSTAT14] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
692	3	1660-1662	[RX14CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
693	3	1663-1665	[RX14CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
694	3	1666-1668	[RX14CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
695	3	1669-1671	[RX14CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
696	3	1672-1674	[RX14V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
697	3	1675-1677	[RX14V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
698	3	1678-1680	[RX14V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
699	3	1681-1683	[RX14V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
700	3	1684-1686	[RX14V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
701	3	1687-1689	[RX14V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
702	3	1690-1692	[RX14V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
703	3	1693-1695	[RX14V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
704	3	1696-1698	[RX14V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
705	3	1699-1701	[RX14V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
706	3	1702-1704	[RX14V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
707	3	1705-1707	[RX14V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #15
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
708	6	1708-1713	[DRUGID15] DRUG ID
709	1	1714	[PRESCR15] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
710	1	1715	[CONTSUB15] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
711	1	1716	[COMSTAT15] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
712	3	1717-1719	[RX15CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
713	3	1720-1722	[RX15CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
714	3	1723-1725	[RX15CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
715	3	1726-1728	[RX15CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
716	3	1729-1731	[RX15V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
717	3	1732-1734	[RX15V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
718	3	1735-1737	[RX15V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
719	3	1738-1740	[RX15V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
720	3	1741-1743	[RX15V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
721	3	1744-1746	[RX15V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
722	3	1747-1749	[RX15V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
723	3	1750-1752	[RX15V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
724	3	1753-1755	[RX15V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
725	3	1756-1758	[RX15V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
726	3	1759-1761	[RX15V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
727	3	1762-1764	[RX15V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #16
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
728	6	1765-1770	[DRUGID16] DRUG ID
729	1	1771	[PRESCR16] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
730	1	1772	[CONTSUB16] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
731	1	1773	[COMSTAT16] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
732	3	1774-1776	[RX16CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
733	3	1777-1779	[RX16CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
734	3	1780-1782	[RX16CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
735	3	1783-1785	[RX16CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
736	3	1786-1788	[RX16V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
737	3	1789-1791	[RX16V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
738	3	1792-1794	[RX16V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
739	3	1795-1797	[RX16V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
740	3	1798-1800	[RX16V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
741	3	1801-1803	[RX16V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
742	3	1804-1806	[RX16V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
743	3	1807-1809	[RX16V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
744	3	1810-1812	[RX16V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
745	3	1813-1815	[RX16V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
746	3	1816-1818	[RX16V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
747	3	1819-1821	[RX16V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #17
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
748	6	1822-1827	[DRUGID17] DRUG ID
749	1	1828	[PRESCR17] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
750	1	1829	[CONTSUB17] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
751	1	1830	[COMSTAT17] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
752	3	1831-1833	[RX17CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
753	3	1834-1836	[RX17CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
754	3	1837-1839	[RX17CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
755	3	1840-1842	[RX17CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
756	3	1843-1845	[RX17V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
757	3	1846-1848	[RX17V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
758	3	1849-1851	[RX17V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
759	3	1852-1854	[RX17V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
760	3	1855-1857	[RX17V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
761	3	1858-1860	[RX17V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
762	3	1861-1863	[RX17V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
763	3	1864-1866	[RX17V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
764	3	1867-1869	[RX17V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
765	3	1870-1872	[RX17V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
766	3	1873-1875	[RX17V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
767	3	1876-1878	[RX17V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #18
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
768	6	1879-1884	[DRUGID18] DRUG ID
769	1	1885	[PRESCR18] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
770	1	1886	[CONTSUB18] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
771	1	1887	[COMSTAT18] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
772	3	1888-1890	[RX18CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
773	3	1891-1893	[RX18CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
774	3	1894-1896	[RX18CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
775	3	1897-1899	[RX18CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
776	3	1900-1902	[RX18V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
777	3	1903-1905	[RX18V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
778	3	1906-1908	[RX18V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
779	3	1909-1911	[RX18V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
780	3	1912-1914	[RX18V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
781	3	1915-1917	[RX18V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
782	3	1918-1920	[RX18V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
783	3	1921-1923	[RX18V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
784	3	1924-1926	[RX18V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
785	3	1927-1929	[RX18V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
786	3	1930-1932	[RX18V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
787	3	1933-1935	[RX18V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #19
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
788	6	1936-1941	[DRUGID19] DRUG ID
789	1	1942	[PRESCR19] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
790	1	1943	[CONTSUB19] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
791	1	1944	[COMSTAT19] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
792	3	1945-1947	[RX19CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
793	3	1948-1950	[RX19CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
794	3	1951-1953	[RX19CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
795	3	1954-1956	[RX19CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
796	3	1957-1959	[RX19V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
797	3	1960-1962	[RX19V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
798	3	1963-1965	[RX19V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
799	3	1966-1968	[RX19V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
800	3	1969-1971	[RX19V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
801	3	1972-1974	[RX19V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
802	3	1975-1977	[RX19V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
803	3	1978-1980	[RX19V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
804	3	1981-1983	[RX19V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
805	3	1984-1986	[RX19V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
806	3	1987-1989	[RX19V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
807	3	1990-1992	[RX19V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #20
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
808	6	1993-1998	[DRUGID20] DRUG ID
809	1	1999	[PRESCR20] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
810	1	2000	[CONTSUB20] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
811	1	2001	[COMSTAT20] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
812	3	2002-2004	[RX20CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
813	3	2005-2007	[RX20CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
814	3	2008-2010	[RX20CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
815	3	2011-2013	[RX20CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
816	3	2014-2016	[RX20V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
817	3	2017-2019	[RX20V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
818	3	2020-2022	[RX20V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
819	3	2023-2025	[RX20V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
820	3	2026-2028	[RX20V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
821	3	2029-2031	[RX20V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
822	3	2032-2034	[RX20V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
823	3	2035-2037	[RX20V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
824	3	2038-2040	[RX20V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
825	3	2041-2043	[RX20V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
826	3	2044-2046	[RX20V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
827	3	2047-2049	[RX20V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #21
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
828	6	2050-2055	[DRUGID21] DRUG ID
829	1	2056	[PRESCR21] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
830	1	2057	[CONTSUB21] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
831	1	2058	[COMSTAT21] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
832	3	2059-2061	[RX21CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
833	3	2062-2064	[RX21CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
834	3	2065-2067	[RX21CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
835	3	2068-2070	[RX21CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
836	3	2071-2073	[RX21V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
837	3	2074-2076	[RX21V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
838	3	2077-2079	[RX21V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
839	3	2080-2082	[RX21V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
840	3	2083-2085	[RX21V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
841	3	2086-2088	[RX21V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
842	3	2089-2091	[RX21V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
843	3	2092-2094	[RX21V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
844	3	2095-2097	[RX21V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
845	3	2098-2100	[RX21V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
846	3	2101-2103	[RX21V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
847	3	2104-2106	[RX21V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #22
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
848	6	2107-2112	[DRUGID22] DRUG ID
849	1	2113	[PRESCR22] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
850	1	2114	[CONTSUB22] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
851	1	2115	[COMSTAT22] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
852	3	2116-2118	[RX22CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
853	3	2119-2121	[RX22CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
854	3	2122-2124	[RX22CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
855	3	2125-2127	[RX22CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
856	3	2128-2130	[RX22V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
857	3	2131-2133	[RX22V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
858	3	2134-2136	[RX22V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
859	3	2137-2139	[RX22V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
860	3	2140-2142	[RX22V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
861	3	2143-2145	[RX22V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
862	3	2146-2148	[RX22V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
863	3	2149-2151	[RX22V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
864	3	2152-2154	[RX22V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
865	3	2155-2157	[RX22V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
866	3	2158-2160	[RX22V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
867	3	2161-2163	[RX22V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #23
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
868	6	2164-2169	[DRUGID23] DRUG ID
869	1	2170	[PRESCR23] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
870	1	2171	[CONTSUB23] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
871	1	2172	[COMSTAT23] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
872	3	2173-2175	[RX23CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
873	3	2176-2178	[RX23CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
874	3	2179-2181	[RX23CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
875	3	2182-2184	[RX23CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
876	3	2185-2187	[RX23V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
877	3	2188-2190	[RX23V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
878	3	2191-2193	[RX23V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
879	3	2194-2196	[RX23V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
880	3	2197-2199	[RX23V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
881	3	2200-2202	[RX23V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
882	3	2203-2205	[RX23V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
883	3	2206-2208	[RX23V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
884	3	2209-2211	[RX23V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
885	3	2212-2214	[RX23V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
886	3	2215-2217	[RX23V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
887	3	2218-2220	[RX23V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #24
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
888	6	2221-2226	[DRUGID24] DRUG ID
889	1	2227	[PRESCR24] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
890	1	2228	[CONTSUB24] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
891	1	2229	[COMSTAT24] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
892	3	2230-2232	[RX24CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
893	3	2233-2235	[RX24CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
894	3	2236-2238	[RX24CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
895	3	2239-2241	[RX24CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
896	3	2242-2244	[RX24V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
897	3	2245-2247	[RX24V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
898	3	2248-2250	[RX24V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
899	3	2251-2253	[RX24V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
900	3	2254-2256	[RX24V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
901	3	2257-2259	[RX24V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
902	3	2260-2262	[RX24V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
903	3	2263-2265	[RX24V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
904	3	2266-2268	[RX24V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
905	3	2269-2271	[RX24V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
906	3	2272-2274	[RX24V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
907	3	2275-2277	[RX24V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #25
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
908	6	2278-2283	[DRUGID25] DRUG ID
909	1	2284	[PRESCR25] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
910	1	2285	[CONTSUB25] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
911	1	2286	[COMSTAT25] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
912	3	2287-2289	[RX25CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
913	3	2290-2292	[RX25CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
914	3	2293-2295	[RX25CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
915	3	2296-2298	[RX25CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
916	3	2299-2301	[RX25V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
917	3	2302-2304	[RX25V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
918	3	2305-2307	[RX25V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
919	3	2308-2310	[RX25V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
920	3	2311-2313	[RX25V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
921	3	2314-2316	[RX25V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
922	3	2317-2319	[RX25V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
923	3	2320-2322	[RX25V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
924	3	2323-2325	[RX25V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
925	3	2326-2328	[RX25V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
926	3	2329-2331	[RX25V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
927	3	2332-2334	[RX25V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #26
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
928	6	2335-2340	[DRUGID26] DRUG ID
929	1	2341	[PRESCR26] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
930	1	2342	[CONTSUB26] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
931	1	2343	[COMSTAT26] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
932	3	2344-2346	[RX26CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
933	3	2347-2349	[RX26CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
934	3	2350-2352	[RX26CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
935	3	2353-2355	[RX26CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
936	3	2356-2358	[RX26V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
937	3	2359-2361	[RX26V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
938	3	2362-2364	[RX26V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
939	3	2365-2367	[RX26V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
940	3	2368-2370	[RX26V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
941	3	2371-2373	[RX26V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
942	3	2374-2376	[RX26V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
943	3	2377-2379	[RX26V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
944	3	2380-2382	[RX26V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
945	3	2383-2385	[RX26V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
946	3	2386-2388	[RX26V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
947	3	2389-2391	[RX26V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #27
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
948	6	2392-2397	[DRUGID27] DRUG ID
949	1	2398	[PRESCR27] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
950	1	2399	[CONTSUB27] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
951	1	2400	[COMSTAT27] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
952	3	2401-2403	[RX27CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
953	3	2404-2406	[RX27CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
954	3	2407-2409	[RX27CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
955	3	2410-2412	[RX27CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
956	3	2413-2415	[RX27V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
957	3	2416-2418	[RX27V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
958	3	2419-2421	[RX27V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
959	3	2422-2424	[RX27V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
960	3	2425-2427	[RX27V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
961	3	2428-2430	[RX27V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
962	3	2431-2433	[RX27V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
963	3	2434-2436	[RX27V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
964	3	2437-2439	[RX27V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
965	3	2440-2442	[RX27V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
966	3	2443-2445	[RX27V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
967	3	2446-2448	[RX27V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #28
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
968	6	2449-2454	[DRUGID28] DRUG ID
969	1	2455	[PRESCR28] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
970	1	2456	[CONTSUB28] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
971	1	2457	[COMSTAT28] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
972	3	2458-2460	[RX28CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
973	3	2461-2463	[RX28CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
974	3	2464-2466	[RX28CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
975	3	2467-2469	[RX28CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
976	3	2470-2472	[RX28V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
977	3	2473-2475	[RX28V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
978	3	2476-2478	[RX28V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
979	3	2479-2481	[RX28V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
980	3	2482-2484	[RX28V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
981	3	2485-2487	[RX28V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
982	3	2488-2490	[RX28V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
983	3	2491-2493	[RX28V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
984	3	2494-2496	[RX28V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
985	3	2497-2499	[RX28V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
986	3	2500-2502	[RX28V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
987	3	2503-2505	[RX28V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #29
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
988	6	2506-2511	[DRUGID29] DRUG ID
989	1	2512	[PRESCR29] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
990	1	2513	[CONTSUB29] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
991	1	2514	[COMSTAT29] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
992	3	2515-2517	[RX29CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
993	3	2518-2520	[RX29CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
994	3	2521-2523	[RX29CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
995	3	2524-2526	[RX29CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
996	3	2527-2529	[RX29V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
997	3	2530-2532	[RX29V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
998	3	2533-2535	[RX29V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
999	3	2536-2538	[RX29V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
1000	3	2539-2541	[RX29V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1001	3	2542-2544	[RX29V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
1002	3	2545-2547	[RX29V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
1003	3	2548-2550	[RX29V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
1004	3	2551-2553	[RX29V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1005	3	2554-2556	[RX29V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
1006	3	2557-2559	[RX29V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
1007	3	2560-2562	[RX29V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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			DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #30
			Please see “DRUG-RELATED INFO FOR MEDICATION #1” (page 75) for coding information.
1008	6	2563-2568	[DRUGID30] DRUG ID
1009	1	2569	[PRESCR30] PRESCRIPTION STATUS CODE
1010	1	2570	[CONTSUB30] CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STATUS CODE
1011	1	2571	[COMSTAT30] COMPOSITION STATUS CODE
1012	3	2572-2574	[RX30CAT1] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1013	3	2575-2577	[RX30CAT2] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2 See RX1CAT1.
1014	3	2578-2580	[RX30CAT3] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3 See RX1CAT1.
1015	3	2581-2583	[RX30CAT4] MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4 See RX1CAT1.
			DRUG CATEGORY LEVELS
1016	3	2584-2586	[RX30V1C1] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1017	3	2587-2589	[RX30V1C2] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
1018	3	2590-2592	[RX30V1C3] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
1019	3	2593-2595	[RX30V1C4] Level 1 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
1020	3	2596-2598	[RX30V2C1] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1021	3	2599-2601	[RX30V2C2] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
1022	3	2602-2604	[RX30V2C3] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
1023	3	2605-2607	[RX30V2C4] Level 2 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4
1024	3	2608-2610	[RX30V3C1] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 1
1025	3	2611-2613	[RX30V3C2] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 2
1026	3	2614-2616	[RX30V3C3] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 3
1027	3	2617-2619	[RX30V3C4] Level 3 of MULTUM DRUG CATEGORY # 4

