

Variable Col Len Format Frequency ComQues# FacQues# Variable Type & Label

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
			1,852		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
HMOYEARS	12	2	HYRSFMT	HIMC24	N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
			2		. Missing
			4		-9 Not ascertained
			84		-8 Don't know
			300		1-2 1 to 2 years
			332		3-5 3 to 5 years
			448		6-10 6 to 10 years
			238		11-15 11 to 15 years
			166		16-20 16 to 20 years
			221		21-95 More than 20 years
			57		96 Less than 1 year

Note: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF	14	2	DIFFMT	AC33	N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
			5		. Missing
			1		-9 Not ascertained
			1		-8 Don't know
			54		1 Yes
			1,591		2 No
			200		3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT			AC34a	N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				2			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				7			3 Cardiology (heart)
				5			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				1			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				2			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				1			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				3			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
				2			20 Oncology
				3			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				9			22 Orthopaedics
				1			24 Osteopathy
				2			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				0			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				0			29 Proctology
				0			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				0			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				0			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				2			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				1			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				6			91 Other medical specialty

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MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				12			1 Indicated
				42			2 Not indicated

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Indicated
				49			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
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				12			1 Indicated
				42			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
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				21			1 Indicated
				33			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
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Indicated
				53			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
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Indicated
				52			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				1,798			. Inapplicable
				12			1 Indicated
				42			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			

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MHREFPAY	32	2	YES2FMT	AC36			N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				5			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				20			1 Yes
				1,818			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
MHMORX	34	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				28			-8 Don't know
				1,433			1 Yes
				391			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?
				64			-8 Don't know
				475			1 Yes
				1,313			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?
				71			-8 Don't know
				1,341			1 Yes
				440			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
				46			-8 Don't know
				1,748			1 Yes
				58			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?
				516			-8 Don't know
				237			1 Yes
				1,099			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
				1,852			. Missing
				0			1 Yes
				0			2 No
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MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				41			-8 Don't know
				834			1 Yes
				977			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for HMO coverage
				1,019			. Inapplicable
				56			-8 Don't know
				777			Premium MIP pays for private insurance
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1996			
MHMOCOST	56	2	YES1FMT			HIMC12a	N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				1,018			. Inapplicable
				12			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				97			1 Yes
				724			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999			
MHMOWHO	58	2	WHOFMT			HIMC12b	N Who pay the portion of premium?
				1,755			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Main insured person's current employer
				52			2 Main insured person's former employer
				5			3 Main insured person's union
				2			4 Spouse's current employer
				28			5 Spouse's former employer
				1			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				2			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				0			91 Other
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1 First available in 1999			

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MHMOMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT			HIMC14	N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				17			-8 Don't know
				638			1 Lower cost
				392			2 Better benefits or coverage
				115			3 Doctor was member
				63			4 Convenient location
				163			5 Recommendation or reputation
				132			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				74			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				21			8 Less paperwork
				88			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				30			10 Better selection of providers
				36			11 Better quality of care
				6			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				3			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				70			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				3			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				1,663			1 Yes
				131			2 No

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