

CMS 2010 Basic Stand Alone (BSA)

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Beneficiary Public Use File (PUF)

Data Dictionary and Codebook

This is a beneficiary-level file in which the beneficiaries with identical information (i.e., same values for all variables of the PUF) are presented together in one record. The frequencies below are weighted by the **BENE_CNT** variable. See the General Documentation for an overview of file contents, data source, information about exclusions, and analytic utility.

BENE_SEX_IDENT_CD

This field indicates the sex of the beneficiary.

Variable Value	Formatted Value	Frequency	Frequency (%)
1	Male	21,967	33.724
2	Female	43,171	66.276

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

BENE_AGE_CAT_CD

This categorical variable is based on the beneficiary's age at end of the reference year (2010). All beneficiaries in this file were alive by the end of the reference year (2010).

Variable Value	Formatted Value	Frequency	Frequency (%)
1	Under 65	5,787	8.884
2	65 - 69	5,265	8.083
3	70 - 74	7,620	11.698
4	75 - 79	10,294	15.803
5	80 - 84	13,256	20.351
6	85 & Older	22,916	35.181

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

SNF_ADM_CD

This categorical variable is based on the number of admissions for SNF care. The total number of admissions is categorized into two groups: 1 admission and 2 or more admissions. The total number of admissions is calculated by adding up the number of different admission dates using the CLM_ADMSN_DT variable. The CLM_ADMSN_DT variable is populated for every single claim in the dataset with the date the beneficiary was admitted to the skilled nursing facility.

Variable Value	Formatted Value	Frequency	Frequency (%)
1	One admission	45,664	70.103
2	Two or more admissions	19,474	29.897

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

SNF_RHB_CD

This categorical variable is based on the number of days of Rehabilitation Services covered by the Medicare program. This is a set of 5 possible codes, numbered 0 – 4. It identifies five categories of the total number of days of rehabilitation that the beneficiary received while in SNF care. This variable is based on the PPS SNF RUG-IV Case-Mix classification system. Fourteen (14) of the 66 RUG-IV codes are included: RUC, RUB, RUA, RVC, RVB, RVA, RHC, RHB, RHA, RMC, RMB, RMA, RLB, and RLA.

Variable Value	Formatted Value	Frequency	Frequency (%)
0	0 day	15,142	23.246
1	1 - 8 days	7,589	11.651
2	9 - 20 days	13,452	20.652
3	21 - 40 days	13,630	20.925
4	41 or more days	15,325	23.527

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

SNF_RHBXS_CD

This categorical variable is based on the number of days of Rehabilitation Plus Extensive Services covered by the Medicare program. This is a set of 3 possible codes, numbered 0 – 2. It identifies three categories of the total number of days of rehabilitation plus extensive services that the beneficiary received while in SNF care. This variable is based on the PPS SNF RUG-IV

Case-Mix classification system . Nine (9) of the 66 RUG-IV codes are included: RUX, RUL, RVX, RVL, RHX, RHL, RMX, RML, and RLX.

Variable Value	Formatted Value	Frequency	Frequency (%)
0	0 day	31,601	48.514
1	1 - 20 days	18,492	28.389
2	21 or more days	15,045	23.097

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

SNF_PMT_AMT

This variable contains total payments made by Medicare for the SNF claims of the beneficiary. The payment amount that is used in the calculation is the sum of all the payments made from the Medicare trust fund for the services covered for the beneficiary (CLM_PMT_AMT) in the Medicare SNF claims file. The values are provided after rounding. Refer to Table 2 in the General Documentation for rounding rules.

Variable Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Frequency	Frequency (%)
0	743	1.141
1,000	2,098	3.221
2,000	2,488	3.820
3,000	2,574	3.952
4,000	2,743	4.211
5,000	2,761	4.239
6,000	2,957	4.540
7,000	2,922	4.486
8,000	3,065	4.705
9,000	3,078	4.725
10,000	2,889	4.435
11,000	2,824	4.335
12,000	2,515	3.861
13,000	2,225	3.416
14,000	2,145	3.293
15,000	1,975	3.032
16,000	1,745	2.679

Variable Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Frequency	Frequency (%)
17,000	1,541	2.366
18,000	1,531	2.350
19,000	1,411	2.166
20,000	1,358	2.085
21,000	1,217	1.868
22,000	1,161	1.782
23,000	1,090	1.673
24,000	965	1.481
25,000	2,809	4.312
30,000	3,646	5.597
35,000	2,700	4.145
40,000	1,775	2.725
45,000	989	1.518
50,000	527	0.809
55,000	307	0.471
60,000	158	0.243
65,000	78	0.120
70,000	60	0.092
75,000	38	0.058
80,000	13	0.020
85,000	7	0.011
90,000	7	0.011
95,000	3	0.005

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(1) Note that a payment amount between \$0 and \$499.99 is rounded to \$0 according to the rounding rules. Hence, the corresponding value for \$1,000 in the PUF is a value between \$500 and \$1499.99 in the initial 5% sample file.

BENE_CNT

This variable contains the number of beneficiaries that share the same characteristics (i.e., all remaining variables of the PUF: gender, age category, admissions category, days of rehabilitation services category, days of rehabilitation plus extensive services category, and payment amount) in the PUF. The sum of this variable (65,138) is the total number of beneficiaries in the PUF.