

Variable Col Len Format Frequency ComQues# FacQues# Variable Type & Label

This file consists of one record for each SP who met two conditions as of the fall round. First, the SP had to report that he or she was enrolled in Medicare HMO at the time of the community interview in the fall round. Second, CMS records had to show a capitation payment to a Medicare HMO on behalf of the SP for the month of the interview.

These data augment information from the Access to Care and Satisfaction with Care sections of the questionnaire. It contains information about access to and satisfaction with medical services received through the HMO. It also contains the SP's assessment of the quality of medical care they are receiving, types of additional coverage offered, and any out-of-pocket costs associated with the HMO.

RIC	1	1			C Record Identification Code
FILEYR	2	2			C Year of Survey Data (YY)
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
				2,714	LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
HMOYEARS	12	2	HYRSFMT	HIMC23	N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
				2	. Missing
				114	-8 Don't know
				414	1-2 1 to 2 years
				937	3-5 3 to 5 years
				604	6-10 6 to 10 years
				227	11-15 11 to 15 years
				140	16-20 16 to 20 years
				195	21-95 More than 20 years
				81	96 Less than 1 year

NOTE: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF	14	2	DIFFMT	AC33	N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
				8	. Missing
				3	-8 Don't know
				133	1 Yes
				2,220	2 No
				350	3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT			AC34a	N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				1			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				11			3 Cardiology (heart)
				15			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				3			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				5			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				2			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				2			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				0			14 Hematology (blood)
				0			15 Hospital residence
				3			16 Internal medicine
				0			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				7			18 Neurology
				0			19 Nuclear Medicine
				4			20 Oncology
				12			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				16			22 Orthopaedics
				0			24 Osteopathy
				5			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				1			26 Pathology
				1			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				0			29 Proctology
				1			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				4			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				6			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				6			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				5			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				1			39 Optometrist
				3			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				16			91 Other medical specialty

NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1
First available in 1998

MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				41			1 Indicated
				92			2 Not Indicated

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First available in 1996

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Wait for appointment was too long
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Indicated
				124			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOCONV	22	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				29			1 Indicated
				104			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOREFR	24	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				44			1 Indicated
				89			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOLIKE	26	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Indicated
				130			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHBADHRS	28	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Provider's office hours not convenient
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Indicated
				133			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Other - Kind of difficulty
				2,581			. Inapplicable
				26			1 Indicated
				107			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHREFPAY	32	2	YES2FMT	AC36			N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				8			. Missing
				11			-8 Don't know
				50			1 Yes
				2,645			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1996			

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MHMORX	34	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				2,263			1 Yes
				419			2 No
				NOTES: First available in 1996			
MHMODENT	36	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover dental?
				172			-8 Don't know
				1,077			1 Yes
				1,465			2 No
				NOTES: First available in 1996			
MHMOEYE	38	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover eye exams?
				129			-8 Don't know
				2,091			1 Yes
				494			2 No
				NOTES: First available in 1996			
MHMOPCAR	40	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover preventiv care
				82			-8 Don't know
				2,544			1 Yes
				88			2 No
				NOTES: First available in 1996			
MHMONH	42	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover nursing home?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				746			-8 Don't know
				292			1 Yes
				1,675			2 No
				NOTES: First available in 1996			
MHMOPOS	44	2	YES2FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO a point-of-service option
				321			-8 Don't know
				300			1 Yes
				2,093			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1996			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				28			-8 Don't know
				1,116			1 Yes
				1,564			2 No
NOTES: First available in 1996							
D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT		HIMC12		N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				1,598			. Inapplicable
				50			-8 Don't know
				1,066	0.01-99999.99		Premium MIP pays for private insurance
NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1996							
MHMOCOST	56	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				1,593			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				86			1 Yes
				1,028			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999							
MHMOWHO	58	2	WHOFMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				2,628			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				6			1 Main insured person's current employer
				45			2 Main insured person's former employer
				8			3 Main insured person's union
				2			4 Spouse's current employer
				22			5 Spouse's former employer
				0			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				1			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				1			91 Other
NOTES: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1 First available in 1999							

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MHMOMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT			HIMC14	N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				29			-8 Don't know
				912			1 Lower cost
				606			2 Better benefits or coverage
				210			3 Doctor was member
				67			4 Convenient location
				260			5 Recommendation or reputation
				129			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				92			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				32			8 Less paperwork
				147			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				26			10 Better selection of providers
				45			11 Better quality of care
				19			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				1			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				134			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				2			. Inapplicable
				118			-8 Don't know
				2,186			1 Yes
				408			2 No

NOTES: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO
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