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Restricted data fields are information that could compromise the confidentiality of survey respondents or institutions, or are sensitive by nature.  If researchers interested in using data from a survey find that something asked on the survey questionnaire does not have a corresponding variable in the public use data set, that variable may be restricted.

Although the following list may not be exhaustive, the following table outlines selected variables considered restricted that are not available in 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) patient public use file or are presented in different form in the public use file.

Using restricted variables requires the submission of a research proposal to the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Research Data Center for access.

Public use files are downloadable from the NCHS website.  The 2007 NHHCS patient public use file is available at:
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhhcs/nhhcs_questionnaires.htm

| 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey—Patient File<br><br>Comparison of Selected Variables in the Restricted and Public Use Files | | |
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| Variable | Restricted File | Public Use File |
| Length of current episode of home health care from date of admission to date of agency interview (current home health care patients) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 1095 for 1095 days or more. |
| Number of days patient received hospice care (hospice discharges) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 1095 for 1095 days or more. |
| Age at interview | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 100 for 100 years or more. |
| Age at discharge | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 100 for 100 years or more. |

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| Variable | Restricted File | Public Use File |
| Number of visits for nursing services (hospice care) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable with bottom code of 1 = 0-1. |
| Number of visits for physician services (hospice care) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 40 for 40 or more. |
| Number of visits for medical social service (hospice care) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 80 for 80 or more. |
| Number of visits for volunteer services (hospice care) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 80 for 80 or more. |
| Number of visits for skilled nursing services | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 200 for 200 or more. |
| Number of visits for occupational therapy | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 16 for 16 or more. |
| Number of visits for speech therapy | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 10 for 10 or more. |
| Number of visits for medical social service | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 6 for 6 or more. |
| How many visits were for home health aide services (home health and hospice patients) | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 1000 for 1000 or more. |
| Total amount billed for last complete billing period/since admission | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at $80000 for $80000 or more. |
| Total number of days that charges covered | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at 1000 for 1000 days or more. |

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| Variable | Restricted File | Public Use File |
| Average daily charges | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at $2000 for $2000 or more. |
| Total amount billed for 12 month period before hospice discharge | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at $120000 for $120000 or more. |
| Total amount paid/to be paid by primary payment source | Continuous variable | Continuous variable top coded at $100000 for $100000 or more. |
| Ownership | 5 categories: for-profit, private nonprofit, city/county/state government, Dept. of VA, Other Federal agency | 2 categories: for-profit; not-for-profit (incl. private and gov't not-for-profit) |
| Region | In file | Not in file |
| Id variables to link agency and patient data | In file | Not in file |
| Id variables to link to CMS data on home health and hospice care agencies provided by data user | Available | Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center. |
| State and county codes to link to other geographic data | Available | Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center. |
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