

NAMCS HC Linked to HUD Enrollment Match File

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Number of Variables: 5

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Variable Notes
SURVEY	SURVEY NAME	Char			The value for this variable is: 'NAMCS HC 2021'
PATIENT_ID	PATIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	Char	ID		Public use identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers linking to the NAMCS HC analytic file should use PATIENT_ID as the common key for merging.
ELIGSTAT	NAMCS ELIGIBILITY STATUS	Num			Survey participants are defined as ineligible for linkage if they had insufficient identifying data to create a NAMCS HC submission record. Please note that all survey participants are included on the linked HUD match file regardless of linkage eligibility.
			0	Ineligible for record linkage	
			1	Eligible for record linkage	
HUD_MATCH_STATUS	HUD MATCH STATUS	Num			The HUD_MATCH_STATUS is created by NCHS and indicates whether a NAMCS HC patient was eligible and linked to a HUD administrative record with any HUD program participation up to 1 year prior or 1 year after NAMCS HC survey year.
			0	Eligible for data linkage and did not link to a HUD enrollment record during the linkage period	
			1	Eligible for data linkage and did link to a HUD enrollment record during the linkage period	
			9	Not eligible for data linkage	
PROBVALID	ESTIMATED MATCH PROBABILITY	Num			Model-derived estimate of the probability that a given pair is a match, see Appendix I in the Linkage Methodology and Analytic Considerations Report (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/datalinkage/NAMCS-HC-HUD-Methodology-Analytic-Considerations.pdf , accessed on December, 2024).