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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
				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

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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		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				61			1 Indicated
				265			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
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				121			1 Indicated
				205			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
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				18			1 Indicated
				308			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
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Indicated
				323			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	34	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				5,548			. Inapplicable
				41			1 Indicated
				285			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
				13			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				92			-8 Don't know
				114			1 Yes
				5,650			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
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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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