Restricted-use NCHS-VA Linked Data Files
Match Status File Variables
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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Notes
SURVEY	Survey Name and Survey Year/Cycle	Char	-		Surveys and years/cycles include 2005-2018 NHIS and 2005-2018 NHANES
PUBLICID	NHIS Public Use ID	Char	ID		Public use identifier for NHIS participants. For information on how to create PUBLICID from the public-use data, please see notes in Methods and Analytic Considerations documentation.
SEQN	NHANES Respondent Sequence Number	Num	ID		Public use identifier for NHANES participants.
VA_MATCH_STATUS	NCHS-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	
ADJ_INTWT	Adjusted NHANES Interview Weight	Num			This variable is only populated for NHANES participants. A weight of 0 indicates the participant was ineligible for linkage.
ADJ_MECWT	Adjusted NHANES Mobile Examination Center (MEC) Weight	Num			This variable is only populated for NHANES participants who had a MEC exam. NHANES participants who did not have a MEC exam will have missing weight values. A weight of 0 indicates the participant was ineligible for linkage.
ADJ_SAWT	Adjusted NHIS Sample Adult Weight	Num			This variable is only populated for NHIS sample adults. A weight of 0 indicates the participant was ineligible for linkage.
PROBVALID	Estimated Match Probability	Num			Model-derived estimate of the probability that a given pair is a match, see Appendix I in Methods and Analytic Considerations documentation.