

***Research Findings #0:* Health Care Expenses in the U.S. Civilian Non- institutionalized Population, 1997**

These tables present descriptive data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey on spending in 1997 for hospital, office-based, home health, and other types of care by source of payment and characteristics of users. Data for all types of health care combined (Tables 1-2) and for each type of service (Tables 3-8) are presented below.

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Individual tables:

Table 1: Events, charges, and expenses for health care services & supplies by event type [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table A: Standard errors for estimates in Table 1 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 2: *Total health services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table B: Standard errors for estimates in Table 2 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 3: *Hospital inpatient services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table C: Standard errors for estimates in Table 3 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 4: *Ambulatory services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table D: Standard errors for estimates in Table 4 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 5: *Prescription medications:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table E: Standard errors for estimates in Table 5 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 6: *Dental services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table F: Standard errors for estimates in Table 6 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 7: *Home health services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table G: Standard errors for estimates in Table 7 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table 8: *Other medical equipment and services:* Median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

Table H: Standard errors for estimates in Table 8 [[PDF](#) or [HTML](#) version]

The same data tables for 1996, along with accompanying descriptive text, detailed information on data sources and methods of estimation, and definitions of the categories used in the tables are contained in Cohen JW, Machlin SR, Zuvekas SH, et al. Health care expenses in the United States, 1996. Rockville (MD): Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; 2000. MEPS Research Findings 12. AHRQ Pub. No. 01-0009. This publication is available on the MEPS Web site at the following address:

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