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NAMCS SAMPLE DESIGN VARIABLES

NAMCS sampling design variables (in masked format) were first added to the 2000 public use file, and data years from 1993-1999 were re-released to include them. These variables were for use with statistical software such as SUDAAN that takes into account the complex sampling design of the survey. However, for those running versions of SAS, Stata, SPSS and other software that assumes a single stage of sampling, the multi-stage design variables provided on the public use files could not be used without modification. Therefore, in 2002, two new variables, CSTRATM and CPSUM, were developed, that could be used in such programs instead of the multi-stage variables. In 2003, the decision was made to include on the public use file just these two variables and not the multi-stage design variables that appeared in the past.

Until such time as the older public use files may be re-released to include these variables, data users wishing to combine data from 2003 and later years with data from earlier years will find it necessary to create CSTRATM and CPSUM for the earlier files. A technical paper, *Using Ultimate Cluster Models with NAMCS and NHAMCS Public Use Files,* is available for downloading at the Ambulatory Health Care Data website: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_questionnaires.htm. This paper gives instructions on how to configure data files prior to 2002 for variance estimation based on 1-stage sampling models, such as those used in SAS proc surveymeans, Stata, SPSS, and the SUDAAN with-replacement option, and how to handle instances of single-case strata in the data on the older files. Please also see the section on Relative Standard Errors in the current document for more information on these variables and how to use them. PSU is primary sampling unit.

In 2016, the NAMCS sampling design changed and was also used for 2018 NAMCS. For consistency with previous years, the same names used in earlier years have been used for the sample design variables.

1028	8	2620-2627	[CSTRATM] Masked clustered stratum marker 10118101 - 10418115
1029	6	2628-2633	[CPSUM] Sampled provider marker 100001 - 100496
1030	4	2634-2637	[YEAR] SURVEY YEAR 2018
1031	1	2638	[SETTYPE] SETTING TYPE This item is intended for use when combining data from NAMCS and NHAMCS. 1 = Physician office (NAMCS)
1032	12	2639-2650	[PATWT] PATIENT VISIT WEIGHT This variable has been produced as an unrounded integer which will make estimates slightly more precise. It is for use in calculating national and sub-national estimates. The only geographic variable on the file for 2018 is MSA (whether the visit occurred in a metropolitan statistical area) and PATWT can be used to compute MSA-level estimates.

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			11540.09511 – 409608.56071
1033	9	2651-2660	[PHYSWT] PHYSICIAN WEIGHT Physician weight enables data users to make physician-level estimates. See also “Description of the NAMCS,” Marginal Data, and Appendix I. 115.78156 – 2843.44558

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B. PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY LIST

The 2018 NAMCS sampling design grouped physicians into 14 strata, or specialty groups, for sampling purposes. These groups were developed based on information from the American Medical Association. Below is a list of the AMA physician specialties that were eligible for selection within each of the sample strata.

GENERAL AND FAMILY PRACTICE (Primary Care)

AMF Adolescent Medicine (Family Medicine)
AMI Adolescent Medicine (Internal Medicine)
EFM Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine
FMP Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine
FP Family Practice
FPG Geriatric Medicine (Family Medicine)
GP General Practice
HPF Hospice & Palliative Medicine (Family Medicine)
IFP Internal Medicine/Family Medicine
IMG Geriatric Medicine (Internal Medicine)
IPM Internal Medicine/Preventive Medicine

INTERNAL MEDICINE (Primary Care)

IM Internal Medicine

PEDIATRICS (Primary Care)

ADL Adolescent Medicine (Pediatrics)
MPD Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
PD Pediatrics
PSM Sports Medicine (Pediatrics)

PEDIATRICS (Medical)

CAP Child Abuse Pediatrics
CCP Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
DBP Developmental - Behavioral Pediatrics
EMP Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine
HPP Hospice & Palliative Medicine (Pediatrics)
NDN Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Psychiatry & Neurology)
NDP Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Pediatrics)
NPM Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
PDA Pediatric Allergy
PDC Pediatric Cardiology
PDE Pediatric Endocrinology
PDI Pediatric Infectious Diseases
PDP Pediatric Pulmonology
PDT Medical Toxicology (Pediatrics)
PEM Pediatric Emergency Medicine (Pediatrics)
PG Pediatric Gastroenterology
PHO Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
PMG Pediatrics/Medical Genetics

PEDIATRICS (Medical) (cont.)

PN Pediatric Nephrology
PPR Pediatric Rheumatology
PTP Pediatric Transplant Hepatology

GENERAL SURGERY (Surgical)

GS General Surgery

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (Primary Care)

GYN Gynecology
OBG Obstetrics and Gynecology
OBS Obstetrics

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (Surgical)

FPR Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (Obstetrics & Gynecology)
GO Gynecological Oncology
HPO Hospice & Palliative Med (Obstetrics & Gynecology)
MFM Maternal & Fetal Medicine
OCC Critical Care Medicine (Obstetrics & Gynecology)
UPR Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery (Urology)

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY (Surgical)

HSO Hand Surgery
OAR Adult Reconstructive Orthopedics
OFA Foot and Ankle Orthopedics
OMO Musculoskeletal Oncology
OP Pediatric Orthopedics
ORS Orthopedic Surgery
OSM Sports Medicine (Orthopedic Surgery)
OSS Orthopedic Surgery of the Spine
OTR Orthopedic Trauma

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES (Medical)

CD Cardiovascular Diseases

DERMATOLOGY (Medical)

D Dermatology

UROLOGY (Surgical)

U Urology
UP Pediatric Urology

PSYCHIATRY (Medical)

ADP Addiction Psychiatry
CHP Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
CPP Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
NUP Neuropsychiatry
P Psychiatry
PFP Forensic Psychiatry
PYA Psychoanalysis
PYG Geriatric Psychiatry
PYM Psychosomatic Medicine

NEUROLOGY (Medical)

CHN Child Neurology
CN Clinical Neurophysiology
ENR Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology
EPL Epilepsy (Neurology)
ESN Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology (Radiology)
N Neurology
NRN Neurology/Diagnostic Radiology/Neuroradiology
VN Vascular Neurology

OPHTHALMOLOGY (Surgical)

OPH Ophthalmology
OPR Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
PO Pediatric Ophthalmology

OTOLARYNGOLOGY (Surgical)

NO Neurotology (Otolaryngology)
OTO Otolaryngology
PDO Pediatric Otolaryngology
PSO Plastic Surgery within the Head & Neck (Otolaryngology)
SMO Sleep Medicine (Otolaryngology)

ALL OTHER (Surgical)

AS Abdominal Surgery
ASO Advanced Surgical Oncology
CCS Surgical Critical Care (Surgery)

ALL OTHER (Surgical) (cont.)

CFS Craniofacial Surgery
CHS Congenital Cardiac Surgery (Thoracic Surgery)
CRS Colon & Rectal Surgery
CS Cosmetic Surgery
DS Dermatologic Surgery
ES Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology (Neurological Surgery)
FPS Facial Plastic Surgery
HNS Head & Neck Surgery
HPS Hospice and Palliative Medicine (Surgery)
HS Hand Surgery
HSP Hand Surgery (Plastic Surgery)
HSS Hand Surgery (Surgery)
NS Neurological Surgery
NSP Pediatric Surgery (Neurology)
OMF Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
PCS Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery
PDS Pediatric Surgery (Surgery)
PRD Procedural Dermatology
PS Plastic Surgery
PSH Plastic Surgery within the Head & Neck
PSI Plastic Surgery-Integrated
PSP Plastic Surgery within the Head & Neck (Plastic Surgery)
SO Surgical Oncology
TRS Trauma Surgery
TS Thoracic Surgery
TSI Thoracic Surgery-Integrated
TTS Transplant Surgery
VS Vascular Surgery

ALL OTHER (Medical)

A Allergy
ADM Addiction Medicine
AHF Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
AI Allergy & Immunology
ALI Clinical Laboratory Immunology (Allergy & Immunology)
AM Aerospace Medicine
BIN Brain Injury Medicine (Psychiatry & Neurology)
BIP Brain Injury Medicine (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)
CBG Clinical Biochemical Genetics
CCG Clinical Cytogenetics
CCM Critical Care Medicine (Internal medicine)
CG Clinical Genetics
CHD Adult Congenital Heart Disease (Internal Medicine)
CLI Clinical Informatics (Internal Medicine)
CMG Clinical Molecular Genetics

ALL OTHER (Medical) (cont.)

DDL Clinical and Laboratory Dermatological Immunology
DIA Diabetes
EM Emergency Medicine
END Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
EP Epidemiology
ESM Sports Medicine (Emergency Medicine)
ETX Medical Toxicology (Emergency Medicine)
FPP Psychiatry/Family Practice
FSM Sports Medicine (Family Medicine)
GE Gastroenterology
GPM General Preventive Medicine
HEM Hematology (Internal medicine)
HEP Hepatology
HO Hematology/Oncology
HPE Hospice & Palliative Medicine (Emergency Medicine)
HPI Hospice & Palliative Medicine (Internal Medicine)
HPM Hospice & Palliative Medicine
HPN Hospice & Palliative Medicine (Psychiatry & Neurology)
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IC Interventional Cardiology
ICE Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
ID Infectious Diseases
IEC Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine/Critical Care Medicine
IG Immunology
ILI Clinical and Laboratory Immunology (Internal Medicine)
IMD Internal Medicine/Dermatology
IRI Interventional Radiology-Integrated
ISM Sports Medicine (Internal Medicine)
LM Legal Medicine
MDM Medical Management
MEM Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine
MG Medical Genetic**s**
MO Medical Oncology
MBG Medical Biochemical Genetics
MDG Internal Medicine/Medical Genetics
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MPM Internal Medicine/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
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C. AMA SPECIALTIES REGROUPED INTO PRIMARY CARE, SURGICAL, AND MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

Below is a list of the AMA physician specialties used to develop the 14 physician specialty sampling groups, regrouped into primary care, surgical, and medical specialties for analytic purposes (see SPECCAT variable on file layout).

PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTIES

ADL Adolescent Medicine (Pediatrics)
AMF Adolescent Medicine (Family Medicine)
AMI Adolescent Medicine (Internal Medicine)
EFM Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine
FMP Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine
FP Family Practice
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HSO Hand Surgery (Orthopedics)

SURGICAL SPECIALTIES (cont.)

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HSS Hand Surgery (Surgery)
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III. MARGINAL DATA

A. PATIENT VISITS

CATEGORY	RECORDS	WEIGHTED VISITS	PERCENT
Patient age recode			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
Under 15 years	1,047	109,929,680	12.777
15-24 years	647	58,754,389	6.829
25-44 years	1,704	158,769,999	18.453
45-64 years	2,817	251,487,799	29.230
65-74 years	1,975	147,016,904	17.087
75 years and over	1,763	134,426,867	15.624
Patient sex			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
Female	5,613	507,122,349	58.941
Male	4,340	353,263,290	41.059
Patient ethnicity - imputed			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
1 - Hispanic or Latino	1,315	127,971,971	14.874
2 - Not Hispanic or Latino	8,638	732,413,668	85.126
Patient race – imputed			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
White	8,590	722,966,214	84.028
Black	743	72,623,324	8.441
Other	620	64,796,101	7.531

Type of payment (recoded from multiple sources using hierarchy)			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
All sources of payment are blank	252	26,383,629	3.066
Unknown	350	26,857,104	3.122
Private insurance	4,581	403,723,785	46.924
Medicare	3,117	238,047,073	27.667
Medicaid, CHIP or other state-based program	1,018	98,375,227	11.434
Worker's compensation	36	2,669,023	0.310
Self-pay	425	50,662,470	5.888
No charge/Charity	36	3,729,021	0.433
Other	138	9,938,306	1.155

Has this patient been seen in your practice before?			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
Yes, established patient	8,004	727,941,553	84.606
No, new patient	1,949	132,444,085	15.394

Major reason for this visit			
Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
Blank	181	20,588,978	2.393
New problem (less than 3 mos. onset)	2,611	226,793,192	26.359
Chronic problem, routine	3,415	287,426,322	33.407
Chronic problem, flare-up	883	55,737,102	6.478
Pre-surgery	237	20,172,319	2.345
Post-surgery	779	53,119,512	6.174
Preventive care	1,847	196,548,216	22.844

Number of medications coded

Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
0	3,192	269,530,781	31.327
1	1,887	165,097,506	19.189
2	1,116	93,467,431	10.863
3	838	73,472,261	8.539
4	572	51,735,049	6.013
5	474	42,012,336	4.883
6	343	29,238,861	3.398
7	266	24,602,155	2.859
8	270	24,990,564	2.905
9	219	18,502,681	2.151
10	136	10,493,404	1.220
11	122	8,694,704	1.011
12	106	10,172,512	1.182
13	84	7,970,051	0.926
14	77	7,387,635	0.859
15	56	5,400,490	0.628
16	49	3,464,906	0.403
17	27	2,839,072	0.330
18	15	1,086,942	0.126
19	17	1,262,514	0.147
20	20	1,485,697	0.173
21	10	1,055,823	0.123
22	11	834,316	0.097
23	8	702,153	0.082
24	9	1,163,524	0.135
25	4	123,070	0.014
26	8	1,130,033	0.131
27	7	1,523,656	0.177
28	4	462,016	0.054
30	6	483,496	0.056

Type of specialty

Total	9,953	860,385,639	100.000
Primary care	3,090	440,154,546	51.158
Surgical care	3,987	203,968,940	23.707
Medical care	2,876	216,262,152	25.135

B. DRUG MENTIONS

CATEGORY	RECORDS	WEIGHTED MENTIONS	PERCENT
Patient age recode			
Total	30,203	2,676,847,068	100.000
Under 15 years	1,418	155,384,045	5.805
15-24 years	1,039	89,035,374	3.326
25-44 years	3,291	299,114,343	11.174
45-64 years	8,758	858,310,204	32.064
65-74 years	7,782	610,087,441	22.791
75 years and over	7,915	664,915,661	24.840
Patient sex			
Total	30,203	2,676,847,068	100.000
Female	17,129	1,569,031,705	58.615
Male	13,074	1,107,815,363	41.385
Type of specialty			
Total	30,203	2,676,847,068	100.000
Primary care	8,758	1,371,089,331	51.220
Surgical care	11,973	563,484,002	21.050
Medical care	9,472	742,273,735	27.729

NOTE: Drug mentions reflect all drugs (up to 30) reported per visit. “RECORDS” refers to the unweighted count of drug mentions on the file.

CATEGORY	RECORDS	WEIGHTED CATEGORY	PERCENT
Drug therapeutic categories (using level 1 codes)			
Total	32,710	2,900,965,758	100.000
Anti-infectives	1,651	139,173,683	4.797
Antineoplastics	264	20,078,877	0.692
Biologicals	9	1,081,009	0.037
Cardiovascular agents	4,742	424,606,844	14.637
Central nervous system agents	5,567	538,764,305	18.572
Coagulation modifiers	1,421	125,408,971	4.323
Gastrointestinal agents	1,658	159,545,688	5.500
Hormones/hormone modifiers	1,686	140,332,725	4.837
Miscellaneous agents	1,021	87,662,138	3.022
Genitourinary tract agents	279	18,288,188	0.630
Nutritional products	2,912	254,103,019	8.759
Respiratory agents	2,020	210,057,552	7.241
Topical agents	3,628	215,077,155	7.414
Plasma expanders	3	94,990	0.003
Alternative medicines	748	55,980,886	1.930
Psychotherapeutic agents	1,603	142,759,353	4.921
Immunological agents	706	88,316,635	3.044
Radiologic agents	1	23,538	0.001
Metabolic agents	2,712	274,141,319	9.450
Medical gases	22	3,647,606	0.126
Pharmaceutical aids	57	1,821,279	0.063

Therapeutic categories are based on Lexicon Plus®, a proprietary database of Cerner Multum, Inc. The Lexicon Plus is a comprehensive database of all prescription and some nonprescription drug products available in the U.S. drug market. For additional information on the Multum Lexicon Drug Database, please refer to the following Web site: https://www.cerner.com/cerner_multum/. In this table, total of therapeutic categories exceeds total number of drug mentions because up to 4 therapeutic categories can be assigned per drug. For more information on coding therapeutic categories in NAMCS, see page 23.

C. PHYSICIAN ESTIMATES

CATEGORY	RECORDS	WEIGHTED PHYSICIANS	PERCENT
Type of specialty			
Total	496	309,373	100.000
Primary care specialty	144	138,583	44.795
Surgical care specialty	195	70,198	22.690
Medical care specialty	157	100,592	32.515
Type of practice			
Total	496	309,373	100.000
Solo	178	104,624	33.818
Non-solo	318	204,749	66.182

APPENDIX I

A. STANDARD ERRORS AND VARIANCE ESTIMATION

The standard error is primarily a measure of the sampling variability that occurs by chance because only a sample is surveyed, rather than the entire universe. The relative standard error (RSE) of an estimate is obtained by dividing the standard error of the estimate by the estimate itself and is expressed as a percentage of the estimate.

In the past, NAMCS micro-data file documentation contained formulas for approximating relative standard errors based on generalized variance curves as well as tables showing lowest reliable estimates based on curve coefficients. This was provided as an alternative for data users who lacked analytic software to produce standard errors and other measures of sampling variability. However, it has long been recognized that such approximations are less accurate than those produced using a statistical software package that takes into account the complex sample designs of surveys. As more data users have obtained access to sophisticated computer software over time, and as recent efforts by NCHS research staff to refine the generalized variance curves did not yield significant improvements, the decision was made starting with 2011 NAMCS data to discontinue the provision of these approximate methods of variance estimation.

Using computer software like SUDAAN to produce standard errors will, in general, yield results that are more accurate than those produced using generalized variance curves. This is especially true for clustered variables like race, provider seen, or expected source of payment. However, standard errors produced with such software using masked design variables, while improving substantially over generalized variance curve results, will not always be as accurate as those produced using unmasked data. Data files containing unmasked variables are confidential and are only available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Starting with the 2012 NAMCS, a new sampling methodology was employed that used a list sample rather than a clustered sample. The design variables reflect the new sampling methodology. Examples of SUDAAN, SAS, Stata, and SPSS statements which incorporate these new design variables for variance estimation purposes are presented below.

The following example is for use with the 2018 NAMCS public use file. It can also be used to approximate variances for visit estimates when 2018 NAMCS data are combined with data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, which still uses the pre-2012 NAMCS clustered PSU sample design, or with previous years of NAMCS data.

SUDAAN 1-stage WR (With-Replacement) Option

This code provides a with-replacement ultimate cluster (1-stage) estimate of standard errors for a cross-tabulation with a dataset called TEST.

```
PROC CROSSTAB DATA = TEST DESIGN=WR;
NEST CSTRATM CPSUM /MISSUNIT;
```

It is important to keep the following in mind when trying to combine or analyze data across years:

NAMCS public use files from 2003-2018 only include first-stage design variables in their masked form, CSTRATM and CPSUM, for use in WR design options. From 1993-2002, a full set of masked design variables was provided. The decision to switch to ultimate cluster variables was initially made because many popular software products could not make use of the full set of design variables. Instructions are provided for public use file data users on the survey website regarding how to create CSTRATM and

CPSUM for data years prior to 2002, in order to have a consistent set of design variables for analysis. See the technical paper, *Using Ultimate Cluster Models with NAMCS and NHAMCS Public Use Files*, for more information: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/ultimatecluster.pdf.

If software other than SUDAAN is used to approximate estimate variances, other statements will be required by that software. The variance variables required by that software are the same as those defined above for SUDAAN software.

SAS - PROC SURVEYMEANS

```
PROC SURVEYMEANS DATA=TEST;
CLUSTER CPSUM;
STRATA CSTRATM;
```

Stata - For use with ultimate cluster design option:

The pweight (PATWT), strata (CSTRATM), and PSU (CPSUM) are set with the svyset command as follows:

Stata 8:
```
svyset [pweight=patwt], psu(cpsum) strata(cstratm)
```

Stata 9 and later:
```
svyset cpsum [pweight=patwt], strata(cstratm)
```

SPSS

To obtain variance estimates which take the sample design into account, IBM SPSS Inc.'s Complex Samples module can be used. This description applies to version 24.0. From the main menu, first click on 'Analyze', then 'Complex Samples', then 'Prepare for Analysis'. The 'Analysis Preparation Wizard' can be used to set CSTRATM as the stratum variable, CPSUM as the cluster variable, and PATWT as the weighting variable. The WR design option may be chosen. This will create the PLAN FILE syntax, which should resemble the code below, where PLAN FILE reflects the location you have selected to store the file on your computer:

```
CSPLAN ANALYSIS
  /PLAN FILE='DIRECTORY\PLANNAME.CSAPLAN'
  /PLAN VARS ANALYSISWEIGHT=PATWT
  /PRINT PLAN
  /DESIGN STAGELABEL= 'ANY LABEL'  STRATA=CSTRATM  CLUSTER=CPSUM
  /ESTIMATOR TYPE=WR.
```

