

This Read Me document provides a brief description of the data file "LTC_Facilities_List_October_3_2011.xls."

Purpose of the File: This file is provided for use by Part D benefit sponsors as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) application process. A new MA-PD, Cost Plan or stand-alone PDP is required to submit an application to offer Part D benefits. This file should be used by applicants to complete the Long Term Care Pharmacy (LTC) sections of these applications. The general application requirements are outlined under 42 CFR 423.502. (This file is also be used for preparing the 2012 Part D Reporting Requirements, which is outside the application process.) **This file is not intended for any other purpose or analytical use.**

Description of the File: Two files are provided, one in MS Excel format (LTC_Facilities_List_October_3_2011.xls), and one in comma delimited format (LTC_Facilities_List_October_3_2011.csv). This file contains a listing of 15,694 Medicare- and Medicaid-participating Skilled Nursing and Nursing Facilities.

Specifically, the variables include:

1. **PROVNUM** (Provider Identifier)
2. **PROVNAME** (Provider Name)
3. **ADDRESS**
4. **CITY**
5. **STATE**
6. **ZIP**
7. **Certified Beds** (Number of Medicare/Medicaid Certified Beds)
8. **PDP Region #** (Assigned PDP Region Number)*
9. **MA Region #** (Assigned MA Region Number)

Data Source: Variables 1-7 were extracted from the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) data network as of October 3, 2011. Variables 8 and 9 were assigned based on the facility's state location. Further information on PDP and MA regions may be found at the following URLs:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Downloads/PDPRegions.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Downloads/MARegions.pdf>

Note: U.S. territories are not assigned to a Medicare Advantage region and, as such, the MA Region Group variable for facilities located in the territories is marked as "NA." Facilities located in U.S. territories are assigned to separate PDP Regions.

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