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RE: Distribution of HCHS Visit 2 Examination Investigator Use Database – Final Release

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The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared a full data release for all three years of the Visit 2 examinations. This is the full comprehensive release of this data to the study investigators and the project office and NIH funding partners for Visit 2. The cut-off date for inclusion of information in this data release was through March 3, 2018 in order to allow time for Central Laboratory and Echo Reading Center results to be integrated into the study database for all participant seen at the end of December 2017.

The contents for this release include SAS datasets and following documentation:

- 1. HCHS/SOL Visit 2 Examination Database Overview Version 2.0**
- 2. HCHS Visit 2 Examination Dataset Codebook Version 2.0**
- 3. SAS datasets for Questionnaires and Procedures in HCHS Visit 2**
- 4. HCHS Visit 2 Analysis Methods Manual Version 1.1**

As a reminder, investigator use data contain potentially identifying information and should be handled in a manner that ensures data security and confidentiality. These datasets must be stored on a secure server, so that authorized study team members access the data directly from either a local area network or remotely via a virtual private network in a secure fashion. At no time should investigator use datasets or subsets of the data be stored on laptop computers or portable data storage devices (e.g., memory sticks), nor should copies be distributed via email attachments. Making multiple copies for storage on stand-alone workstations is also prohibited, as the likelihood of data being hacked into is increased as a result. Each study PI is responsible for recording and tracking where the data are stored and who has access to the data at all times. Access to investigator use data should be granted to co-investigators or other study personnel at a PI's institution only for approved HCHS/SOL activities.

Please contact us at the Coordinating Center if you have any questions about the contents of this Visit 2 data distribution for exclusive use by the HCHS/SOL investigators and NIH.