

CMS Health Equity TA: Data Sources Handout

This table of data sources can help you with Step 1 of your CMS Disparities Impact Statement. Contact us at HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov for additional information.

Data	Description	Level	Health & Health Care					Demographic						
			Q/O	C	A	U	P	SES/SDH	R/E	L	D	SO/GI	R/U	
Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool <i>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</i>	Identifies disparities in health outcomes, utilization, prevalence, and spending by race and ethnicity and geographic location.	County, State	●	●		●	●			●		●		●
Community Health Status Indicators <i>Centers for Disease Control</i>	Provides indicators of health outcomes, access and quality, health behaviors, social factors, and the physical environment.	County	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project <i>Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality</i>	Contains diagnoses and procedures, discharge status, patient demographics, and charges for all patients regardless of payer.	County, State, National	●	●		●			●	●				●
Area Health Resource Files <i>Health Resources and Services Administration</i>	Compares population characteristics, health resources, and demographics.	County, State, National		●	●	●			●	●	●	●		●
Health Indicators Website <i>National Center for Health Statistics</i>	Describes community's health status and determinants.	Varies (Hospital, County, State, National, Region)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	
County Health Rankings <i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Wisconsin</i>	Ranks the health of nearly every county in the nation, with social determinants.	County	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●
Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care <i>Dartmouth Institute</i>	Provides medical resource distribution, hospital care intensity, variations in care/procedures, end of life care, and cost.	Hospital, County, State, Region	●	●	●	●			●	●			●	●
Community Health Profiles <i>Community Commons (CHNA)</i>	Provides data layer maps with demographic elements, SES, clinical care, health behaviors, and outcomes.	County, State	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●

Additional local data sources: State or Local Health Department Data, Local Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), Stakeholder Interviews, Administrative Claims, State Medicaid Data, American Communities Survey (ACS), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Key

Q/O	Quality & Outcomes	P	Prevalence of conditions/disease	D	Disability Status
C	Cost	SES/SDH	Socio-economic Status/ Social Determinants of Health	SO/GI	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
A	Access	R/E	Race/Ethnicity	R/U	Rural/Urban
U	Utilization of care	L	Language		