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This file consists of one record for each SP who met two conditions as of the fall round. First, the SP had to report that he or she was enrolled in Medicare HMO at the time of the community interview in the fall round. Second, CMS records had to show a capitation payment to a Medicare HMO on behalf of the SP for the month of the interview.

These data augment information from the Access to Care and Satisfaction with Care sections of the questionnaire. It contains information about access to and satisfaction with medical services received through the HMO. It also contains the SP's assessment of the quality of medical care they are receiving, types of additional coverage offered, and any out-of-pocket costs associated with the HMO.

RIC	1	2			C Record Identification Code
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
			3,777		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_COVANY	12	2	YES2FMT		N SP covered by Mcare HMO during this year
			3,777		1 Yes
			0		2 No
D_COVCUR	14	2	YES2FMT		N SP currently enrolled in a Medicare HMO?
			3,777		1 Yes
			0		2 No
YEARSHMO	16	2	HMYRSFMT	HIMC23	N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
			123		-9 Not ascertained
			56		-8 Don't know
			1		-7 Refused
			469		1 Less than 1 year
			946		2 1 to 2 years
			828		3 3 to 5 years
			578		4 6 to 10 years
			287		5 11 to 15 years
			164		6 16 to 20 years
			325		7 More than 20 years

Note: First available in 1996

MHREFDIF	18	2	DIFFMT	AC33	N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
			1		. Missing
			7		-9 Not ascertained
			3		-8 Don't know
			249		1 Yes
			2,896		2 No
			621		3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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3,528	.	Inapplicable
2	-8	Don't know
8	1	Dentist or dental provider
156	2	Physician
7	3	Audiologist
7	4	Chiropractor
0	5	Clinical Social Worker
2	6	Dietitian/nutritionist
3	7	Hearing therapist
0	8	Home health/health aide
1	9	Homemaker
0	10	Hospice worker
0	11	I.V. therapist
0	12	Nurse (RN)
0	13	Nurse Practitioner
0	14	Nurse's Aide
1	15	Occupational Therapist (OT)
15	16	Optometrist (OD)
2	17	Osteopath (DO)
0	18	Paramedic
4	19	Physical Therapist (PT)
0	20	Physician's Assistant
16	21	Podiatrist
7	22	Psychologist
3	23	Respiratory Therapist
0	24	Social/Case Worker
0	25	Speech Therapist
2	26	Therapist (Mental Health)
5	27	X-Ray Technician
0	28	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
8	91	Other Medical provider

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3,528	. Inapplicable
100	1 Indicated
149	2 Not indicated

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3,528	. Inapplicable
12	1 Indicated
237	2 Not indicated

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MHNOCONV	26	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				3,528			. Inapplicable
				69			1 Indicated
				180			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOREFR	28	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				3,528			. Inapplicable
				74			1 Indicated
				175			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOLIKE	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				3,528			. Inapplicable
				11			1 Indicated
				238			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHBADHRS	32	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's office hours not convenient
				3,528			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Indicated
				245			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	34	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				3,528			. Inapplicable
				33			1 Indicated
				216			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHREFPAY	36	2	YES2FMT		AC36		N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				1			. Missing
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				70			-8 Don't know
				79			1 Yes
				3,620			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
MHMORX	38	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				50			-8 Don't know
				3,128			1 Yes
				599			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			

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MHMODENT	40	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover dental?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				214			-8 Don't know
				1,796			1 Yes
				1,764			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOEYE	42	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover eye exams?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				168			-8 Don't know
				2,856			1 Yes
				750			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPCAR	44	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover preventiv care
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				137			-8 Don't know
				3,521			1 Yes
				116			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMONH	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover nursing home?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1,273			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,054			1 Yes
				1,447			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPOS	48	2	YES2FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO has a point-of-service option
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				860			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				882			1 Yes
				2,031			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
MHMOPAY	50	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				859			1 Yes
				2,886			2 No
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D_ANHMO	52	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				2,918			. Inapplicable
				53			-8 Don't know
				806			Premium MIP pays for private insurance

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MHMOGET	60	2	HGETFMT			HIMC13	N How did SP enroll in Medicare HMO?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				17			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,974			1 Directly through HMO
				33			2 SP's current employer
				404			3 SP's former employer
				35			4 SP's union
				80			5 Deceased spouse's employer
				10			6 Deceased spouse's union
				6			7 Professional/fraternal organization
				216			91 Some other way

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MHMOMEMB	62	2	HMEMBFMT			HIMC14	N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				26			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,419			1 Lower cost
				962			2 Better benefits or coverage
				234			3 Doctor was member
				135			4 Convenient location
				417			5 Recommendation or reputation
				225			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				0			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				0			8 Less paperwork
				0			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				0			10 Better selection of providers
				0			11 Better quality of care
				0			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				0			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				355			91 Other

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RECMHMO	64	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				160			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,291			1 Yes
				321			2 No

Notes: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO  
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