

MINI-SENTINEL COMMON COMPONENTS

SAS® CODE

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I. COMMON COMPONENTS PACKAGE CONTENTS¹

File Name	File Description
ms_common_components.sas	Common-Components “include” SAS® program
ms_setup_macros.sas	Setup SAS® macros included by ms_common_components.sas
ms_header_program_template.sas	Template SAS® program header compatible with ms_common_components.sas

II. COMMON COMPONENTS PACKAGE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the **ms_common_components.sas** and **ms_setup_macros.sas** files in a central location that is accessible to all executing Mini Sentinel SAS jobs. It helps if the location is also easy to find by site programmers who will need to specify the full path of the **ms_common_components.sas** file for each SAS job that includes common components.
2. Place the **ms_header_program_template.sas** file in a convenient location for copying by programmers who wish to develop new programs that include common components. You may wish to place it in the same location as the other two files in the common components package or you may wish to put it in a separate directory with other template programs at your site.
3. Edit the value of each macro variable in the **ms_common_components.sas** file according to instructions in the file.

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