After creating the plan file, various analyses can be selected from the 'Complex Samples' menu. This is an example of a crosstabulation with options selected for counts, percents, and standard errors, with missing data (if any) included:

```
CSTABULATE
  /PLAN FILE='DIRECTORY\PLANNAME.CSAPLAN'
  /TABLES VARIABLES = AGER BY SEX
  /CELLS POPSIZE ROWPCT COLPCT
```

```
/STATISTICS SE COUNT
/MISSING SCOPE = TABLE CLASSMISSING = INCLUDE.
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Results using IBM SPSS with the WR option were found to be the same as those obtained using SUDAAN Release 11.0.1 with the WR option.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PHYSICIAN-LEVEL ESTIMATES:

The examples above can be used when producing visit or drug estimates. For physician-level estimates, the statements are the same, but replace PATWT with PHYSWT.

The PHYSWT variable itself should only be used to make estimates at the physician level. For this reason, it is only placed on the first record for each physician on the public use file. When running purely physician-level analysis, it is recommended that only records with PHYSWT > 0 be selected; this will give the correct sample counts and will not affect estimation of variance. Weighted estimates will be correct either way. For RDC researchers, please be sure to specify if PHYSWT is required and how it will be used, so that files can be constructed properly.

In addition to generating estimates for physician characteristics at the physician level, the addition of PHYSWT also means that one can link visit data with physician data. For example, one could examine average time spent with physicians across physicians rather than simply across visits. This type of analysis is slightly complicated; a description along with sample SAS code is available at the Ambulatory Health Care Data website. For more information, contact the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch using the information on page 2.

B. 2018 NAMCS ELECTRONIC PATIENT RECORD FORM - INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

NOTE: In years prior to 2012, NAMCS data collection agents were provided with a manual containing the PRF Instructions. This was used to train physicians and/or medical staff in completing the questionnaires and in familiarizing the data collection agents with the survey instructions in cases where they abstracted the data directly from medical records. Starting in 2012 when a computer-assisted mode of data collection was used for the first time, data collection agents abstracted data from medical records for nearly all sampled visits and recorded them using an automated tool. This tool contained online help screens which could be accessed during data collection for most data items, replacing the paper manuals. What is shown below is a compilation of the various help screen texts taken from the automated instrument.

PATIENT INFORMATION

Ethnicity

Ethnicity refers to a person's national or cultural group.

There are two categories for ethnicity, "Hispanic or Latino" and "Not Hispanic or Latino".

Enter the appropriate category according to the information in the medical record.
Do not determine the patient’s ethnicity from his/her last name.

Ethnicity	**Definition**
1 - Hispanic or Latino	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
2 - Not Hispanic or Latino	All other persons.

Race

Enter all appropriate categories based on the information in medical record.

If the patient's race is not known or not obvious, enter the categories which in your judgment is (are) most appropriate. Do not determine the patient's race from their last name.

Race	**Definition**
1 - White	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
2 – Black or African American	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
3 – Asian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
4 – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
5 – American Indian or Alaska Native	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Expected Source(s) of Payment For This Visit

Type of payment	**Definitions**
1-Private insurance	Charges paid in-full by a private insurer (e.g., Blue Cross/Blue Shield) or in-part (e.g., deductibles or copays from another plan) either directly to the (hospital/provider) or reimbursed to the patient. Include charges covered under a private insurance sponsored prepaid plan. Excludes Medicare Advantage Plans.
2-Medicare	Charges paid in-full by a Medicare plan or in-part (e.g., deductibles or copays from another plan) either directly to the (hospital/provider) or reimbursed to the patient. Include charges covered under a Medicare sponsored prepaid plan. Includes Medicare Advantage Plan which is a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide all Part A and Part B benefits. Medicare Advantage Plans include Health Maintenance Organizations, Preferred Provider Organizations, Private Fee-for-Service Plans, Special Needs Plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account Plans.
3-Medicaid or CHIP or other state-based program	Charges paid in-full by a Medicaid plan or in-part (e.g., deductibles or copays from another plan) either directly to the (hospital/provider) or reimbursed to the patient. Include charges covered under a Medicaid sponsored prepaid plan (HMO),

	"managed Medicaid" or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). PROGRAM NAMES FOR MEDICAID, CHIP, STATE-/LOCAL-SPONSORED, AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS. Please find the state where the facility is located in the FR Manual. Note: Medicaid programs are often called "Medicaid," "Medical Assistance Program," or "Title 19." Children's Health Insurance Programs are often called "CHIP," "SCHIP," or "Title XXI Program." Many states have unique names for their health insurance programs. Those program names are listed by state.
4-Workers' compensation	Includes programs designed to enable employees injured on the job to receive financial compensation regardless of fault.
5-Self-pay	Charges, to be paid by the patient or patient's family which will not be reimbursed by a third party. "Self- pay" includes visits for which the patient is expected to be ultimately responsible for most of the bill, even though the patient never actually pays it. DO NOT enter "Self-pay" for a copayment or deductible.
6-No charge/Charity	Visits for which no fee is charged (e.g., charity, special research, or teaching). Do not include visits paid for as part of a total package (e.g., prepaid plan visits, post- operative visits included in a surgical fee, and pregnancy visits included in a flat fee charged for the entire pregnancy). Enter the payment category or categories that indicate how the services were originally paid.
7-Other	Other sources of payment not covered by the above categories, such as TRICARE, state and local governments, private charitable organizations, and other liability insurance (e.g., automobile collision policy coverage).
8-Unknown	The expected source of payment is unknown.

Tobacco Use

Response	Description
1. Not current	Select if there is NO evidence in the chart that the patient is currently using tobacco*.
2. Current	Select if there is evidence in the chart that the patient is currently using tobacco*.
3. Unknown	Select if it is unclear whether or not the patient is currently using tobacco*.

***** Tobacco use is defined as smoking cigarettes/cigars, using snuff, or chewing tobacco.

Prior Tobacco Use

Response	Description
1. Never	Select if there is NO evidence in the chart that the patient has ever used tobacco* at some point during his/her lifetime.
2. Former	Select if there is evidence in the chart that the patient has used tobacco* at some point during his/her lifetime.
3. Unknown	Select if it is unclear whether or not the patient is a never or former tobacco* user.

***** Tobacco use is defined as smoking cigarettes/cigars, using snuff, or chewing tobacco.

BIOMETRICS/VITAL SIGNS

Enter the patient's height if measured at this visit in the appropriate field, i.e.,-(ft and/or/in or cm).
If it was not measured at this visit and the patient is 21 years of age or over, then review the chart (up to 1 year) for the last time that height was recorded and enter that value.

Enter the patient's weight if measured at this visit in the appropriate field (lb oz or kg or gm [grams]). Only collect weight at current visit and not during pregnancy.

Enter the patient's initial temperature if measured at this visit.
Enter the appropriate type of measurement (degrees C or F).

Palpation (P or PALP) and Doppler (DOPP or DOPPLER) blood pressure techniques can only detect systolic blood pressures. Therefore diastolic blood pressures are recorded as P, PALP, DOPP, or DOPPLER instead of numeric values.

INJURY

Response	Description
1. Yes, injury/trauma	Select this if the visit involves an injury/trauma, i.e., physical damage to the body typically from the application of an external force. Types of physical injuries include: Bruises, cuts, lacerations, open wounds, amputations, sprains, strains, fractures (broken bones), dislocations, damage to internal organs, traumatic brain injury (TBI), concussion, damage to nerves or spinal cord, burns, hypothermia, near drowning, suffocation, foreign bodies, insect/animal bites, etc. Types of events that can result in injury include: motor vehicle crashes, transportation events, falls, striking against or being struck by a person or object as in sports, burns, drowning, suffocation, cuts and stabbings, overexertion, foreign bodies, being crushed by machinery, beaten with fists or objects, gunshot/pellet gun wounds, etc. Includes Visits involving: • New injuries. • Follow-up for previously treated injuries. • Flare-ups of problems due to old injuries. Excludes Visits involving: • Injuries caused by medical/surgical treatment or ingestion of a harmful substance. • Bodily harm from other external causes, such as infectious diseases, and internal causes, such as chronic diseases. • Psychological trauma, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder • Suicidal ideation with no physical injury • Complaint of pain without evidence of physical injury or an injury mechanism
2. Yes, overdose/ poisoning	Select this if the visit involves a poisoning, i.e., ingestion, inhalation, absorption through the skin or mucous membranes, or injection of a substance resulting in a harmful effect. Poisoning can result from both overdose from medications/drugs as well as exposure to toxic substances. Includes Visits involving ingestion/exposure to: • Overdose or misuse of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and illicit/street drugs

	• Household cleaners, bleach, soaps, detergents, solvents • Pesticides • Carbon monoxide • Alcohol containing products (ethanol, ethyl alcohol, methanol) except situations described in the "excludes" category • Nonpharmaceutical inhalants • Alcohol-based topical agent used for medicinal purposes. • Poisonous mushrooms, berries Excludes Visits involving: • Harmful effects from bacterial illnesses (such as "food poisoning") • Drunkenness • Alcohol withdrawal • Drug withdrawal • Drug dependency • Medical conditions such as liver failure, pancreatitis, or renal failure resulting from past drug or alcohol abuse • Referrals for detox or medical clearance • Allergic reaction to a drug • Dermatitis from contact with poison ivy, poison oak, etc.
3. Yes, adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment or adverse effect of medicinal drug	Select this if the visit involves an adverse effect of medical treatment, i.e., a reaction to the patient's own prescription or over-the-counter medication or dietary supplement taken according to directions, the label, or as prescribed. Unintended and undesired effects include: adverse drug reactions, allergic drug reactions, side effects, drug-drug interactions, drug-alcohol interactions. Also select this if visit involves an adverse effect of surgical treatment, i.e., bodily harm directly caused by surgical care or the placement of a medical product/device in a patient. Examples include pneumothorax from central venous catheter placement, postoperative wound infection, a foreign object left in the body after a procedure, etc. Includes • An adverse effect that occurred after use of one's own prescribed or over-the-counter medication/ supplement taken as prescribed or directed. • Surgical care provided in error or according to standards of practice, but resulting in bodily harm to the patient. • Presenting complaints/diagnoses may include keywords such as: "adverse," "allergic," "side effects," "caused by or induced by," "reaction to" or "secondary to." Excludes Visits involving: • Illegal drugs.

	• Patients EXCEEDING the prescribed or recommended dose of prescription drugs, OTC medications, or dietary supplements. • Patients who took LESS than the prescribed or recommended dose. • Patients who took prescribed medication belonging to someone else. • Patients with an allergic reaction to a food or insect bite.
4. No	Select this if visit is not related to an injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment.
5. Unknown	Select if it is unclear from the documentation whether or not this visit is related to an injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment or adverse effect of medicinal drug.
Injury within 72 hours	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Select this response if the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning occurred within 72 hours prior to this visit. Use either of these methods to verify timing: • If the date/time of the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is documented in the medical record, then use that information to calculate if the event occurred within 72 hours. • If the date/time of the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is not specifically provided, look for other text that might describe if the event occurred within 72 hours (e.g., “this morning,” “last night”, “two days ago”).
2-No	Select this response if the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning occurred more than 72 hours prior to this visit. Use any of the following methods to verify timing: • If the date/time of the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is documented in the medical record, then use that information to calculate if the event occurred more than 72 hours. • If the date/time of the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is not specifically provided, look for other text that might describe if the event occurred more than 72 hours (e.g., “two weeks ago,” “since childhood”, “a long time ago”). • If it’s clear that the visit is for flare-up or problems due to an old injury, select “No”. • If the date and time of the injury/trauma or

	overdose/poisoning is not provided and it is documented in the medical record that this is a follow-up visit (e.g., for suture removal, for removal of a cast, for follow-up), then select “No”.
3-Unknown	Select this response if there is no date/time or text that indicates when the injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning might have occurred.

Intentional injury	**Definitions**
1-Suicide attempt with intent to die	The injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is the result of a self-directed act carried out on purpose in which there is intent to harm oneself to the point of death. Both fatal and non-fatal outcomes from suicide attempts are included in this category.
2-Intentional self-harm without intent to die	The injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is the result of self-directed behavior in which there is **intent to harm oneself, but no documented intent to kill oneself**. Include instances where the medical record • Clearly states that the patient intended to harm him/herself; **AND** • Clearly states that the patient did not intend to kill him/herself. Both fatal and non-fatal outcomes from intentional self-harm are included in this category.
