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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

1,910 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

HMOYEARS	12	2	HYRSFMT	HIMC24		N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
				368		. Missing
				3		-9 Not ascertained
				73		-8 Don't know
				233		1-2 1 to 2 years
				315		3-5 3 to 5 years
				369		6-10 6 to 10 years
				185		11-15 11 to 15 years
				136		16-20 16 to 20 years
				181		21-95 More than 20 years
				47		96 Less than 1 year

Note: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF	14	2	DIFFMT	AC33		N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
				5		. Missing
				5		-9 Not ascertained
				2		-8 Don't know
				67		1 Yes
				1,639		2 No
				192		3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT			AC34a	N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				6			3 Cardiology (heart)
				11			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				0			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				2			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				0			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				2			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				0			14 Hematology (blood)
				0			15 Hospital residence
				2			16 Internal medicine
				1			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				2			18 Neurology
				0			19 Nuclear Medicine
				1			20 Oncology
				6			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				6			22 Orthopaedics
				1			24 Osteopathy
				3			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				1			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				0			29 Proctology
				3			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				1			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				3			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				3			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				3			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				1			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				3			91 Other medical specialty

Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1  
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MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				18			1 Indicated
				49			2 Not indicated

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MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Indicated
				62			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOCONV	22	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				17			1 Indicated
				50			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOREFR	24	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				26			1 Indicated
				41			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOLIKE	26	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Indicated
				63			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHBADHRS	28	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's office hours not convenient
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Indicated
				67			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				11			1 Indicated
				56			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHREFPAY	32	2	YES2FMT		AC36		N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				5			. Missing
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				26			1 Yes
				1,874			2 No
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MHMORX	34	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				1,495			1 Yes
				390			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMODENT	36	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover dental?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				429			1 Yes
				1,384			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOEYE	38	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover eye exams?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				71			-8 Don't know
				1,323			1 Yes
				515			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPCAR	40	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover preventiv care
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				1,779			1 Yes
				91			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMONH	42	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover nursing home?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				512			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				254			1 Yes
				1,142			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
MHMOPOS	44	2	YES2FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO a point-of-service option
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				191			-8 Don't know
				177			1 Yes
				1,541			2 No
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MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				1,072			1 Yes
				817			2 No
Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3							
D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				840			. Inapplicable
				71			-8 Don't know
				999			Premium MIP pays for private insurance
Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1996							
MHMOCOST	56	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				837			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				13			-8 Don't know
				116			1 Yes
				942			2 No
Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999							
MHMOWHO	58	2	WHOFMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				1,794			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Main insured person's current employer
				69			2 Main insured person's former employer
				2			3 Main insured person's union
				1			4 Spouse's current employer
				35			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							
MHMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT		HIMC14		N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				588			1 Lower cost
				403			2 Better benefits or coverage
				149			3 Doctor was member
				59			4 Convenient location
				195			5 Recommendation or reputation
				137			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				94			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				24			8 Less paperwork
				59			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				26			10 Better selection of providers
				36			11 Better quality of care
				10			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				2			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				106			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT		HIMC19		N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				2			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				78			-8 Don't know
				1,638			1 Yes
				188			2 No

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