



HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT

Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) 1998 – 1999

Errata Sheet

The 1998 and 1999 NIS databases issued in October and November of 2001 are missing some information. The omission is limited to two data elements (i.e., length of stay (LOS and LOS_X), admission day on weekend (A WEEKEND)) for approximately 9,000 discharges with AIDS/HIV diagnoses in the state of New York. The affected discharges are identified by the following conditions:

- Discharge from the state of New York (HOSPST = "NY") and
- Principal or secondary diagnosis of '042', '043', '044', '7958', '27910', '27919', '2793', '1363', '79571', '07951', '07952', '07953', or 'V08' or
- A DRG of 488 "HIV with Extensive Operating Room Procedure," 489 "HIV with Major related condition," or 490 "HIV with or without Other Related Condition".

An updated version of the 1998 and 1999 NIS are available. The differences between the original and the updated version for each year are specified below.

HCUP Data Element	Statistic	1998 NIS		1999 NIS	
		Original Data	Updated Data	Original Data	Updated Data
Length of Stay, cleaned (LOS)	Mean value	4.74 days	4.75 days	4.68 days	4.69 days
	Number of missing values	10,357 discharges	477 discharges	9,669 discharges	358 discharges
	Percent missing	0.15% of all discharges	0.01% of all discharges	0.13% of all discharges	0.00% of all discharges
Length of Stay, uncleaned (LOS_X)	Mean value	4.81 days	4.81 days	4.73 days	4.73 days
	Number of missing values	9,889 discharges	9 discharges	9,318 discharges	7 discharges
	Percent missing	0.14% of all discharges	0.00% of all discharges	0.13% of all discharges	0.00% of all discharges
Admission Day on Weekend (A WEEKEND)	Number of missing values	59,263 discharges	49,383 discharges	90,620 discharges	81,309 discharges
	Percent missing	0.87% of all discharges	0.72% of all discharges	1.26% of all discharges	1.13% of all discharges