

State-based Exchange Public Use Files (SBE PUF) Data Dictionary for PY 2026 Network PUF

1.0 Overview of PY 2026 Network PUF

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) is releasing the State-based Exchange (SBE) Public Use Files (PUF) to improve the transparency and increase access to SBE data. The SBE PUF includes Qualified Health Plans (QHP) and Stand-Alone Dental Plans (SADP) offered in states that operate their own Marketplaces and do not rely on the Federal information technology platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment functionality. This includes states that operate their own Small Business Health Options Programs (SHOP).

The Network PUF (Ntwrk-PUF) is one of the six files that make up the SBE PUF. The Ntwrk-PUF contains issuer-level data identifying each provider network. These data originate from the Network ID template (i.e., template field), an Excel-based form used by issuers to describe their plans in the QHP/SADP application process and were provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) by extracting the information from their System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF).

This data dictionary describes the variables contained in the Ntwrk-PUF for each SBE. Each record relates to one issuer's provider network. The Ntwrk-PUF is available for SBEs for plan year (PY) 2026.

2.0 Variable Attributes

Exhibit 1 through **Exhibit 11** explain each variable and its attributes.

Exhibit 1: Business Year Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	BusinessYear (BUSINESS YEAR)
Variable Definition:	Year for which plan provides coverage to enrollees
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Business Year
Allowable Values:	2026
Data Source:	System-generated field
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 2: State Code Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	stateCode (STATE CODE)
Variable Definition:	Two-character state abbreviation indicating the state where the plan is offered

Field	Content
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	State Code
Allowable Values:	All state abbreviations for those states that operate SBEs
Data Source:	System-generated field
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 3: Issuer ID Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	issuerID (ISSUER ID)
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:	Template field
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 4: Source Name Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	SourceName (SOURCE NAME)
Variable Definition:	Categorical identifier of source of the data import
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Source Name
Allowable Values:	SERFF
Data Source:	System-generated field
Comments:	SERFF is the only source used data in the SBE PUF

Exhibit 5: Version Number Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	VersionNum (VERSION NUMBER)
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
Comments:	This field is available for SBE QHP PUF through 2021.

Exhibit 6: Import Date Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	ImportDate (IMPORT DATE)
Variable Definition:	Date of the Data Import
Data Type:	Date/Time
Variable Label:	Import Date
Allowable Values:	Free text
Data Source:	System-generated field
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 7: Network ID Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	networkID (NETWORK ID)
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
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 8: Network Name Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	networkName (NETWORK NAME)
Variable Definition:	Name of a health care provider network
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Network Name
Allowable Values:	Free text
Data Source:	Template field
Comments:	N/A

Exhibit 9: Network URL Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	networkURL (NETWORK URL)
Variable Definition:	The URL of the network's provider directory
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Network URL
Allowable Values:	Free text

Field	Content
Data Source:	Template field
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2026 datasets.

Exhibit 10: Market Coverage Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	marketCoverage (MARKET COVERAGE)
Variable Definition:	Categorical indicator of market coverage of plans submitted with this template
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Market Coverage
Allowable Values:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • SHOP (Small Group)
Data Source:	Template Field
Comments:	Blank for HIOS data (does not apply)

Exhibit 11: Dental Plan Only Variable Information.

Field	Content
Variable Name (PUF Header):	dentalPlanOnly (DENTAL PLAN ONLY)
Variable Definition:	Categorical indicator that the plan is a stand-alone dental plan
Data Type:	Text
Variable Label:	Dental-Only Plan Indicator
Allowable Values:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
Data Source:	Template field
Comments:	Blank for HIOS data (does not apply)