

# USING THE ESPC DATABASE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON MEDICAID & CHIP ELIGIBILITY AND BIRTHS

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## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

For Maryland, Florida, Alabama, and Pennsylvania over the 2005-2008 period:

1. What were the maximum Medicaid/M-CHIP income eligibility levels expressed as a percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)?
2. How many live births were there?
3. How many pre-term births were there?
4. What was the infant mortality rate?

## USING THE ESPC DATABASE

1. - Preliminary Steps
  - a. - Open ESPC Database
  - b. - Click on "Options" near the top of the page and choose "Enable this content"
  - c. - Click "OK"
  - d. - Click "Begin"
  - e. - Click "ESPC Database"
2. - Search for Variables of Interest
  - a. - Click "Search Variables"
  - b. - In "Description/Keyword Containing" field, enter: "infant"
  - c. - Click "Variable List"
  - d. - Using checkboxes along the left margin, select the following variables:
    - i. - Income eligibility-max Medicaid/M-CHIP, ages 0-1 (%FPL)
    - ii. - Infant mortality rate
  - e. - Click "Close"
  - f. - Click "Clear Search Criteria"
  - g. - From the series of pulldown menus, select:
    - i. - "Environmental" from the "Environmental/Program Factors" menu
    - ii. - "Demographics" from "Topic Area"
    - iii. - "Births" from "Subtopic Area"
  - h. - Click "Full Variable Info."
  - i. - Using the forward and backward buttons at the bottom of the form and the checkbox on each page, select:
    - i. - The first variable, "# of preterm births"
    - ii. - The third variable, "Total births"
  - j. - Click "Close"
  - k. - Click "Close" again

3. - Select states and dates of interest

- a. - Click "Select States and Dates"
- b. - Click "Clear All Selected States"
- c. - Using pull down menus, select Maryland, Florida, Alabama, and Pennsylvania
- d. - In the "Including dates from" field, enter "01/01/05"
- e. - In the "to" field, enter "12/31/08"
- f. - Click "Close"

4. - Export data to Excel file

- a. - Click "Export Data to File"
- b. - Review state and time period selections (pre-populated from step 3)
- c. - Click "Pull Data" and then click "OK"
- d. - Click "Export Data to Excel File"
- e. - Choose a file location to save the data and a name for the data file and then click "Save"
- f. - Click "OK"

5. - View Data

- a. - Minimize the ESPC Database
- b. - Open the Excel file saved during step 4
- c. - The first tab (named "Pull\_All\_Data01\_Crosstab") displays the data.
- d. - The second tab (named "Pull\_All\_Data01\_Variables") displays variable information.