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Wave V - ACA Medicaid Expansion Data User Guide



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Introduction

This data file provides the year in which states expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. These dates are attached to the location in which Add Health participants were living at Wave V.

Data Structure and Form

The contextual data file contains one observation for each respondent in the Wave V Add Health survey. The first variable is the respondent identifier (the AID), which permits merging these contextual data with other Add Health data files. The other variable, year of ACA Medicaid expansion, is numeric.

The first character of this variable's name, "S", refers to the geographic area of state. The 2nd and 3rd abbreviate the file's content, Medicaid Expansion, while the 4th and 5th characters represent the year in which the data were compiled, 2020. The final three digits indicate that it is the only variable comprising this file.

Data Dictionary

The only variable comprising this file is the year in which states enacted the ACA Medicaid expansion.

Name	Description
SME20001	Year of ACA Medicaid expansion

Missing codes

Two missing data codes are used in this file. They are as follows:

Value	Reason for missing data
99992	Not Applicable
99998	Geocode missing

The replacement codes of 99992 indicates that the state represented had not implemented the ACA Medicaid Expansion at the time these data were assembled. A value of 99998 indicates that the geocode is missing for a respondent at Wave V.

Source Description

All dates, save that of Nebraska, were provided by the Kaiser Family Foundation¹. The date for Nebraska's Medicaid expansion originated from a news article².

Notes

1. <https://www.kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-activity-around-expanding-medicaid-under-the-affordable-care-act/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D#note-4>
2. https://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/nebraska-s-medicaid-expansion-plan-won-t-start-until-late/article_1e80c01d-ddc7-5d98-870c-063cd2073283.html