3-Unclear if suicide attempt or intentional self-harm without intent to die	It is unclear whether the self-directed injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning is a suicide attempt or intentional self-harm without intent to die.
4-Intentional harm inflicted by another person (e.g., assault, poisoning)	The injury/trauma or overdose/poisoning resulted from an act carried out on purpose by one or more persons with the intent of causing harm, injury, or death to another person. This category includes harm to both intended as well as unintended victims of violent acts (e.g., innocent bystanders). This category excludes unintentional shooting victims (other than those occurring during an act of violence), unintentional drug overdoses, and children or teenagers "horsing" around.
5-Intent unclear	The medical record clearly states that there is difficulty in determining whether the event was intentional or accidental. Examples include drug poisoning events where it is unclear whether the overdose was accidental or a suicide attempt, or injuries to children or adults where it is unclear whether the injury was accidental or due to child abuse or domestic violence or elder abuse. Select this response only if there are statements in the medical record that question whether the event was intentional or accidental.

Cause of injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment

Provide a brief description of **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, and **why** associated with the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment including adverse effects of a medicinal drug (e.g., allergy to penicillin).

For reasons of confidentiality, do not include proper names or dates in the description.

Indicate the place of the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment (e.g., residence, recreation or sports area, street or highway, school, hospital, public building, or industrial place). Include any post-surgical complications and if it involved an implant, specify what kind. If safety precautions were taken, describe them (e.g., seat belt use).

Be sure to include the mechanism that caused the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment (e.g., farm equipment, fire, arsenic, knife, pellet gun). If it was a work-related injury or poisoning, specify the industry of the patient's employment (e.g., food service, agricultural, mining, health services, etc.).

Describe in detail the circumstances that caused the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment (e.g., fell off monkey bars, motor vehicle collision with another car, spouse beaten with fists by spouse). Include information on the role of the patient associated with the injury (e.g., bicyclist, pedestrian, unrestrained driver or passenger in a motor vehicle, horseback rider), the specific place of occurrence (e.g., lake, school football field), and the activity in which the patient was engaged at the time of the injury (e.g., swimming, boating, playing football).

Also include what happened to the patient and identify the mechanism that was immediately responsible for the injury/trauma, overdose/poisoning, or adverse effect of medical/surgical treatment. In addition, record the underlying or precipitating cause (i.e., the event or external cause of injury that initiated and led to the mechanism of injury). An example is a house fire that caused a person to jump out of the window. Both the precipitating or underlying cause (house fire) and the mechanism (fall from roof) would be important to record.

It is especially important to record as much detail about falls and motor vehicle crashes as possible.

For falls, indicate what the fall was from (e.g., steps) and where the patient landed (e.g., pavement).

For motor vehicle crash, indicate if it occurred on a street or highway versus a driveway or parking lot.

The National Center for Health Statistics will use the information collected to classify the cause of the injury using the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).

REASON FOR VISIT

List the first 5 reasons for visit (i.e., complaint(s), symptom(s), problem(s), concern(s) of the patient) in the order in which they appear. Start with the Chief Complaint which should be entered in (1). Move on to the Patient History section of the chart and enter up to four additional reasons for the visit in (2), (3), (4) and (5). It is not necessary to record more than five. Enter 0 for None/No more.

By "most important" we mean the problem or symptom which in the physician's judgment was most responsible for the patient making this visit.

This is one of the most important items on the Patient Record form. No similar data on ambulatory visits are available in any other survey and there is great interest in the findings. Please be mindful of the following points:

- In this item, NCHS is interested in how the patient defines the reason for the visit (e.g., "cramps after eating," or "fell and twisted my ankle") or the Chief Complaint. However, when taking the Patient History, the provider may probe and elicit other complaints or reasons for the visit. These should be entered in lines (2)-(5).

- Conceivably, the patient may be undergoing a course of treatment for a serious illness, but if his/her most important reason for this visit is a sore throat or a cut finger, then that is the reason that should be entered.

- There will be visits by patients for reasons other than some complaint or symptom. Examples might be well baby check-up or routine prenatal care. In such cases, simply record the reason for the visit.

Reminder: If the reason for a patient's visit is to pay a bill, have an insurance form completed, or drop off a specimen, then this patient's visit is not eligible for the sample and a Patient Record form should not be completed.

Major reason for this visit

Problem	Definitions
1-New problem (< 3 mos onset)	A visit for a condition, illness, or injury having a relatively sudden or recent onset (within 3 months of this visit).
2-Chronic problem, routine	A visit primarily to receive care or examination for a preexisting chronic condition, illness, or injury (onset of condition was 3 months or more before this visit).
3-Chronic problem, flare- up	A visit primarily due to a sudden exacerbation of a pre-existing chronic condition.
4-Pre-surgery	A visit scheduled primarily for care required prior to surgery/procedure (e.g., pre-surgery tests).
5-Post-surgery	A visit scheduled primarily for care required following surgery/procedure (e.g., removing sutures).
6-Preventive care (e.g., routine, prenatal well-baby screening, insurance, general exams)	General medical examinations and routine periodic examinations. Includes prenatal care, annual physicals, well-child exams, screening, and insurance examinations.

CONTINUITY OF CARE

Are you the patient's primary care provider?

The primary care provider plans and provides the comprehensive primary health care of the patient. Enter "Yes" if the health care provided to the patient during this visit was from his/her primary care provider. If the provider seen at this visit was substituting for the primary care provider, also enter "Yes." Enter "No" if care was not from the primary care provider or "Unknown" if it is not known.

Was patient referred for this visit?

If "No" or "Unknown" is checked, also indicate whether the patient was referred for this visit by another health care provider. This item provides an idea of the "flow" of ambulatory patients from one provider to

another. Enter “Yes”, “No” or “Unknown” category, as appropriate. Notice that this item concerns referrals to the sample physician by a different physician. The interest is in referrals for this visit and not in referrals for any prior visit.

Referrals are any visits that are made because of the advice or direction of a physician other than the physician being visited.

Has the patient been seen in this practice before?

"Seen" means "provided care for" at any time in the past. Enter "Yes, established patient" if the patient was seen before by any provider in the clinic. Exclude this visit.

Enter "No, new patient" if the patient has not been seen in the clinic before. If "Yes" is checked, also indicate approximately how many past visits the patient has made to this clinic within the last 12 months. Do not include the current visit in your total. If you cannot determine how many past visits were made, then enter "unknown". Include all visits to other providers in this clinic.

How many past visits to this practice in the last 12 months?

Indicate approximately how many past visits the patient has made to this office within the last 12 months. Include all visits to other providers in this office.

Do not include the current visit in the total.

If you cannot determine how many past visits were made, enter CTRL-D.

DIAGNOSIS

(1)Primary diagnosis
(2)Other
(3)Other
(4)Other
(5)Other

This is one of the most important items on the Patient Record form. The primary diagnosis-refers to the provider’s primary diagnosis for this visit. If possible, enter a final or provisional diagnosis, otherwise, use “problem” terms. Do not enter “rule out” diagnosis. If the patient was not seen by a physician, then the diagnosis by the main health care provider should be recorded.

If a patient appears for postoperative care (follow-up visit after surgery), record the postoperative diagnosis as well as any other. The postoperative diagnosis should be indicated with the letters "P.O." Do not enter the operative procedure.

(2), (3), (4), (5), Other:

Enter up to four diagnoses which existed at the time of the visit if they are of DIRECT CONCERN to the visit. Include chronic disease.

Regardless of the diagnoses previously entered, does the patient now have:

Condition	Description
1. Alcohol misuse, abuse or dependence	Select box if 1) any of these terms are used; or 2) if terms such as alcoholism, excessive alcohol use, heavy, problem drinking, binge, or chronic drinking/drinker are stated. 'Alcohol' may be abbreviated as 'EtOH.'
2. Alzheimer's disease/Dementia	Dementia is a loss of brain function that occurs with certain diseases. It affects memory, thinking, language, judgment, and behavior.
3. Arthritis	Arthritis includes those types of rheumatic diseases in which there is an inflammation involving joints, (e.g., osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, acute arthritis, juvenile chronic arthritis, hypertrophic arthritis, Lyme arthritis, and psoriatic arthritis).
4. Asthma	Asthma is a common chronic inflammatory disease of the airways characterized by variable and recurring symptoms, reversible airflow, obstruction, and bronchospasm. It includes extrinsic, intrinsic, and chronic obstructive asthma.
5. Autism spectrum disorder	Autism spectrum disorder includes autism, autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, or the catch-all diagnosis of pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.
6. Attention deficit disorder (ADD)/ Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	Attention deficit disorder (ADD) or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common childhood disorders and can continue through adolescence and adulthood. Symptoms include difficulty staying focused and paying attention, difficulty controlling behavior, and hyperactivity (over-activity).
7. Cancer	Cancer includes any type of cancer (ca), such as carcinoma, sarcoma, leukemia, and lymphoma. Do not include a history of cancer that is in remission or has been cured.
8. Cerebrovascular disease/History of stroke (CVA) or transient ischemic attack (TIA)	Cerebrovascular disease/History of stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) is a group of brain dysfunctions related to disease of the blood vessels supplying the brain. Hypertension is the most important cause. The results of cerebrovascular disease can include a stroke, or occasionally a hemorrhagic stroke. A transient ischemic attack is a brief episode in which the brain gets an insufficient blood supply. Include a history of stroke or TIA.
9. Chronic kidney disease (CKD)	Chronic kidney disease (CKD) includes conditions that damage the kidneys and decrease their ability to remove wastes that can build to high levels in the blood. Chronic kidney disease may be caused by diabetes, high blood pressure and other disorders.
10. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, but excludes asthma.

11. Congestive heart failure (CHF)	Congestive heart failure (CHF) is generally defined as the inability of the heart to supply sufficient blood flow to meet the needs of the body. Does not include aystole or cardiac arrest.
12. Coronary artery disease (CAD), ischemic heart disease (IHD) or history of myocardial infarction (MI)	Coronary artery disease (CAD), also known as ischemic heart disease (IHD), occurs when the arteries that supply blood to heart muscle become hardened and narrowed. This is due to the buildup of cholesterol and other material, called plaque, on their inner walls. This buildup is also referred to as atherosclerosis. Only include ”history of myocardial infarction” if the patient had a heart attack or myocardial infarction (MI) prior to the sampled visit. A heart attack or MI occurs when the blood vessels that supply blood to the heart are blocked, preventing enough oxygen from getting to the heart. The heart muscle dies or becomes permanently damaged. Also known as acute myocardial infarction (AMI).
13. Depression	Depression includes affective disorders and major depressive disorders, such as episodes of depressive reaction, psychogenic depression, and reactive depression.
14. Diabetes mellitus (DM), Type 1	Type 1 diabetes mellitus is also known as insulin-dependent or IDDM. Excludes diabetes insipidus and gestational diabetes.
15. Diabetes mellitus (DM), Type 2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus is also known as non-insulin dependent or NIDDM. Excludes diabetes insipidus and gestational diabetes.
16. Diabetes mellitus (DM), Type unspecified	Excludes diabetes insipidus and gestational diabetes.
17. End-stage renal disease (ESRD)	Includes end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and chronic kidney failure due to diabetes or hypertension. May be abbreviated as “ESRD.”
18. Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B is a viral disease that leads to swelling (inflammation) of the liver due to infection with the hepatitis B virus (HBV). The hepatitis B virus is transmitted through contact with the blood or body fluids (such as semen, vaginal fluids, and saliva) of a person who has the virus.
19. Hepatitis C	Hepatitis C is a viral disease that leads to swelling (inflammation) of the liver due to infection with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The hepatitis C virus is transmitted when the blood of someone who has the virus enters the body, for example, through a cut on the skin or contact with the eyes or mouth.
20. History of pulmonary embolism (PE) or deep vein thrombosis (DVT)	Only include if the patient had a pulmonary embolism (PE) or a diagnosis of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or venous thromboembolism (VTE) prior to the sampled visit. Pulmonary

	embolism (PE) is a blockage of the main artery of the lung or one of its branches by a substance that has travelled from elsewhere in the body through the bloodstream (embolism). Usually this is due to embolism of a thrombus (blood clot) from the deep veins in the legs, a process termed venous thromboembolism (VTE). Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) (also known as deep venous thrombosis) is the formation of a blood clot ("thrombus") in a deep vein. It is a form of thrombophlebitis (inflammation of a vein with clot formation). DVT commonly affects the leg veins (such as the femoral vein or the popliteal vein) or the deep veins of the pelvis.
