

## Alternative Health Insurance Variable (CURR\_INS)

Contents of data files  
And  
Description of variable

This variable is an alternate way to combine the detailed health insurance categories as provided by the respondent and is a supplement to the Public Use Data Files from Cycle 6 of the NSFG. The variable, CURR\_INS, differs from the Cycle 6 recode, INSURANC, in that it applies the same prioritization and collapsing rules as the National Health Interview Survey. INSURANC used a slightly different priority algorithm and categorized some of the fairly rare insurance types differently (see “NSFG Cycle 6 User’s Guide: Appendix 2 Recode Specifications for Female Respondent File, Female Pregnancy File, Male File”). CURR\_INS also differs from INSURANC in that it does not contain imputed values.

Below are the specifications for this variable, and the contents of the data files.

- **C6\_curr\_ins.sas7bdat** is the data file in SAS format, created with SAS version 9.2
- **2002curr\_ins.dat** is the data file in ASCII format.

### Specifications for CURR\_INS

Code categories:

- 1 = currently covered by private health insurance or Medi-Gap
- 2 = currently covered by Medicaid, CHIP, or a state-sponsored health plan
- 3 = currently covered by Medicare, Military health care, or other government health care
- 4 = currently covered only by a single-service plan, only by the Indian Health Service, or currently not covered by health insurance

If R had insurance all 12 months (COVER12 = 5) **AND** reported only 1 type of insurance (COVERHOW02 = .), then do:

- CURR\_INS = 1      If covered by either a private health insurance or Medi-Gap (COVERHOW01 = 1 or 4)
- Else
- CURR\_INS = 2      If covered by Medicaid, CHIP, or a state-sponsored health plan (COVERHOW01 = 2, 7 or 9)
- Else
- CURR\_INS = 3      If covered by Medicare, Military health care, or other government health care (COVERHOW01 = 3, 5, or 10)
- Else

CURR\_INS = 4      If covered by only a single service plan or only the Indian Health Service  
(COVERHOW01 = 6 or 8)

Else, if R had a period of time in the last 12 months when

1) R did not have health insurance or R responded didn't know or refused to answer whether there was a time in the last 12 months when he/she did not have health insurance (COVER12 = 1, 8, or 9) **OR**

2) R reported more than 1 type of health insurance coverage in the last 12 months (COVERHOW02 NE .) **OR**

3) R did not report the type of coverage he/she had in the last 12 months but did report his/her current coverage ((COVERHOW01 = 98 or 99) and (NOWCOVER01 NE (., 98, or 99))), then do:

CURR\_INS = 1      If any mention of either a private health insurance plan or Medi-Gap in any of the 10 positions  
(NOWCOVERnn = 1 or 4)

Else

CURR\_INS = 2      If any mention of Medicaid, CHIP, or a state-sponsored health plan  
(NOWCOVERnn = 2, 7, or 9)

Else

CURR\_INS = 3      If any mention of Medicare, Military health care, or other government health care  
(NOWCOVERnn = 3, 5, or 10)

Else

CURR\_INS = 4      If R is not currently covered by health insurance, has only a single service plan, or only Indian Health Service  
(NOWCOVERnn = 6, 8, or 11)

Else, if R had no coverage for all of the past 12 months (NUMNOCOV=12), then do:

CURR\_INS = 4      No health insurance in the last 12 months

**Data File Contents and Frequencies:**

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<b>Variables in Creation Order</b>				
<b>#</b>	<b>Variable</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Len</b>	<b>Label</b>
<b>1</b>	CASEID	Num	8	
<b>2</b>	CURR_INS	Num	8	Current insurance coverage
<b>3</b>	R_SEX	Num	8	Sex of Respondent

<b>Sex of Respondent</b>				
<b>R_SEX</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>Female</b>	7643	60.80	7643	60.80
<b>Male</b>	4928	39.20	12571	100.00

<b>Current insurance coverage</b>				
<b>CURR_INS</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>private ins</b>	8007	63.69	8007	63.69
<b>Medicaid/SCHIP</b>	1411	11.22	9418	74.92
<b>Medicare/Military/other govt</b>	560	4.45	9978	79.37
<b>Not insured</b>	2440	19.41	12418	98.78
<b>dk/ref current ins</b>	153	1.22	12571	100.00

<b>R_SEX</b>	<b>CURR_INS</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
female	private ins	4906	39.03	4906	39.03
female	Medicaid/SCHIP	1041	8.28	5947	47.31
female	Medicare/Military/other govt	310	2.47	6257	49.77
female	Not insured	1326	10.55	7583	60.32
female	dk/ref current ins	60	0.48	7643	60.80
male	private ins	3101	24.67	10744	85.47
male	Medicaid/SCHIP	370	2.94	11114	88.41
male	Medicare/Military/other govt	250	1.99	11364	90.40
male	Not insured	1114	8.86	12478	99.26
male	dk/ref current ins	93	0.74	12571	100.00