New MedRIC Request Form

We're pleased to announce the release of the MedRIC Request Form, which you can use to request our CMS datasets from the Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC)! This new Form matches our available CMS datasets and includes formulas to help you determine the data available for our different survey partners and their encryption specifications.

New MedRIC Request Form vs. ResDAC's Existing RIF Worksheets

Form Component	MedRIC Request Form	ResDAC's RIF Worksheets
Instructions Worksheet	✓	✓
Study Specification Worksheet	✓	✓
By-Variable Justification Worksheet for Part D Drug Event (PDE) Data	✓	✓
By-Variable Justification Worksheet for Home Health Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Data	✓	✓
By-Variable Justification Worksheet for Long-Term Care Minimum Data Set (MDS) Data[1]		✓
NIH Survey Selection Field for Specifying the NIH Survey that You Want to Request CMS Data Form	✓	
Standard, Geographic, or Provider Fields for Specifying the NIH Survey-Approved Encryption Level for Each CMS Data Type that You Request	✓	
Formula-Based Logic that Specifies the Data Types, Variables, and Years Available for a Specific NIH Survey	✓	
Formula-Based Logic that Validates Your Responses	✓	
Summary Worksheet Specifying the Data File Types and Years You Have Selected	✓	
Appendices Containing Additional Resources, such as Data Descriptions	✓	

1 Refer to page 2 for additional information on this constraint.

MedRIC Request Form: Two Key Constraints

The MedRIC Request Form has two primary constraints:

1. **formula-based validation checks; and**
2. **no MDS worksheet.**

"BREAKABLE" FORMULA-BASED VALIDATION CHECKS

Because some researchers' IT departments ban Excel macros, we've used Excel formulas to indicate the availability of data files and data variables for the NIH survey and encryption level that you select. However, these formulas will "break" if you change the survey partner or encryption level **after you start populating the data specifications worksheets**.

> **For example, if you select a survey partner, start filling in the form, and then revise the survey partner that you selected, the MedRIC Request Form's built-in formulas will stop working**

If you need to revise the survey partner or variable encryption specification **after you start populating your data specifications**, we recommend reviewing any previously completed worksheets as certain data file types, data file years, or variables may differ in their availability.

MISSING MDS WORKSHEET

At present, the CMS MDS Data Owner is still reviewing our MDS worksheet. As a result, our MedRIC Request Form does not currently include an MDS worksheet.

If you need MDS data for your study, you will need to complete ResDAC's MDS 2.0 and 3.0 Justification Worksheets and submit these to ResDAC along with your completed MedRIC Request Form.

Where to Find the MedRIC Request Form

You can access the MedRIC Request Form in the File Request Form section of our website: **https://medric.info/file_request_form.html**.

How to Submit the MedRIC Request Form

The MedRIC Request Form does NOT replace all ResDAC-related request materials, such as the Executive Summary and letters of support. Once you've completed the MedRIC Request Form, submit your completed Form and all other ResDAC-related request materials to ResDAC at **resdac@umn.edu**. ResDAC will review your request and guide you through next steps.

How to Report a Form Issue or Request Form Assistance

If you encounter any issues using the MedRIC Request Form or need any assistance with it, contact MedRIC Support at **medric@acumenllc.com** or (650) 558-8310.

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