



**Supplementary Figure 1:** Participant Inclusion and Exclusion Flow Chart



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- [CMS Medicaid Enrollment and Claims Files](#)
- [United States Renal Data System \(USRDS\)](#)
- [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#)
- [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

## National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

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## National Health Care Surveys (NHCS)

- [National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey \(NAMCS\)](#)
- [National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey \(NHAMCS\)](#)
- [National Hospital Discharge Survey \(NHDS\)](#)
- [National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery \(NSAS\)](#)
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