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RE: Distribution of HCHS/SOL INTERIM Visit 3 Data Release – Version 1

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center is distributing Visit 3 interim database (created on 5-3-2023) with its corresponding documentation (overview, codebook, and derived variable dictionary) to site Principal Investigators with fully executed DUAs. The current version 1 (_INV1) includes only nine derived variables and does not include sampling weights. The final data release will contain a comprehensive list of derived variables for Visit 3 like those for Visits 1 and 2. Investigators are encouraged to suggest derived variables of interest.

Use of the interim HCHS V3 data: Use of the interim HCHS V3 data should be limited to non-publication activities such as preliminary results for abstracts or presentations at conferences, grant proposal and/or summaries, and any other exploratory analysis-only activities. Results from this interim HCHS V3 data CANNOT be used for any publication of results, except for approved abstracts for conferences.

The contents for this release include SAS datasets of clinic visit 3 and the following documentation:

Files:
- Administrative: ICT
- Procedures: ANT, BIO, LAB, and SBP
- Questionnaires: NIMHD (HUE, NDE, BFE, SIE) and HCE, MHE, MUE, PDE, RME, SEE, TBE
- Participant Derived file: PART_DERV_V3

Documentation:
1. HCHS/SOL Visit 3 Overview, Version 1
2. HCHS/SOL Visit 3 Codebook, Version 1
3. HCHS/SOL Visit 3 Derived Variable Dictionary, Version 1

As a reminder, investigator-use data contain potentially identifying information and should be handled in a manner that ensures data security and confidentiality. These datasets must be stored on a secure server, so that authorized study team members access the data directly from either a local area network or remotely via a virtual private network in a secure fashion. At no time should investigator use datasets or subsets of the data be stored on laptop computers or portable data storage devices (e.g., memory sticks), nor should copies be distributed via email attachments. Making multiple copies for storage on stand-alone workstations is also prohibited, as the likelihood of data being hacked into is increased as a result. Each study PI is responsible for recording and tracking where

the data are stored and who has access to the data at all times. Access to investigator use data should be granted to co-investigators or other study personnel at a PI's institution only for approved HCHS/SOL activities.

Please contact us at the Coordinating Center if you have any questions about the contents of this interim Visit 3 data distribution for exclusive use by the HCHS/SOL investigators and NIH.