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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
				3,661			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_COVANY	12	2	CVANYFMT				N SP covered at any time by Medicare HMO?
				3,661			1 Yes
				0			2 Yes, but not collecting further data
D_COVCUR	14	2	CVCURFMT				N Is the HMO most current?
				3,661			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?
				15			-9 Not ascertained
				26			-8 Don't know
				436			1 Less than 1 year
				1,050			2 1 to 2 years
				936			3 3 to 5 years
				542			4 6 to 10 years
				256			5 11 to 15 years
				142			6 16 to 20 years
				258			7 More than 20 years

NOTE: First available in 1996

MHREFDIF	18	2	DIFFMT		AC33		N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
				10			. Missing
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				186			1 Yes
				2,916			2 No
				535			3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	20	2	SPCLFMT		AC34a		N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Allergy/immunology
				13			3 Cardiology (heart)
				16			5 Dermatology (skin)
				5			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				6			9 Gastroenterology
				2			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				1			13 Gynecology/obstetrics
				0			14 Hematology (blood)
				5			16 Internal medicine
				2			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				12			18 Neurology
				6			20 Oncology (tumors, cancer)
				22			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				19			22 Orthopaedics
				2			24 Osteopathy
				7			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				0			27 Phys med/rehab
				2			28 Plastic surgery
				2			29 Proctology
				3			30 Psychiatry/Psychiatrist
				6			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				4			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				8			35 Urology
				1			36 Audiologist
				5			37 Chiropractor
				2			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				3			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				27			91 Other medical specialty

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MHNOAUTH	22	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				61			1 Indicated
				125			2 Not Indicated

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MHWAITLG	24	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Indicated
				179			2 Not Indicated

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MHNOCONV	26	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				30			1 Indicated
				156			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
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				87			1 Indicated
				99			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
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				8			1 Indicated
				178			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
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Indicated
				185			2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHOTHER	34	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				3,475			. Inapplicable
				21			1 Indicated
				165			2 Not Indicated
NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996							
MHREFPAY	36	2	YES1FMT		AC36		N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				10			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				13			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				68			1 Yes
				3,565			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MHMORX	38	2	YES1FMT				N Prescription drug coverage thru MHMO
				44			-8 Don't know
				3,169			1 Yes
				448			2 No

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MHMODENT	40	2	YES1FMT				N Dental coverage through the HMO
				240			-8 Don't know
				1,814			1 Yes
				1,607			2 No
MHMOEYE	42	2	YES1FMT				N Optical coverage through the HMO
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				172			-8 Don't know
				2,939			1 Yes
				549			2 No
MHMOPCAR	44	2	YES1FMT				N Preventive care through the HMO
				128			-8 Don't know
				3,441			1 Yes
				92			2 No
MHMONH	46	2	YES1FMT				N Nursing home coverage thru MHMO
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1,137			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				447			1 Yes
				2,073			2 No
MHMOPOS	48	2	YES1FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO a point-of-service option
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				428			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				489			1 Yes
				2,741			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MHMOPAY	50	2	YES1FMT				N SP pays an additional for HMO coverage?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				38			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				786			1 Yes
				2,835			2 No
D_ANHMO	52	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				2,877			. Inapplicable
				54			-8 Don't know
				730		0.01-99999.99	Premium MIP pays for private insurance

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MHMO COST	60	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				2,875			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				79			1 Yes
				699			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1			
				First available in 1999			
MHMO WHO	62	2	WHOFMT				N Who else pays a portion of the premium?
				3,582			. Inapplicable
				3			1 MIP's current employer
				45			2 MIP's former employer
				2			3 MIP's union
				0			4 Spouse's current employer
				27			5 Spouse's former employer
				0			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				1			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				1			91 Other
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1			
				First available in 1999			
FILLER	64	2					N Reserved for future use
MHMO MEMB	66	2	HMEMBFMT		HIMC14		N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				3			. Missing
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				34			-8 Don't know
				1,349			1 Lower cost
				788			2 Better benefits or coverage
				285			3 Doctor was member
				82			4 Convenient location
				372			5 Recommendation or reputation
				156			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				92			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				40			8 Less paperwork
				197			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				34			10 Better selection of providers
				46			11 Better quality of care
				15			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				2			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				160			91 Other
				NOTE: First available in 1996			
REC MHMO	68	2	YES1FMT		HIMC19		N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				185			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,105			1 Yes
				366			2 No
				NOTES: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO			
				First available in 1996			