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Subject: Contract Year 2021 Parts C and D Reporting Requirements – Limited Data Set Files Available

Organizations contracted to offer Medicare Part C and/or Part D benefits are required to submit data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) per the Medicare Part C and D Reporting Requirements and complete independent data validation of the reported data.

The Limited Data Set (LDS) for contract year (CY) 2021 Parts C and D Reporting Requirements is available at <https://www.cms.gov/data-research/files-order/limited-data-set-lds-files/parts-c-and-d-reporting-requirements-limited-data-set>. To [request access](#) to these LDS files, researchers must agree to data privacy requirements and data use policies by signing a Data Use Agreement (DUA) with CMS and pay the associated data processing fees.

LDS files contain beneficiary-level health information and are considered identifiable files, but they do not contain specific direct identifiers as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule (HIPAA Privacy Rule).

Please send questions about the CY 2021 Parts C & D Reporting Requirements LDS to partcandd_data_validation@cms.hhs.gov.