

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

1. Overview of the Business Rules PUF

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

The Business Rules PUF (BR-PUF) is one of the files that comprise the Exchange PUFs. The BR-PUF contains plan-level data on rating business rules, such as maximum age for a dependent and allowed dependent relationships. These data originate from an issuer's Business Rules template of the QHP Application (i.e., template field), or were generated by CCIIO for use in data processing (i.e., system-generated).

This data dictionary describes the variables contained in the BR-PUF. Each record reports business rules that modify the rates of a plan. The BR-PUF is available for plan years 2014 through 2026.

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, 2021,

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

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: 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

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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/TimeVariable Label:Import DateAllowable 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: TIN

Variable Definition: Tax ID Number of issuer

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Tax Identification Number

Allowable Values: Free Text
Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: TIN

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: MedicalDentalBoth

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator that indicates the type of plans

the issuer offers

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Medical Dental Both

Allowable Values: Medical

Dental Both

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Medical, Dental, or Both?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2021 through 2026

datasets.

Variable Name: ProductId

Variable Definition: Ten-character alpha-numeric code that identifies an

insurance product within HIOS

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Product ID

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Product ID

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: StandardComponentId

Variable Definition: Fourteen-character alpha-numeric code that identifies

an insurance plan within HIOS

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Standard Component ID

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Plan ID (Standard Component)



Comments: N/A

Variable Name: MedicalDentalIndicator

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator that indicates if an issuer,

product, or plan level rule is medical or dental

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Medical Dental Indicator

Allowable Values: Medical Dental

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Medical or Dental Rule?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2021 through 2026

datasets.

Variable Name: EnrolleeContractRateDeterminationRule

Variable Definition: Description of enrollee contract rule for determining

rates

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Enrollee Contract Rate Determination Rule

Allowable Values: "There are rates specifically for couples and for families (not just addition of individual rates)"

"A different rate (specifically for parties of two or more)

for each enrollee is added together"

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: How are rates for contracts covering two or more

enrollees calculated?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: TwoParentFamilyMaxDependentsRule

Variable Definition: The maximum number of dependents used to rate a

policy in a two parent family

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Two Parent Family Max Dependents Rule

Allowable Values:

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3 or more

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: What are the maximum number of under age (under

21) dependents used to quote a two parent family?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: SingleParentFamilyMaxDependentsRule

Variable Definition: The maximum number of dependents used to rate a

policy in a single parent family

Data Type: Text



Comments:

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Allowable Values:

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3 or more

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: What are the maximum number of under age (under

21) dependents used to quote a single parent family? This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: MaximumUnderageDependent

Variable Definition: The maximum number of rated underage dependents

on a policy

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Maximum Underage Dependent

Allowable Values:

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Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: What is the maximum number of rated underage

dependents on this policy?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2021 through 2026

datasets.

Variable Name: DependentMaximumAgRule

Variable Definition: Integer value for the maximum age for which an

insurance plan could be issued for a child, if applicable

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Dependent Maximum Age Rule

Allowable Values: Number representing age

Not Applicable

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Is there a maximum age for a dependent?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2026

datasets.

Variable Name: ChildrenOnlyContractMaxChildrenRule

Variable Definition: The maximum number of children used to rate a child-

only policy

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Children Only Contract Max Children Rule

Allowable Values: 1

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3 or more

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: What are the maximum number of children used to

quote a children-only contract?



Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets

Variable Name: DomesticPartnerAsSpouseIndicator

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator for whether a domestic partner is

treated the same as secondary subscribers

Data Type: Tex

Variable Label: Domestic Partner As Spouse Indicator

Allowable Values: Yes

No

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Are domestic partners treated the same as secondary

subscribers?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: SameSexPartnerAsSpouseIndicator

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator for whether a same sex partner is

treated the same as secondary subscribers

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Same Sex Partner As Spouse Indicator

Allowable Values: Yes

No

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Are same-sex partners treated the same as secondary

subscribers?

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through 2020

datasets.

Variable Name: AgeDeterminationRule

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator for the method used to determine

the person's age at the time of an application

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Age Determination Rule
Allowable Values: "Age on effective date"

"Age on January 1st of the effective date year" (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2023

datasets.)

"Age on insurance date (age on birthday nearest the effective date)" (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2023 datasets.)

"Age on January 1st or July 1st "(This value is only available for the 2014 through 2023 datasets.)

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: How is age determined for rating and eligibility

purposes?

Comments: N/A



Variable Name: MinimumTobaccoFreeMonthsRule

Variable Definition: Integer value for the number of tobacco-free months

considered when qualifying an enrollee for the non-

tobacco insurance rate, if applicable

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Minimum Tobacco Free Months Rule

Allowable Values: Number representing months of no tobacco use

Not Applicable

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: How is tobacco status determined for subscribers and

dependents?

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: CohabitationRule

Variable Definition: Categorical indicator that identifies which family

relationships are allowed for enrollees and whether cohabitation with the primary subscriber is required

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Cohabitation Rule
Allowable Values: Spouse, Yes/No

Father or Mother, Yes/No (This value is only available

for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Grandfather or Grandmother, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Grandson or Granddaughter, Yes/No

Uncle or Aunt, Yes/No (This value is only available for

the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Nephew or Niece, Yes/No

Cousin, Yes/No (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Adopted Child, Yes/No (This value is only available for

the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Foster Child, Yes/No

Son-in-law or daughter-in-law, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.) Brother-in-law or sister-in-law, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.) Mother-in-law or father-in law, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Brother or sister, Yes/No

Ward, Yes/No

Stepparent, Yes/No (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2020 datasets.) Stepson or stepdaughter, Yes/No

Self, Yes/No Child, Yes/No



Sponsored dependent, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Dependent on a Minor Dependent, Yes/No (This value is only available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Ex-spouse, Yes/No

Guardian, Yes/No (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Court Appointed Guardian, Yes/No (This value is only

available for the 2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Collateral Dependent, Yes/No

Life Partner, Yes/No

Annuitant, Yes/No (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2020 datasets.)

Trustee, Yes/No (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2020 datasets.) Other Relationship, Yes/No Other Relative, Yes/No

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: What relationships between primary and dependent

are allowed, and is the dependent required to live in the same household as the primary subscriber?

Comments: Only relationships allowed by issuer are listed,

followed by Yes or No to indicate cohabitation

requirement; 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: 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 that plan is a stand-alone dental

plan

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)