



As part of the on-going HCUP quality management program, we discovered that the Charges files for early versions of the 2007 and 2008 North Carolina SID were incomplete. Please also note that while the Core file with patient demographics and clinical information has records for all discharges, a few variables were affected by the incomplete charge information.

Data Issues

- **Charges files missing approximately 25% of records:** Early releases of the 2007 and 2008 detailed charges files contained records for only the first three quarters of 2007 and 2008 respectively. The table below displays the number and percent of affected records by data year and Charge file dates on HCUP Central Distributor CDs:

| | North Carolina SID: Data Year and Charge File Dates | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | 2007, prior to 3/28/2011 | 2008, prior to 3/29/2011 |
| Number of Omitted Records | 276,516 | 278,853 |
| % of Database Affected | 24.7% | 24.8% |

- **Some Core file data elements affected:**
 - **HCUP_ED**—HCUP indicator of emergency department record
 - **HCUP_OS**— HCUP indicator of observation stay record
 - **DRG24**— Diagnosis Related Group, Version 24
 - **MDC24**— Major Diagnostic Category, Version 24
- **Some Diagnosis and Procedure Groups file data elements affected:**
 - **All utilization flags—U_BLOOD - U_ULTRASOUND**

Updated Data Now Available

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your organization. If you would like a complimentary copy of the updated version of the files that you purchased, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor (866-556-4287 toll-free or HCUPDistributor@AHRQ.gov).

Sincerely,

The HCUP Central Distributor Team