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 (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 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 2027.

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, 2027
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 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:	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/Time
Variable Label:	Import Date
Allowable Values:	Free Text
Data Source:	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 through 2027 datasets.
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)

Variable Name:	DentalOnlyPlan
Variable Definition:	Categorical indicator of dental-only status of plans submitted with this template
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)