21. HIV Infection/AIDS	HIV infection is a condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which gradually destroys the immune system and makes it harder for the body to fight infections. Asymptomatic (without symptoms) HIV infection is a phase of chronic infection with HIV during which there are no symptoms of HIV infection. AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is the final stage of HIV disease, which causes severe damage to the immune system.
22. Hyperlipidemia	Hyperlipidemia is the condition of abnormally elevated levels of any or all lipids and/or lipoproteins in the blood. Also known as hypercholesterolemia.
23. Hypertension	Hypertension or high blood pressure is a cardiac chronic medical condition in which the systemic arterial blood pressure is elevated. It is the opposite of hypotension. Hypertension is classified as either primary (essential) hypertension or secondary hypertension. “Primary hypertension” means high blood pressure with no obvious medical cause. “Secondary hypertension” is caused by other conditions that affect he kidneys, arteries, heart or endocrine system. Include both primary and secondary hypertension.
24. Obesity	Obesity is a term used to describe body weight that is much greater than what is healthy. Adults with a body mass index (BMI, calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2 are considered obese. Any patient who is more than 100 pounds overweight or who has a BMI greater than or equal to 40 kg/m2 is considered morbidly obese.
25. Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)	Select box if obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), sleep apnea, or complex/mixed sleep apnea is stated. Do not select if central sleep apnea (CSA) is stated.
26. Osteoporosis	Osteoporosis refers to the thinning of bone tissue and loss of bone density over time. This reduction in the amount of bone mass leads to fractures after minimal trauma.
27. Substance abuse or dependence	Select box if 1) any of these terms are used; 2) if terms implying a chronic condition such as addiction, addict, illicit drug use, or injection/intravenous drug use/user

	(IDU/IVDU/IVDA) are stated; 3) if terms implying an episode of abuse/misuse are stated, such as “drugged/stones/high”; or 4) if specific drug use is stated (e.g., cocaine use, opioid dependence), not including tobacco/nicotine or alcohol.
28. None of the above	Enter “None of the above” if none of the conditions are documented in the chart.

SERVICES

Enter all services that were ordered or provided during this visit for the purpose of screening (i.e., early detection of health problems in asymptomatic individuals) or diagnosis (i.e., identification of health problems causing individuals to be symptomatic).

EACH SERVICE ORDERED OR PROVIDED SHOULD BE ENTERED.

At visits for a complete physical exam, several tests may be ordered prior to the visit, so that the results can be reviewed during the visit. Since these services are related to the visit, appropriate items should be entered.

Enter “NO SERVICES” if no examinations/screenings, laboratory tests, imaging, treatments, health education/counseling, or other services not listed were ordered or provided.

Services	**Definitions**
1. NO SERVICES	Select box if no examinations/screenings, laboratory tests, imaging, procedures, treatments, health education/counseling or other services were ordered or provided at this visit.
Examinations/Screenings:	
2- Alcohol abuse screening (includes AUDIT, MAST, CAGE, T-ACE)	Select box if alcohol abuse screening was documented. Screening might also be documented by noting the names questionnaires such as: AUDIT, MAST, CAGE, and T-ACE. Select box if 1) any of these terms are used; or 2) if AUDIT-C or CAGE-AID is stated. CAGE-AID screens for alcohol and substance use. ‘Alcohol’ may be abbreviated as ‘EtOH.’
3-Breast	A clinical breast exam (CBE) is a physical examination of the breast.

4-Depression screening	Depression screening is the assessment of whether the patient has signs or symptoms of depression and may involve the administration of a standard questionnaire to assess whether a patient is experiencing symptoms of depression.
5-Domestic violence screening	Select box if intimate partner violence (IPV) is listed. IPV screening tools include: Hurt, Insult, Threaten, and Scream (HITS); Woman Abuse Screening Tool (WAST); Partner Violence Screen (PVS); and Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS).
6-Foot	A foot exam includes visual inspection, sensory exam, and pulse exam.
7-Neurologic	A neurologic exam involves an assessment of, movement and coordination, reflexes, vision, balance, and sensation, and cognitive ability. It typically involves a series of simple questions and physical assessments that provide information about the nervous system. It is divided into several components, each focusing on a different part of the nervous system: mental status; cranial nerves; motor system; sensory system; deep tendon reflexes (DTRs); coordination and the cerebellum; and gait.
8-Pelvic	A pelvic exam is an internal examination of the female reproductive organs.
9-Rectal	A digital (finger) rectal examination (DRE) is used to examine the anus and rectum. In men, it is also used to check the prostate gland. In women, it is also used to check the uterus and ovaries. It might be documented as rectal exam, DRE or RV (rectovaginal exam performed with a pelvic examination).
10-Retinal/Eye	A retinal exam includes any of the following: ophthalmoscopy, funduscopy, and dilated retinal exam (DRE). An eye exam includes any of the following: ophthalmoscopy, funduscopy, slit lamp exam, visual field (VF) exam, and visual acuity exam (vision test). Ophthalmoscopy (funduscopy or fundoscopy) is a test that allows a health professional to see inside the fundus of the eye (interior surface of the eye, opposite the lens, and includes the retina, optic disc, and macula) and other structures using an ophthalmoscope (or funduscope). It is done as part of an eye exam and may be done as part of a routine physical exam. A slit lamp exam uses an instrument that provides a magnified, three-dimensional (3-D) view of different parts of the eye.
11-Skin	A skin exam is a physical exam used to identify skin problems, such as skin cancer, including suspicious growths, moles or lesions.

12- Substance abuse screening (includes NIDA/NM ASSIST, CAGE-AID, DAST-10)	NIDA/NM ASSIST, CAGE-AID and DAST-10 are names of screening questionnaires. NM ASSIST and CAGE-AID screen for alcohol and substance use. Select box if screening ordered or performed 1) around substance use/abuse; illicit drug use, or injection/intravenous drug use (IDU/IVDU/IVDA); or 2) around use of a specific substance (e.g., cocaine use, opioid dependence), not including tobacco/nicotine or alcohol.
Laboratory tests:	
13-Basic metabolic panel (BMP)	A basic metabolic panel includes kidney tests (BUN/creatinine), electrolytes (sodium, potassium, bicarbonate, and chloride) and glucose. Examples of documentation of a basic metabolic panel (BMP) include SMA-7, Chem-1, and CPBASIC.
14-CBC	A complete blood count includes white blood cell count (WBC), red blood cell count (RBC), hemoglobin, hematocrit, platelet, mean corpuscular volume (MCV), mean corpuscular hemoglobin (MCH), and red cell distribution width (RDW). Might be abbreviated as ABC (automated blood count).
15-Chlamydia test	Chlamydia tests use a sample of body fluid or urine to see whether chlamydia bacteria (*Chlamydia trachomatis*) are present and causing an infection. Chlamydia tests may be abbreviated as CT.
16-Comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP)	Examples of documentation of a CMP include SMA-18 or 20, Chem-20, CPCOMP. A CMP includes the 7 basic metabolic panel (BMP) tests as well as albumin, alkaline phosphatase, ALT, AST, GGT, bilirubin, calcium, cholesterol and triglycerides, lactate dehydrogenase, phosphate, total serum protein, and uric acid.
17-Creatinine /Renal function panel	Select box if 1) any of these terms are used; or 2) if terms such as BUN-to-Creatinine ratio; BUN/Creatinine; or BUN/Cr are stated. Creatinine may be abbreviated as 'Cr.' Select box for blood (serum or plasma) Creatinine test. DO NOT select box for urine Creatinine; urine Albumin-to-Creatinine ratio; Creatinine Clearance; or Creatine Kinase.
18-Culture, blood	A blood culture determines if microorganisms, such as bacteria or fungi, are present in the blood. Often obtained in sets of 2 or 3 at the same time. Might be abbreviated as BC, blood Cx, or blood C&S (culture and sensitivity).
19-Culture, throat	A throat culture is a test to check for a bacterial or fungal infection in the throat. A sample swabbed from the throat is put in a special cup (culture) that allows infections to grow. Might be abbreviated as throat Cx or throat C&S (culture and sensitivity). Do not select box for rapid strep test.

20-Culture, urine	The urine culture test detects and identifies bacteria and yeast in the urine and is used to diagnose a urinary tract infection (UTI). A mid-stream clean catch urine sample is submitted to the lab; sometimes a urine sample is obtained via catheter. Might be abbreviated urine Cx or urine C&S (culture and sensitivity).
21-Culture, other	Might be abbreviated Cx or C&S-culture and sensitivity.
22-Glucose, serum	Select box for **blood** Glucose test. Do not select box for urine Glucose test. The serum glucose test measures the amount of glucose (sugar) in serum and plasma. A fasting blood glucose test may be abbreviated as FBG or FBS.
23- Gonorrhea test	Gonorrhea tests involve testing a sample of body fluid or urine to see if gonorrhea bacteria (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*) are. These tests are used to screen for or confirm a gonorrhea infection. Gonorrhea tests include the following: nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT); nucleic acid hybridization tests (DNA probe test); enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA, EIA); gram stain; and gonorrhea culture. Often abbreviated as GC.
24-HbA1c (Glycohemoglobin)	The HbA1c or glycohemoglobin/glycosylated hemoglobin test measures the percentage of hemoglobin that is bound with glucose molecules and is usually reported as a percent. It is different from the hemoglobin (Hgb) test that may be a part of the complete blood count (CBC) or performed as a single test which is generally reported in g/dL (grams per deciliter). HbA1c is directly tied to the concentration of glucose in the blood. This test provides an assessment of average blood sugar control in patients with diabetes during the 60-90 days prior to the test. It is also commonly known as the hemoglobin A1C measurement. The laboratory abbreviation is HbA1c and it is also known as A1C. Note that HbA1c is expressed as a percent and hemoglobin is measured in grams per deciliter.
25- Hepatitis panel	This panel tests for infection by one of the hepatitis viruses. Select box if Hep A, HAV, Hep B, HBV, HBsAg, Hep C or HCV are listed.
26-HIV test	Also known as AIDS test, AIDS screen, and HIV serology. Antibodies to the HIV virus are often detected by an HIV screening test called an ELISA. The ELISA test is repeated if positive. The ELISA method is very sensitive but requires another test, a Western Blot, to confirm the results.
27-HPV DNA test	The HPV DNA test detects the presence of high risk human papillomaviruses that are associated with cancer and is performed by collecting cells from mucosal tissue such as the cervix in women. Might be abbreviated as HPV or HRHPV and might have a positive or negative sign after the abbreviation.

28-Lipid profile	A lipid profile includes any of the following tests: cholesterol, LDL, HDL, cholesterol/HDL ratio, triglycerides, coronary risk profile, and lipid profile.
29- Liver enzymes/Hepatic function panel	Select box if liver function tests, LFTs, AST, ALT, aspartate aminotransferase or alanine aminotransferase are listed.
30-PAP test	A PAP test (also called a PAP smear, cervical smear, cervical cytology) is a screening test used in gynecology to detect pre-cancerous and cancerous cells of the cervix and is performed during a pelvic exam (however, all pelvic exams do not necessarily include Pap testing—only mark if the terms Pap test, Pap smear, cervical smear or cervical cytology are used.
31-Pregnancy/HCG test	A pregnancy test may be done on either urine or blood. This test measures hCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin, a hormone that is produced during pregnancy. Include: hCG, beta hCG, total hCG, and total beta hCG.
32-PSA (prostate specific antigen)	A PSA test is used to screen for or monitor prostate cancer and measures the amount of prostate-specific antigen in the blood.
33-Rapid strep test	For a rapid strep test, the throat and tonsils are swabbed to collect bacteria from the infected area for testing. The bacteria are analyzed to see whether Group A strep (streptococcal) bacteria are causing the sore throat.
34- TSH/Thyroid panel	Select box if T3, T4, thyroxine, Free T4, FT4 or thyroid function panel listed.
35-Urinalysis	A urinalysis checks different components of urine to identify potential problems. More than 100 different tests can be done on urine, including specific gravity, color, clarity, odor, pH, protein, and glucose. Include “clean catch” urine sample. Often abbreviated as U/A or urine dip.
36-Vitamin D Test	Select box if 25-Hydroxyvitamin D, 25OHD, 25-hydroxycholecalciferol, or 25-hydroxyergocalciferol are listed.
Imaging:	
37-Bone mineral density	A bone mineral density test uses imaging technology to measure the amount of calcium in a specific region of the bone and is used to detect osteoporosis.
38-CT scan	A computed tomography (CT) scan uses X-rays to make detailed pictures of structures inside the body. It can be performed on the head, chest, abdomen, pelvis, bone, and spinal cord. In some cases, a dye (contrast material) may be used.

39-Echocardiogram	During an echocardiogram, sound waves are used to create a moving picture of the heart. The picture is much more detailed than an x-ray image and involves no radiation exposure. Often referred to simply as and “echo.”
40-Ultrasound	This includes ultrasound tests other than an echocardiogram, such as fetal, pelvic, and abdominal ultrasound tests. Might be abbreviated US or U/S.
41-Mammography	Mammography or mammogram is a type of x-ray that is used for breast cancer screening and to evaluate abnormalities in the breast such as lumps or masses It might be abbreviated as MMG.
42-MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is a test that uses a magnetic field and pulses of radio wave energy to make pictures of organs and structures inside the bodyMRI may also show problems that cannot be seen with other imaging methods.
43-X-ray	An X-ray is a picture of structures and organs in the body produced by focusing X-rays (a form of radiation) focused into a beam.
Procedures:	
44-Audiometry	Audiometry is the testing of hearing ability, involving thresholds and differing frequencies.
45-Biopsy	During a biopsy, a small piece of tissue is removed for microscopic examination and/or culture to help the provider make a diagnosis. There are 3 types of biopsies: needle, open, and closed. “Excisional biopsy” should be included under biopsy rather than excision.
46-Cardiac stress test	Cardiac stress tests are used in medicine and cardiology to measure the heart's ability to respond to external stress in a controlled clinical environment. The stress response is induced by exercise or drug stimulation. Cardiac stress tests compare the coronary circulation while the patient is at rest with the same patient's circulation observed during maximum physical exertion, showing any abnormal blood flow to the heart's muscle tissue (the myocardium).
