

## **Release of 2021 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) Health Center (HC) Component Linked to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Assistance Program Data**

The National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Data Linkage Program is pleased to announce that the [2021 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey \(NAMCS\) Health Center \(HC\) Component](#) has been linked with 2020-2022 housing assistance program data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The NAMCS HC Component collects electronic health record (EHR) information for all patient visits occurring in participating federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-alikes to describe patterns of health care delivery and utilization in health centers. The HUD administrative data provide information for participants of HUD's three largest federal housing assistance programs: Housing Choice Vouchers, Public Housing, and assisted Multifamily programs. The linkage of patient-level EHR information from the NAMCS HC Component with HUD administrative housing assistance program participation data creates a new data resource that can support a wide array of public health and policy evaluation studies focused on the role of housing assistance program participation as a key social determinant of health.

For additional information about the linked NAMCS HC Component – HUD housing assistance program data, including a descriptions of the linkage methodology and analytic considerations and data dictionaries for each of the available files, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/namcs-hud.htm>

Due to confidentiality requirements, access to the NAMCS HC Component – HUD data is available only through the NCHS and Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (RDCs). Interested researchers must submit a research proposal to the NCHS RDC.

For more information on the NCHS RDC, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/rdc/index.htm>

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