

Time Period Covered Detail (HQ) Section  
November 14, 2017

MEPS P21R5/P22R3/P23R1

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The MEPS instrument design changed beginning in Spring of 2018, affecting Panel 23 Round 1, Panel 22 Round 3, and Panel 21 Round 5, and affected the 2017 MEPS data files. The MEPS website releases the consolidated CAPI survey instruments each year for the Rounds 1 through 3 for the first year panel and Rounds 3 through 5 for the second year panel to accompany data releases. For the Full-Year 2017 PUFs, the Panel 22 Round 3 and Panel 21 Round 5 data were transformed to the degree possible to conform to the previous year (2016) design. For this reason, we are releasing 2016 CAPI survey instruments, updated to reflect 2017 dates, and **users should note that not all changes to the instrument administered in the Spring of 2018 will be reflected in these documents.**

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| THROUGHOUT THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS CAPI |  
| SECTION, FOR SCREENS THAT SPECIFY THE REFERENCE |  
| PERIOD {END DATE} AS PART OF THE CONTEXT HEADER, |  
| CAPI DISPLAYS THE {END DATE} ONLY FOR ROUND 5. IN |  
| ANY OTHER ROUND, CAPI DOES NOT DISPLAY THE {END |  
| DATE} IN THE CONTEXT HEADER. FOR MOST PERSONS, |  
| THE END DATE FOR ROUND 5 WILL BE DECEMBER 31 OF |  
THE SECOND YEAR OF THE PANEL.

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| CONTEXT HEADER DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS: |  
| DISPLAY PERS.FULLNAME, ESTB.ESTBNAME, |  
| PRND.BEGREFMM, PRND.BEGREFDD, PRND.BEGREFYY, |  
PRND.ENDREFMM, PRND.ENDREFDD, PRND.ENDREFYY.

HQ01

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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {NAME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{Were/Was} {you/{PERSON}} covered the whole time from {START DATE}  
until {today/{END DATE}}, or only part of the time?

WHOLE TIME ..... 1 {BOX\_01}  
PART OF THE TIME ..... 2  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_01}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_01}

[Code One]

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| DISPLAY 'today' IF NOT ROUND 5. DISPLAY |  
'{END DATE}' IF ROUND 5.

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| FOR ROUND 5, DISPLAY END DATE IN THE CONTEXT |  
HEADER FOR QUESTIONS HQ01 AND HQ05.

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| IF ROUND 5 AND CODED '2' (PART OF THE TIME), GO |  
TO HQ05

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| IF NOT ROUND 5 AND CODED '2' (PART OF THE TIME), |  
CONTINUE WITH HQ02

HQ02

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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {NAME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{Are/Is} {you/{PERSON}} covered now?

YES ..... 1 {HQ03}  
NO ..... 2 {HQ04}  
REF ..... -7 {HQ04}  
DK ..... -8 {HQ04}

HQ03

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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {NAME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{Have/Has} {you/{PERSON}} been covered continuously, since the first  
of {INTERVIEW MONTH} through today?

YES ..... 1 {HQ05}  
NO ..... 2 {HQ05}  
REF ..... -7 {HQ05}  
DK ..... -8 {HQ05}

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| DISPLAY NAME OF MONTH IN WHICH INTERVIEW IS BEING |  
| CONDUCTED (I.E., MONTH IN WHICH INTERVIEW FIRST |  
STARTED) FOR 'INTERVIEW MONTH'.

HQ04  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {NAME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{Were/Was} {you/{PERSON}} covered at all during {INTERVIEW MONTH}?

YES ..... 1 {HQ05}  
NO ..... 2 {HQ05}  
REF ..... -7 {HQ05}  
DK ..... -8 {HQ05}

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| DISPLAY NAME OF MONTH IN WHICH INTERVIEW IS BEING |  
| CONDUCTED (I.E., MONTH IN WHICH INTERVIEW FIRST |  
STARTED) FOR 'INTERVIEW MONTH'.

HQ05  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {NAME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

For each of the following months, {were/was} {you/{PERSON}} covered  
the whole month, part of the month, or not at all during the month?  
(READ MONTH NAMES BELOW.)

- 1 = WHOLE MONTH
- 2 = PART OF MONTH (INCLUDING FIRST OF MONTH)
- 3 = PART OF MONTH (NOT INCLUDING FIRST OF MONTH)
- 4 = NOT COVERED

HQ05 01. MONTH AND YEAR	HQ05 02. COVERAGE
1. MONTH AND YEAR	[Enter Selection]
2. MONTH AND YEAR	[Enter Selection]
3. MONTH AND YEAR	[Enter Selection]

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| NOTE: THE NUMBER AND NAMES OF THE MONTHS LISTED |  
| ARE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF MONTHS BETWEEN |  
| THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE INTERVIEW AND |  
| THE MONTH OF THE REFERENCE DATE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF |  
| THE REFERENCE DATE IS JANUARY 1 AND THE INTERVIEW |  
| DATE IS APRIL 10, 'JANUARY', 'FEBRUARY', AND |  
| 'MARCH' ARE DISPLAYED. 'APRIL' WOULD NOT BE ASKED |  
| ABOUT IN HQ05 BECAUSE QUESTIONS HQ03 AND HQ04 |  
| DETERMINED THE COVERAGE DURING THE INTERVIEW |  
| MONTH. |

| FOR ROUND 5, THE END DATE IS NOT THE INTERVIEW |  
| DATE. IT IS EITHER 12/31/{YEAR} OR THE DATE THE |  
| PERSON LEFT THE RU, DIED, WAS INSTITUTIONALIZED, |  
| MOVED, ETC. |

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| THE SCREEN LAYOUT SHOULD ACCOMMODATE AS MANY |  
MONTHS AS POSSIBLE.

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| HARD CHECK: |  
| EDIT: ALL MONTHS DISPLAYED AT HQ05 CANNOT BE |  
| CODED '4' (NOT COVERED) WHEN THE PERSON IS NOT |  
| COVERED DURING THE INTERVIEW MONTH (HQ04=2). IF |  
| ALL ARE, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: "MUST BE |  
| COVERED AT LEAST PART OF ONE MONTH. IF NOT, BACK |  
UP AND DELETE PERSON FROM COVERED PERSON ROSTER."

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GO TO BOX\_01

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RETURN TO THE HX, HP, OR PR SECTION.