

Variable definitions, meps_senior.dta

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Variable name	Definition
age	Age in years
male	Dummy variable, =1 if male, 0 otherwise
race_grp	Race categorical variable, =1 if the respondent is white non-Hispanic, =2 if black non-Hispanic, =3 if other non-Hispanic, =4 if Hispanic
marital	Marital status categorical variable, =1 if married, =2 if widowed, =3 if divorced or separated, =4 if never married
income	Annual family income
educ	Years of education
msa	Dummy variable, =1 if live in MSA, =0 otherwise
bmi	Body mass index, weight in kilograms/(height in cm-squared)
high_bp	Dummy variable, =1 if respondent has high blood pressure, =0 otherwise
high_chol	Dummy variable, =1 if respondent has high cholesterol, =0 otherwise
phy_lim	Dummy variable, =1 if respondent has a physical limitation, =0 otherwise
diabetes	Dummy variable, =1 if respondent has diabetes, =0 otherwise
chd	Dummy variable, =1 if respondent has chronic heart disease, =0 otherwise
srhealth	Self reported health status, =1 if excellent, =2 if very good, =3 if good, =4 if fair, =5 if poor
mntl_hlth	Self reported mental health, =1 if excellent, =2 if very good, =3 if good, =4 if fair, =5 if poor
dr_visits	Doctor visits in 2005. This variable is an integer value (0,1,2,...)
hosp_vis	Hospital visits in 2005. This variable is an integer value (0,1,2,...)
totalexp	Total expenditures on medical care in 2005. This variable measures the value of medical care consumed by the respondent, not what they paid out of pocket.
