

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 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 (FFE) 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 do not include data from SBEs that do not rely on the federal platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment.

The Network PUF (Ntwrk-PUF) is one of the files that comprise the Exchange PUFs. The Ntwrk-PUF contains issuer-level data identifying provider network URLs. These data originate from an issuer’s Network ID 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 Ntwrk-PUF. Each record reports an issuer’s provider network. The Ntwrk-PUF is available for plan years 2014 through 2024.

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, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Business Year
<i>Comments:</i>	N/A
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<i>Variable Name:</i>	StateCode
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Two-character state abbreviation indicating the state where the plan is offered
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	State Code



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<i>Allowable Values:</i>	All 50 state abbreviations + 9 territory abbreviations
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	State Code
<i>Comments:</i>	N/A
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<i>Variable Name:</i>	IssuerId
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer organization in the Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS)
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Issuer ID
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	Free Text
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Issuer ID
<i>Comments:</i>	N/A
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<i>Variable Name:</i>	SourceName
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Categorical identifier of source of data import
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Source Name
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	HIOS SERFF OPM
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Source Name
<i>Comments:</i>	N/A
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<i>Variable Name:</i>	VersionNum
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Integer value for version of data import
<i>Data Type:</i>	Text
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Version Number
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	Free Text
<i>Data Source:</i>	System-generated field
<i>Field Name from Data Source:</i>	Version Number
<i>Comments:</i>	This field is only available for the 2014 through 2016 datasets.
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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ImportDate
<i>Variable Definition:</i>	Date of data import
<i>Data Type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Variable Label:</i>	Import Date
<i>Allowable Values:</i>	Free Text
<i>Data Source:</i>	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: 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: NetworkName

Variable Definition: Name of a health care provider network

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Network Name

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data

Source: 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: Network URL

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field for the 2014 through 2020 datasets. HIOS Supplemental Submission Module (SSM) for the 2020 through 2023 datasets; Marketplace Plan Management System (MPMS) for the 2024 dataset.

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)



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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)
