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The BASEID key identifies the person interviewed. It is an 8-digit element, consisting of a unique, randomly assigned 7-digit number concatenated with a single-digit checkdigit. In addition to the BASEID, the KEY file contains the type of interview conducted and other variables for classifying the beneficiary. There is one record for each person who completed an interview.

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT	12,486			C Unique SP Identification Number LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
SAMPLECD	12	2	\$SAMFMT	0 11,734 378 374			C Start of Medicare entitlement ** Not entitled 00 Continuing Sample 01 Ghost-entitled in yr prior to cur cal yr 02 Ghost-entitled in current calendar yr
FIRSTRND	14	2	\$FRDFMT	0 0 0 0 3,615 3,812 4,337 348 374			C First round of interviews 16 First interview in R16 19 First interview in R19 22 First interview in R22 25 First interview in R25 28 First interview in R28 31 First interview in R31 34 First interview in R34 37 First interview in R37 40 First interview in R40
TYPE	16	1	\$TYPEFMT	247 11,367 872			C Beneficiary's living situation for year B Both C Community F Facility
SNF	17	1	\$SNFFMT	11,888 598			C Any SNF stay? N No SNF stays during the calendar year Y One or more SNF stays during the year
STATUS	18	2	\$STAFMT	10,748 619 351 46 722			C Completeness of survey data for the year 40 Complete, alive as of 12/31 50 Complete, death on or before 12/31 60 Incomplete, alive as of 12/31 70 Incomplete, death on or before 12/31 99 Other
C_DAYS	20	3	DAYFMT	875 332 309 569 10,401			N Number of community days 0 Zero 0<-122 1-122 122<-244 123-244 244<-364 245-364 365 All year

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F_DAYS	23	3	DAYFMT				N Number of facility days
				11,379			0 Zero
				225			0<-122 1-122
				139			122<-244 123-244
				179			244<-364 245-364
				564			365 All year
S_DAYS	26	3	DAYFMT				N Number of SNF days
				11,888			0 Zero
				592			0<-122 1-122
				4			122<-244 123-244
				2			244<-364 245-364
				0			365 All year
TOT_DAYS	29	3	DAYFMT				N Total person days
				0			0 Zero
				364			0<-122 1-122
				314			122<-244 123-244
				299			244<-364 245-364
				11,509			365 All year