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The Washington HCUP Central Distributor State Inpatient Databases (SID) that were purchased prior to August 2008 contain problems with the following data elements for expected secondary payer: PAY2 and PAY2_X. The HCUP Partner organization from Washington has informed AHRQ that these data elements, for years 2003 – 2006, contain erroneous data and cannot be fixed. As recommended by our Partner, we strongly encourage you to not use these data elements.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your organization. If you have any questions, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor toll-free at (866) 556-4287 or via e-mail at HCUPDistributor@AHRQ.gov.

Sincerely,

The HCUP Central Distributor Team