

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

1. Overview of the Service Area 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 Option Program (SHOP). The PUFs include data from states with Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FEEs), 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 Service Area PUF (SA-PUF) is one of the files that make up the Exchange PUFs. The SA-PUF contains issuer-level data on geographic service areas including state, county, and zip code. These data either originate from the Service Area 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 SA-PUF. Each record reports the counties and zip codes associated with an issuer’s service area ID. The SA-PUF is available for plan years 2014 through 2019.

2. Variable Attributes

<i>Variable Name:</i>	BusinessYear
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Year for which plan provides coverage to enrollees
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Business Year
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Business Year
<i>Comments:</i>	N/A

<i>Variable Name:</i>	StateCode
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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: Text

Variable Label: Issuer ID

Allowable 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
SERFF
OPM

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: VersionNum

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: VersionNum

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: Import Date
Comments: N/A

Variable Name: IssuerId2
Variable Definition: Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer organization in HIOS
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Issuer ID
Allowable Values: Free text
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: ServiceAreald
Variable Definition: Identifier for a service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Service Area ID
Allowable Values: Service Area IDs shown are generated based on number of service areas entered and issuer's state
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Service Area ID
Comments: N/A

Variable Name: ServiceAreaName
Variable Definition: Name of a service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Service Area Name

Allowable Values: Free Text
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Service Area Name
Comments: N/A

Variable Name: CoverEntireState
Variable Definition: Categorical indicator of whether entire state is covered by the service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Cover Entire State
Allowable Values: Yes
 No
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: State
Comments: N/A

Variable Name: County
Variable Definition: Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code assigned to the county within a state that is covered by the service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: County
Allowable Values: FIPS codes shown are for counties within state selected in template
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: County Name
Comments: This field is only applicable if CoverEntireState field equals No

Variable Name: PartialCounty
Variable Definition: Categorical indicator of whether entire county is covered by the service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Partial County
Allowable Values: Yes
 No
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Partial County
Comments: This field is only applicable if CoverEntireState field equals No

Variable Name: ZipCodes
Variable Definition: Zip codes within the partial-county region covered by the service area
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Zip Codes

Allowable Values: List of zip codes separated by commas
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Service Area Zip Code(s)
Comments: This field is only applicable if PartialCounty field equals Yes; field could be truncated at 256 characters if exported to Excel or Access

Variable Name: PartialCountyJustification
Variable Definition: The justification given for creating a partial-county region for inclusion in a Service Area.
Data Type: Text
Variable Label: Partial County Justification
Allowable Values: Free Text
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Partial County Justification
Comments: This field is only applicable if PartialCounty field equals Yes; field may be truncated at 256 characters if exported to Excel or Access

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: Unavailable for some templates. 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)



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<i>Variable Name:</i>	DentalOnlyPlan
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Categorical indicator of dental-only status of plans submitted with this template
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Dental-Only Plan Indicator
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	Yes No
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Dental-Only Plan Indicator
<i>Comments:</i>	Blank for HIOS data (does not apply)