47-Colonoscopy	Colonoscopy is the endoscopic examination of the colon and the part of the small bowel with a camera on a flexible tube passed through the anus in order to detect polyps, malignant tumors, and sources of bleeding. It may provide a visual diagnosis (e.g. ulceration, polyps) and grants the opportunity for biopsy or removal of suspected lesions. Colonoscopy is similar to, but not the same as, sigmoidoscopy—the difference being related to which parts of the colon each can examine.

48- Cryosurgery (cryotherapy)/ Destruction of tissue	Select box if LN2, liquid nitrogen, TCA or trichloroacetic acid listed.
49-EKG/ECG	An electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) is a test that checks for problems with the electrical activity of the heart. An EKG/ECG translates the heart's electrical activity into line tracings on paper.
50-Electroencephalogram (EEG)	Electroencephalogram (EEG) is the recording of electrical activity along the scalp. In neurology, the main diagnostic application of EEG is in the case of epilepsy, as epileptic activity can create clear abnormalities on a standard EEG study. A secondary clinical use of EEG is in the diagnosis of coma, encephalopathies, and brain death.
51-Electromyelogram (EMG)	Electromyography (EMG) is a technique for evaluating and recording the electrical activity produced by skeletal muscles. Do not include nerve conduction study (NCS) or nerve conduction velocity (NCV) test.
52-Excision of tissue	Excision of tissue is the removal of tissue (e.g., polyps, cysts, and moles) by cutting. In surgery, an excision (or resection) is the complete removal of an organ or a tumor, as opposed to a biopsy.
53-Fetal monitoring	Fetal monitoring lets the health care provider monitor the baby's heartbeat in the uterus. The procedure is most commonly done with monitors placed on the mother's abdomen. Fetal monitoring might be abbreviated as EFM (electronic fetal monitoring) or NST (non-stress test).
54-Peak flow	The peak expiratory flow (PEF), also called peak expiratory flow rate (PEFR) is a person's maximum speed of expiration, as measured with a peak flow meter, a small, hand-held device used to monitor a person's ability to breathe out air. It measures the airflow through the bronchi and thus the degree of obstruction in the airways. It is usually used for asthma patients.
55-Sigmoidoscopy	Sigmoidoscopy is the minimally invasive medical examination of the large intestine from the rectum through the last part of the colon. There are two types of sigmoidoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, which uses a flexible endoscope, and rigid sigmoidoscopy, which uses a rigid device. The flexible endoscope transmits an image of the inside of the rectum and colon, so the provider can carefully examine the lining of these organs. A sigmoidoscopy is similar to, but not the same as, a colonoscopy. A sigmoidoscopy only examines up to the sigmoid, the most distal part of the colon, while colonoscopy examines the whole large bowel.

56-Spirometry	Spirometry measures how much air a patient can inhale and exhale. It also measures how fast a patient can exhale and is a common test used to diagnose asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and certain other conditions that affect breathing. It may also be used periodically to check how well a patient's lungs are working once the patient is being treated for a chronic lung condition.
57-Tonometry	In ophthalmology, tonometry is the procedure eye care professionals perform to determine the intraocular pressure (IOP), the fluid pressure inside the eye. It is an important test in the evaluation of patients with glaucoma. Most tonometers are calibrated to measure pressure in millimeters of mercury (mmHg).
58- Tuberculosis skin testing/PPD	Select box if TB skin testing is listed or PPD was placed; DO NOT select box if TB skin test/PPD was read.
59- Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy/EGD	EGD is abbreviation for esophagogastroduodenoscopy.
Treatments:	
60-Cast, splint, wrap	This includes both hard and soft wraps used to support and protect injured bones, ligaments, tendons, and other tissues. A cast is a rigid or flexible dressing made of plaster or fiberglass, molded to the body while pliable and hardening as it dries to give firm support. A splint is a rigid or flexible appliance used to maintain in position a displaced or moveable part, or to keep in place and protect an injured part. A wrap is an elastic bandage (also known as an ACE bandage, elastic wrap, compression bandage or crepe bandage) is a "stretchable bandage used to create localized pressure." Elastic bandages are commonly used to treat muscle sprains and strains by reducing the flow of blood to a particular area by the application of even stable pressure which can restrict swelling at the place of injury.
61-Complementary alternative medicine (CAM)	Complementary alternative medicine (CAM) includes medical interventions neither widely taught in medical schools nor generally available in physician offices or hospitals (e.g., acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, massage or herbal therapies).

62-Durable medical equipment	Durable medical equipment is that which can withstand repeated use (i.e., could normally be rented and used by successive patients); is primarily used to serve a medical purpose; generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and is appropriate for use in the patient's home (e.g., cane, crutch, walker, wheelchair, glucose monitor).
63-Home health care	Home health care includes services provided to individuals and families in their places of residence for the purpose of promoting, maintaining, or restoring health or for maximizing the level of independence while minimizing the effects of disability and illness (including terminal illness). Services may include skilled nursing care; help with bathing, using toilet or dressing provided by home health aides; and physical therapy, speech language pathology services, and occupational therapy.
64-Mental health counseling, excluding psychotherapy	Mental health counseling includes general advice and counseling about mental health issues and education about mental disorders. It includes referrals to other mental health professionals for mental health counseling, but excludes psychotherapy.
65- Occupational therapy	Occupational therapy is the use of treatments to develop, recover, or maintain the daily living and work skills of people with a physical, mental or developmental condition. Might be abbreviated OT.
66-Physical therapy	Physical therapy includes treatments using heat, light, sound, or physical pressure or movement (e.g., ultrasonic, ultraviolet, infrared, whirlpool, diathermy, cold or manipulative therapy). Might be abbreviated PT.
67-Psychotherapy	Psychotherapy includes all treatment involving the intentional use of verbal techniques to explore or alter the patient's emotional life in order to effect symptom reduction or behavior change.
68-Radiation therapy	Radiation therapy uses high-energy radiation to shrink tumors and kill cancer cells. X-rays, gamma rays, and charged particles are types of radiation used for cancer treatment. The radiation may be delivered by a machine outside the body (external-beam radiation therapy, might be abbreviated as RT, XRT, IMRT, IGRT, 3D-CRT), or it may come from radioactive material placed in the body near cancer cells (internal radiation therapy, also called brachytherapy). Systemic radiation therapy uses radioactive substances, such as radioactive iodine, that travel in the blood to kill cancer cells.
69-Wound care	Wound care includes the cleaning, debridement, and dressing of burns and the repair of lacerations with skin tape or sutures. It only Includes the removal of foreign bodies only if a wound exists. If an object is removed from an orifice (e.g., ear, nose), then enter "foreign body removal" in "Other service."

Health education/Counseling:	**This category includes education or counseling provided at the visit as well as orders or referrals for education/counseling for the condition or topic.**
70- Alcohol abuse counseling	Select box if education counseling is ordered or provided around alcohol abuse. Alcohol might be abbreviated EtOH.
71-Asthma	Asthma education includes providing information regarding the elimination of allergens that may exacerbate asthma or other activities that could lead to an asthma attack or instruction on the use of medication, such as an inhaler.
72-Asthma action plan given to patient	An asthma action plan (also called a management plan, might be abbreviated AAP) is a written plan that a patient (or the patient's parents) develops with his or her doctor to help control his or her asthma. The asthma action plan shows the patient's daily treatment, such as what kind of medicines to take and when to take them. It also describes how to control asthma long term and how to handle worsening asthma, or attacks. The plan explains when to call the doctor or go to the ED.
73- Diabetes education	Diabetes education includes helping patients manage their insulin (e.g., insulin pump therapy), blood sugar (e.g., glucose monitoring), diet, and fitness routine. Might be abbreviated DM education/counseling.
74-Diet/Nutrition	Diet or nutrition education includes any topic related to the foods and/or beverages consumed by the patient. Examples include general dietary guidelines for health promotion and disease prevention, dietary restrictions to treat or control a specific medical problem or condition and dietary instructions related to medications. Includes referrals to other health professionals, for example, dietitians and nutritionists.
75-Exercise	Exercise education includes any topics related to the patient's physical conditioning or fitness. Examples include information aimed at general health promotion and disease prevention and information given to the patient to treat or control a specific medical condition. It includes referrals to other health and fitness professionals, but excludes referrals for physical therapy.
76-Family planning/Contraception	Family planning allows individuals and couples to anticipate and attain their desired number of children and manage the spacing and timing of their pregnancies. It is achieved through use of contraceptive methods and the treatment of involuntary infertility. Contraception is the deliberate use of techniques to prevent pregnancy as a consequence of sexual intercourse. The major forms of contraception are: barrier methods, of which the commonest is the condom; the contraceptive pill (often abbreviated OCPs or BCPs), which contains synthetic sex hormones that prevent ovulation in the female; intrauterine devices (often abbreviated as IUD or IUS); and male or female sterilization. It also includes information given to the patient to

	assist in conception or intended to help the patient understand how to prevent conception.
77- Genetic counseling	Might be in chart as refer to genetic counselor or refer for genetic counseling.
78-Growth/Development	Growth and development counseling refers to any topics related to the growth and development of a child.
79-Injury prevention	Education on injury prevention refers to any topic aimed at minimizing the chances of injury in one's daily life. It may include issues as diverse as drinking and driving, seat belt use, child safety, avoidance of injury during various physical activities, and the use of smoke detectors.
80-STD prevention	STD (sexually transmitted diseases) or STI (sexually transmitted infections) prevention includes educating patients about STD/STI transmission, safe sex, and condom use; offering or encouraging testing of patients for syphilis, gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and HIV; and partner notification.
81-Stress management	Stress management counseling refers to information intended to help patients reduce stress through exercise, biofeedback, yoga, etc. It includes referrals to other health professionals for the purpose of coping with stress.
82- Substance abuse counseling	Select box if education counseling is ordered or provided 1) around substance use/abuse; illicit drug use, or injection/intravenous drug use (IDU/IVDU/IVDA); or 2) around use of a specific substance (e.g., cocaine use, opioid dependence), not including tobacco/nicotine or alcohol.)
83-Tobacco use/Exposure	Education on tobacco use and exposure refers to Information given to the patient on issues related to tobacco use in any form, including cigarettes, cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco and on the exposure to tobacco in the form of "secondhand smoke." It includes information on smoking cessation as well as prevention of tobacco use as well as referrals to other health professionals for smoking cessations programs.
84-Weight reduction	Education on weight reduction refers to Information given to the patient to assist in the goal of weight reduction. It includes referrals to other health professionals for the purpose of weight reduction.
Other services not listed: 85-Other	Enter any other examinations/screenings, laboratory tests, imaging, procedures, treatments, and health education/counseling that were ordered or provided at this visit and not listed above.

MEDICATIONS & IMMUNIZATIONS

List **up to 30 medications** ordered, supplied, administered, or continued at this visit. Include prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, immunizations, allergy shots, oxygen, anesthetics, chemotherapy, and dietary supplements. For each drug listed, record if it was new or continued.

Record the exact drug name (brand or generic) written on any prescription or on the medical record. Additional information such as **dosage, strength, or regimen is not required**. For example, the medication might be in the form of pills, injections, salves or ointments, drops, suppositories, powders, or skin patches, but this information should not be entered.

You may enter broad drug classes, such as “laxative,” “cough preparation,” “analgesic,” “antacid,” “birth control pill,” or “antibiotic” but only when a specific drug name is not recorded in the medical record.

Medication, broadly defined, includes the specific name of any:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications, anesthetics, hormones, vitamins, immunizations, allergy shots, and dietary supplements

- Medications and immunizations which the physician/provider ordered or provided prior to this visit and instructs or expects the patient to continue taking regardless of whether a “refill” is provided at the time of visit

If **more than 30 medications** are listed, then record according to the following level of priority:

1. All new medications (including OTC drugs)/immunizations

2. All continued medications (including OTC drugs)/immunizations

If **no medication** was prescribed, provided, or continued, then enter “0” and continue.

PROVIDERS AND DISPOSITION

Enter all providers seen during this visit, separate with commas.

Provider	Definitions
1. Physician	A physician is a person who has graduated from medical school and is licensed to practice medicine. Include both MDs and DOs.
2. Physician assistant (PA)	A physician assistant (PA) is a medical professional who is nationally certified and state-licensed to practice medicine.
3. Nurse practitioner (NP)	A nurse practitioner (NP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who has acquired the knowledge base, decision-making skills, and clinical competencies for expanded practice beyond that of an RN.

4. RN/LPN	A registered nurse (RN) is a nurse who has graduated from a nursing program at a college or university and has passed a national licensing exam to obtain a nursing license. An LPN (licensed practical nurse) is a nurse who has completed a basic level of training and is licensed to provide routine care to sick people.
