

**NCHS Survey Data Linked to CMS MBSF, Claims/Encounters, and Assessment Data**  
**2016 NHCS Patient Linkage Eligibility Status**  
**Date Created: 29JAN2021**  
**Number of Variables: 2**

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
PATIENT_ID	NHCS Patient ID	Char	ID	Patient Identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers requesting linked NHCS-CMS data should use PATIENT_ID.
ELIGSTAT		Num	0	2016 NHCS patient was not eligible for linkage to 2016/2017 CMS data files
			1	2016 NHCS patient was eligible for linkage to 2016/2017 CMS data files as defined in the methods and analytic guidelines: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/CMS-Medicare-Restricted.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/CMS-Medicare-Restricted.htm</a>