

CMS Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), Health Insurance Exchange Public Use Files (Exchange PUFs) Data Dictionary for Network PUF

1. Overview of the Network PUF

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) publishes the Exchange PUFs in order to improve transparency and increase access to data on Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) and Stand-alone Dental Plans (SADPs) offered through the Exchange in the individual market and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP). The PUFs include data from states with Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FFEs), which include states with State Partnership Exchanges (SPEs), and State-based Exchanges that rely on the federal information technology platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment functionality (SBE-FPs). The Exchange PUFs also include data on Multi-State Plans (MSPs) and certified off-exchange SADPs. The PUFs do not include data from SBEs that do not rely on the federal platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment functionality.

The Network PUF (Ntwrk-PUF) is one of the files that make up the Exchange PUFs. The Ntwrk-PUF contains issuer-level data identifying provider network URLs. These data either originate from the Network ID template (i.e., template field), an Excel based form used by issuers to describe their plans in the QHP/SADP application process, or were generated by CCIIO for use in data processing (i.e., system-generated).

This data dictionary describes the variables contained in the Ntwrk-PUF. Each record reports an issuer's provider network. The Ntwrk-PUF is available for plan years 2014 through 2020.

2. Variable Attributes

Variable Name: BusinessYear

Variable Definition: Year for which plan provides coverage to

enrollees

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Business Year

Allowable Values: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Business Year

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: StateCode

Variable Definition: Two-character state abbreviation indicating the

state where the plan is offered

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: State Code

Allowable Values: All 50 state abbreviations + 9 territory

abbreviations

Data Source: System-generated field



Field Name from Data Source: State Code

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: IssuerId

Variable Definition: Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer

organization in the Health Insurance Oversight

System (HIOS)

Data Type:TextVariable Label:Issuer IDAllowable Values:Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Issuer ID Comments: N/A

Variable Name: SourceName

Variable Definition: Categorical identifier of source of data import

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Source Name

Allowable Values: HIOS

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Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Source Name

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: VersionNum

Variable Definition: Integer value for version of data import

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Version Number

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Version Number

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: ImportDate

Variable Definition: Date of data import

Data Type: Date/Time
Variable Label: Import Date
Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: ImportDate

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: IssuerId2

Variable Definition: Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer

organization in HIOS



Data Type:

Variable Label:

Allowable Values:

Data Source:

Template field

Field Name from Data Source:

HIOS Issuer ID

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: StateCode2

Variable Definition: Two-character state abbreviation

indicating the state where the plan is

offered

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: State Code

Allowable Values: All 50 state abbreviations + 9 territory

abbreviations

Data Source: Template field Field Name from Data Source: Issuer State

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: NetworkName

Variable Definition: Name of a health care provider network

Data Type: Text

Variable Label:

Allowable Values:

Data Source:

Field Name from Data Source:

Network Name

Free Text

Template field

Network Name

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: NetworkId

Variable Definition: Identifier for a health care provider network

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Network ID

Allowable Values:

Network IDs shown are generated based on

number of networks entered and issuer's state

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Network ID

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: NetworkURL

Variable Definition: The URL of the network's provider directory

Data Type: Text

Variable Label:

Allowable Values:

Data Source:

Network URL

Free Text

Template field



Field Name from Data Source: Network URL

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: RowNumber

Variable Definition: Integer value for template row number

associated with this data record

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Row Number Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Row Number

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: MarketCoverage

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator of market coverage of

plans submitted with this template

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Market Coverage

Allowable Values: Individual

SHOP (Small Group)

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Market Coverage

Comments: Blank for HIOS data (does not apply).

Variable Name: DentalOnlyPlan

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator of dental-only status of

plans submitted with this template

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Dental-Only Plan Indicator

Allowable Values: Yes

No

Data Source: System-generated field Field Name from Data Source: Dental-Only Plan Indicator

Comments: Blank for HIOS data (does not apply).