

## Match Status File

2016 NHCS Data Linked to VA Data

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Number of Variables: 5

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Variable Notes
SURVEY	Survey Name	Char	2016 NHCS		The value of this variable indicates the year of the NHCS survey linked to the VA data.
PATIENT_ID	NHCS Patient ID	Char	ID		Identifier for NHCS patients.
VA_MATCH_STATUS	NHCS-VA Match Status	Num	1	Eligible for linkage and linked to the VA administrative data	Identifies patients eligible for linkage and their corresponding match status.
			2	Eligible for linkage and not linked to the VA administrative data	
			9	Not eligible for VA linkage	
ELIGSTAT	Linkage Eligibility Status for NHCS	Num	0	Not eligible for linkage	NHCS linkage eligibility status.
			1	Eligible for linkage	
			2	Not eligible for VA linkage, has sufficient PII for linkage but under the age of 18 (as of January 01, 2016) or missing month, day, and year of birth	
PROBVALID	Estimated Match Probability	Num			Model-derived estimate of the probability that a given pair is a match, see Appendix I in the Methods and Analytic Considerations documentation.