5. Mental health provider	Include psychologists, counselors (e.g., Certified Alcohol Counselor [CAC]), social workers, and therapists who provide mental health counseling. Exclude psychiatrists.
6. Other	Select this box, if health care was provided by a provider not listed above. Exclude those who provided ancillary services, e.g., x-ray technician, phlebotomist, respiratory therapist.
7. None	There is no documentation in the chart that a health care provider was seen during this visit.

Enter estimated time spent with sampled provider

Include here the length of time the physician/CHC provider spent with the patient. DO NOT include the time the patient spent waiting to see the physician/CHC provider or receiving care from someone other than the physician/CHC provider. For example, DO NOT include the time someone other than the sampled provider spent giving the patient an inoculation or the time a technician spent administering an electrocardiogram. It is entirely possible that for visits such as these, the patient would not see the physician at all. In that case, “0” minutes should be recorded. DO NOT include physician’s time spent preparing for a patient such as reviewing the patient’s medical records or test results before seeing the patient.

If more than one patient is seen by the physician/CHC provider at the same time, apply the following rule:

If the physician can easily separate the time spent with each (e.g., 3 minutes with one and 27 minutes with the other), he/she should record that on the Patient Record forms. If the physician cannot easily estimate how much time was spent with each, he/she should divide the total time equally among the patients seen together.

Disposition	**Definitions**
1. Return to referring physician	Patient was referred for this visit from another physician/provider whom they will return to for follow-up care.
2. Refer to other physician	Patient was instructed to consult or seek care from another physician/provider. The patient may or may not return to this office at a later date.
3. Return in less than 1 week	Patient was told to schedule an appointment or was given an appointment to return to this office in less than 1 week.

4. Return in 1 week to less than 2 months	Patient was told to schedule an appointment or was given an appointment to return to this office/ in 1 week to less than 2 months.
5. Return in 2 months or greater	Patient was told to schedule an appointment or was given an appointment to return to this office/ in 2 months or greater.
6. Return at unspecified time	Patient was told to schedule an appointment or was given an appointment to return to this office, but the time was not specified in the chart.
7. Return as needed (p.r.n.)	Patient was not scheduled to return to this office at a specific time, but was instructed to return for care as needed (p.r.n.).
8. Refer to ER/Admit to hospital	Patient was referred to the emergency room (ER)/department (ED) for further evaluation and care immediately or the patient was admitted to the hospital as an inpatient.
9. Other	Any other disposition not included in the above list.

TESTS

Cholesterol test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter "Yes" if there is documentation in the medical record that a total serum cholesterol test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. A total cholesterol test measures all types of cholesterol in the blood. **Total cholesterol score is calculated by the following: HDL + LDL + 20% of the triglyceride level.** The total cholesterol test is included in a lipid profile/panel.
2-None found	Enter "None found" if there is no documentation in the medical record that a total serum cholesterol test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
HDL test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter "Yes" if there is documentation in the medical record that a high density lipoprotein (HDL) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. The high density lipoprotein (HDL) test is included in a lipid profile/panel.

2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that a high density lipoprotein (HDL) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
LDL test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter “Yes” if there is documentation in the medical record that a low density lipoprotein (LDL) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. The low density lipoprotein (LDL) test is included in a lipid profile/panel.
2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that a low density lipoprotein (LDL) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
Triglycerides test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter “Yes” if there is documentation in the medical record that a triglycerides (TGS) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. The triglycerides (TGS) test is included in a lipid profile/panel.
2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that a triglycerides (TGS) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
HbA1c test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter “Yes” if there is documentation in the medical record that an HbA1c or A1C or glycohemoglobin test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. The HbA1c or A1C or glycohemoglobin test measures the amount of glucose that is bound to hemoglobin and is usually reported as a percent. It is usually ordered for patients who have diabetes and is different from the hemoglobin (Hgb) test that may be a part of the complete blood count (CBC) or performed as a single test which is generally reported in g/dL (grams per deciliter).
2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that an HbA1c or A1C or glycohemoglobin test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
Blood glucose test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter “Yes” if there is documentation in the medical record that a blood glucose (BG) test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. Include all blood glucose tests regardless of whether the patient was fasting (FBG, FBS) or not.

2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that a blood glucose test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.
Serum creatinine test	**Definitions**
1-Yes	Enter “Yes” if there is documentation in the medical record that a serum creatinine test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit. The serum creatinine test is included in the basic metabolic panel (BMP), comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP), and renal function panel (RFP).
2-None found	Enter “None found” if there is no documentation in the medical record that a serum creatinine test was drawn during the 12 months prior to this visit.

C. DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN NAMCS

Ambulatory patient -- A non-institutionalized person who comes to the doctor’s office (definition of office below) for personal health reasons.

Continuity of care -- Continuity of care is a goal of health care achieved through an interdisciplinary process involving patients, families, health care professionals, and providers in the management of a coordinated plan of care. Based on changing needs and available resources, the process optimizes quality outcomes in the health status of patients. It may involve professionals from many different disciplines within multiple systems.

Drug mention(s) --The physician's entry of a pharmaceutical agent ordered or provided--by any route of administration--for prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. Generic as well as brand-name drugs are included. Along with all new drugs, the physician also records continued medications if the patient was specifically instructed or expected to continue the medication.
Drug visit -- A drug visit is a visit at which medication was prescribed or provided by the physician.

Office – Place which the sampled provider identifies as a location for ambulatory practice, customarily including consulting, examination, and/or treatment spaces which patients associate with the particular provider. The office may be part of a free-standing clinic, or one of several offices operated by a group or partnership, neighborhood/community health center, or family planning clinic.

In some instances, the office might be owned by a hospital and these are still in-scope for NAMCS.

Out-of-scope office:

-- Hospital outpatient department or emergency department.

– Offices in Federal Government operated facilities, such as a VA clinic.

– Offices in on-site facilities that are operated by a large institution and restricted to that population, such as an industrial clinic serving employees of a particular company or a university clinic serving only students and staff.

Visit --A direct, personal exchange between ambulatory patient and the sampled provider (or members of his/her staff) for the purpose of seeking care and rendering health services.

PATIENTS

In-scope -- All ambulatory patients seen by the physician or members of his/her staff in the physician's office(s) at any time during the one-week reporting period. If a patient is seen by a sampled provider's staff, the staff member must be supervised by the sampled provider (versus just working in the same practice), in order to be included in NAMCS.

Out-of-scope: Patients seen by the sampled provider in a hospital, nursing home, or other extended-care institution, or the patient's home. *[**Note:** If a doctor has a **private** office (which fits the definition of "office") located in a hospital, the ambulatory patients seen there would be considered "in-scope."]*

- Patients who call on the telephone and receive advice from the sampled provider.
- Patients who come to the office only to leave a specimen, pick up insurance forms, or pay their bills.
- Patients who come to the office only to pick up medications previously prescribed by the sampled provider.

PROVIDERS

In-Scope -- All sampled providers currently in practice who spend any time caring for ambulatory patients at an office location (see definition of office above). In offices, sampled providers include physicians (MDs and DOs).

Out-of-Scope -- Those sampled providers who treat patients only indirectly. For office-based physicians, out-of-scope will include physician specialists in anesthesiology, pathology and forensic pathology, radiology, therapeutic radiology, and diagnostic radiology. [Note: A more detailed list is available by contacting the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch.] The following kinds of physicians are also out-of-scope:

- Physicians employed full-time by the Federal Government and having no private practice (e.g., physicians who work for the VA).
- Physicians employed full-time by an institution to serve its own population. The physician does not see ambulatory patients from outside the institutional community. For example, the physician works for Ford Motor Company, and provides care only to ambulatory patients and their families employed by Ford.
- Physicians who spend no time during a normal week seeing ambulatory patients (e.g., physicians who exclusively teach or are engaged in research).
- Physicians employed full-time by a hospital working with inpatients, in an ED or OPD, with no private practice.
- Physicians in military service, with no private practice.
- Physicians who treat only institutionalized patients (e.g., patients in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons).

Physician specialty -- Principal specialty (including general practice) as designated by the physician at the time of the survey. Those physicians for whom a specialty was not obtained were assigned the principal specialty recorded in the Master Physician files maintained by the AMA or AOA. The 14-group physician specialty variable is not included on the 2018 public use file because of low response rates and the inability to make reliable estimates by specialty group. However, the broader grouping of primary care, surgical care, and medical care is included on the file.

Metropolitan status — Physicians are classified by their location in metropolitan statistical area as follows:

Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)—As defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the definition of an individual MSA involves two considerations: first, a city or cities of specified population, that constitute the central city and identify the county in which it is located as the central county; second, economic and social relationships with “contiguous”' counties that are metropolitan in character so that the periphery of the specific metropolitan area may be determined. MSAs may cross state lines. In New England, MSAs consist of cities and towns rather than counties.

Non-MSA—Non-MSA areas are those not defined as MSAs, including rural and micropolitan areas.

Region of practice location -- The four geographic regions which correspond to those used by the U.S. Census Bureau, are as follows:

Region	States Included
Northeast	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
Midwest	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
South	Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia
West	Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii

Within each region, the nine Census divisions used for sampling purposes are the following:

Northeast Region:
- Division 1: New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont)
- Division 2: Mid-Atlantic (New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania)

Midwest Region:
- Division 3: East North Central (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin)
- Division 4: West North Central (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota)

South Region:
- Division 5: South Atlantic (Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., and West Virginia)
- Division 6: East South Central (Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee)
- Division 7: West South Central (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas)

West Region:
Division 8: Mountain (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming)
Division 9: Pacific (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington)

Note that region is not included on the 2018 NAMCS public use file because of low response rates and the inability to make reliable estimates by region. Division is only used for sampling purposes and is not included on the public use file.

APPENDIX II
REASON FOR VISIT CLASSIFICATION

NOTE: The Reason for Visit Classification used for the 2018 NAMCS public use micro-data file is the same as that used for the 2018 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Emergency Department public use micro-data file and is available here.

APPENDIX III

A. GENERIC CODES AND NAMES IN NUMERIC ORDER

The Generic Codes and Names List for the 2018 NAMCS public use micro-data file is the same as that used for the 2018 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Emergency Department public use micro-data file and is available here.

B. DRUG ENTRY CODES AND NAMES IN NUMERIC ORDER

The Drug Entry Codes and Names List for the 2018 NAMCS public use micro-data file is the same as that used for the 2018 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Emergency Department public use micro-data file and is available here.

C. MULTUM LEXICON END-USER LICENSE AGREEMENT

The Multum Lexicon End-User License Agreement for the 2018 NAMCS public use micro-data file is the same as that used for the 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey public use micro-data file and is available here.

D. MULTUM CLASSIFICATION OF THERAPEUTIC CLASSES (DRUG CATEGORIES)

The Multum Classification of Therapeutic Classes for the 2018 NAMCS public use-micro-data file is the same as that used for the 2018 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Emergency Department public use micro-data file and is available here.