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RE: HCHS/SOL Closed Investigator Use AFU Files Special Release – Genetic Testing Awareness

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared a selective data release that updates the annual follow-up (AFU) database AFU7 to include the Genetic Testing Awareness instrument (GTE) which was administered to cross-section of active AFU interview years during 2019-2020. Accompanying this updated codebook to display the variables contained in these additional datasets.

The contents for this release include updated SAS datasets AFUINV7 and documentation:

- 1. HCHS/SOL Annual Follow-up Codebook_20200612**
- 2. SAS dataset: “GTE_AFUINV7.sas7bdat”**

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