

## Release of Restricted-use Linked Mortality Files (LMFs) for 2021 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) Health Center (HC) Component

The National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Data Linkage Program is pleased to announce the release of Linked Mortality Files (LMFs) for the [2021 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey \(NAMCS\) Health Center \(HC\) Component](#). The 2021 NAMCS HC Component has been linked with 2021-2022 death records from the National Death Index (NDI). This linkage marks the first time in the over 50-year history of NAMCS that its survey data have been linked to external data files.

The NAMCS HC Component collects electronic health record (EHR) information for all patient visits occurring in participating federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-alikes to describe patterns of health care delivery and utilization in health centers. The NAMCS HC LMFs provide the data resources needed to conduct a vast array of studies focused on mortality among patients who visited FQHCs and FQHC look-alikes.

For additional information about the NAMCS HC LMFs, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/namcs-ndi.htm>

Due to confidentiality requirements, access to the NAMCS HC LMFs is available only through the NCHS and Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (RDCs). Interested researchers must submit a research proposal to the NCHS RDC.

For more information on the NCHS RDC, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/rdc/index.htm>

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