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Other safeguards for your privacy

- Items that could be used, either directly or indirectly, to identify health care providers or their patients are removed from public-use data files. Names, addresses, dates of birth, dates of service, and 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.
- The restriction on who sees personal information extends from the highest levels of our government (we can deny the President and any member of Congress access to confidential information as well as Immigration, Justice, and IRS officials) to the kinds of inquiries we are all increasingly worried about (market research firms, insurance companies, employers). Your survey responses are also protected from the Freedom of information Act as well as court subpoenas.
- All published summaries are presented in such a way that no respondent can be identified.

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

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