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**RE:** HCHS/SOL Classified Incident Events 2008-2022 Investigator Use Files

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared a distribution of closed event years 2008-2022 data release files for adjudicated MI, heart failure, stroke, pregnancy complications, and pulmonary events. This data release adds an additional year to the endpoint event data released in 2025. The codebook for this distribution reflects the classification of incident events from annual follow-up reported hospitalizations. Note that classification of pregnancy complications was active only during Visit 2 for events reported in 2008-2018; these files are identical to those released previous year. This data release does not include the mortality data.

**The contents for this release include SAS datasets 2008-2022 INV1 series and documentation:**

1. HCHS Codebook-Incident Events 2008-2022 INV1- Version 1
2. HCHS Derived Variable Dictionary Incident Events 2008-2022 INV1- Version 1
3. HCHS Overview Incident Events 2008-2022 INV1- Version 1
4. HCHS Event Eligibility and Abstraction forms (EEF, HTF, MIF, PRC, PUL, STR)
5. HCHS Reviewer Diagnosis Forms (HFD, MID, STD, PLD, PCD)
6. SAS datasets: “*Form name\_2008\_2022\_INV1.sas7bdat*”

**Note: These are only hospitalization-based events (MI, HF, Pul, Str, PRC, based on medical record obtainment, review, etc.) and does NOT include any fatal events. Underlying cause of death (UCOD) codes collected from Death Investigations form (DTH) and fatal event-specific UCOD grouping variables are found in the latest All-Cause Mortality data release (INV1: 2008-2022) where they can be used to augment the incident events file to include fatal events, by event ID (EVENT\_ID, when CVD/pulmonary event review classifications also exist). Mortality reviews and adjudication are ongoing.**

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 data distribution for exclusive use by the HCHS/SOL investigators and NIH.