

Attachment D.4: NCHS' Advance Package Confidentiality Brochure

Other safeguards for your privacy

- Any item that could be used, either directly or indirectly, to identify health care providers or their patients is removed from public-use data files. Names, addresses, dates of birth, dates of service, or location of the health care establishment are never released to the public.
- NCHS withholds statistical totals if they represent a location so small that the numbers might identify someone.
- Information security procedures, including use of coded passwords and physical security of computers, prevent unauthorized access to the data.
- No authority — not even law enforcement officials, the Internal Revenue Service, or the Immigration and Naturalization Service — may obtain identifiable information from NCHS without your permission. Your survey responses are also protected from the Freedom of Information Act as well as court subpoenas.

We believe that our procedures for safeguarding information and our record of protecting the privacy of respondents are reasons why so many providers readily participate and provide reliable, high quality information. As a result, ample representative and accurate statistical information on health care utilization is made available every year to the American public, health care providers, the U.S. Government, and the research community.

For further information

NCHS data are released in printed reports, CD-ROMs, and the NCHS home page on the World Wide Web.

For additional information about NCHS reports and other products, visit the NCHS home page at:

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for information about the National Health Care Survey reports and products, visit the NCHS home page at:

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National Home and Hospice Care Survey
National Home Health Aide Survey
National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey
National Hospital Discharge Survey
National Nursing Assistant Survey
National Nursing Home Survey
National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery
National Survey of Residential Care Facilities



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