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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
VERSION	3	1			C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
			5,874		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_COVANY	12	2	CVANYFMT		N SP covered at any time by Medicare HMO?
			5,874		1 Yes
			0		2 Yes, but not collecting further data
D_COVCUR	14	2	CVCURFMT		N Is the HMO most current?
			5,874		1 Yes
			0		2 No
			0		3 No - but was answered yes in error
YEARSHMO	16	2	YRSFMT	HIMC23	N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
			2		. Missing
			19		-9 Not ascertained
			71		-8 Don't know
			685		1 Less than 1 year
			1,147		2 1 to 2 years
			1,334		3 3 to 5 years
			941		4 6 to 10 years
			600		5 11 to 15 years
			389		6 16 to 20 years
			686		7 More than 20 years

NOTE: First available in 1996

MHREFDIF	18	2	DIFFMT	AC33	N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
			13		. Missing
			4		-9 Not ascertained
			6		-8 Don't know
			326		1 Yes
			4,772		2 No
			753		3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	20	2	SPCLFMT			AC34a	N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				5			1 Allergy/immunology
				24			3 Cardiology (heart)
				28			5 Dermatology (skin)
				7			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				11			9 Gastroenterology
				4			11 General surgery
				2			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				10			13 Gynecology/obstetrics
				3			14 Hematology (blood)
				8			16 Internal medicine
				3			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				10			18 Neurology
				8			20 Oncology (tumors, cancer)
				42			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				46			22 Orthopaedics
				2			24 Osteopathy
				16			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				1			27 Phys med/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				8			30 Psychiatry/Psychiatrist
				2			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				6			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				12			35 Urology
				1			36 Audiologist
				10			37 Chiropractor
				3			38 Dentist
				1			39 Optometrist
				8			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				38			91 Other medical specialty

NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1
First available in 1998

MHNOAUTH	22	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				116			1 Indicated
				210			2 Not Indicated

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MHWAITLG	24	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N Wait for appointment was too long
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Indicated
				310			2 Not Indicated

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MHNOCONV	26	2	IND1FMT	5,548 61 265	AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient . Inapplicable 1 Indicated 2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHNOREFR	28	2	IND1FMT	5,548 121 205	AC35		N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP . Inapplicable 1 Indicated 2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHNOLIKE	30	2	IND1FMT	5,548 18 308	AC35		N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors . Inapplicable 1 Indicated 2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHBADHRS	32	2	IND1FMT	5,548 3 323	AC35		N Provider's office hours not convenient . Inapplicable 1 Indicated 2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHOTHER	34	2	IND1FMT	5,548 41 285	AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty . Inapplicable 1 Indicated 2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHREFPAY	36	2	YES1FMT	13 5 92 114 5,650	AC36		N MHMO refused to pay emergency care . Inapplicable -9 Not ascertained -8 Don't know 1 Yes 2 No
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MHMORX	38	2	YES1FMT				N Prescription drug coverage thru MHMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				4,834			1 Yes
				959			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMODENT	40	2	YES1FMT				N Dental coverage through the HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				372			-8 Don't know
				3,198			1 Yes
				2,300			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOEYE	42	2	YES1FMT				N Optical coverage through the HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				273			-8 Don't know
				4,305			1 Yes
				1,292			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPCAR	44	2	YES1FMT				N Preventive care through the HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				186			-8 Don't know
				5,498			1 Yes
				186			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMONH	46	2	YES1FMT				N Nursing home coverage thru MHMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				2,033			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				833			1 Yes
				3,003			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPOS	48	2	YES1FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO a point-of-service option
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				712			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				802			1 Yes
				4,355			2 No

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MHMOPAY	50	2	YES1FMT				N SP pays an additional for HMO coverage?
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				87			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,551			1 Yes
				4,229			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
D_ANHMO	52	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				4,324			. Inapplicable
				116			-8 Don't know
				1,434	0.01-99999.99		Premium MIP pays for private insurance
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1996			
MHMOCOST	60	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				4,321			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				208			1 Yes
				1,325			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999			
MHMOWHO	62	2	WHOFMT				N Who else pays a portion of the premium?
				5,666			. Inapplicable
				28			1 MIP's current employer
				92			2 MIP's former employer
				7			3 MIP's union
				22			4 Spouse's current employer
				52			5 Spouse's former employer
				1			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				1			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				5			91 Other
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1 First available in 1999			
FILLER	64	2					N Reserved for future use

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MHMOMEMB	66	2	HMEMBFMT			HIMC14	N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				69			. Missing
				13			-9 Not ascertained
				71			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,980			1 Lower cost
				1,242			2 Better benefits or coverage
				388			3 Doctor was member
				195			4 Convenient location
				513			5 Recommendation or reputation
				374			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				176			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				92			8 Less paperwork
				264			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				55			10 Better selection of providers
				86			11 Better quality of care
				27			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				1			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				327			91 Other

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RECMHMO	68	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				303			-8 Don't know
				4,972			1 Yes
				594			2 No

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