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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.

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1,885 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

HMOYEARS 12 2 HYRSFMT HIMC24 N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
 4 -9 Not ascertained
 81 -8 Don't know
 290 1-2 1 to 2 years
 383 3-5 3 to 5 years
 452 6-10 6 to 10 years
 227 11-15 11 to 15 years
 158 16-20 16 to 20 years
 237 21-95 More than 20 years
 53 96 Less than 1 year

Note: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF 14 2 DIFFMT AC33 N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
 4 -9 Not ascertained
 1 -8 Don't know
 1 -7 Refused
 73 1 Yes
 1,605 2 No
 201 3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT			AC34a	N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				6			3 Cardiology (heart)
				7			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				0			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				3			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				2			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				1			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				1			14 Hematology (blood)
				0			15 Hospital residence
				2			16 Internal medicine
				2			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				4			18 Neurology
				0			19 Nuclear Medicine
				1			20 Oncology
				9			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				10			22 Orthopaedics
				0			24 Osteopathy
				1			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				0			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				1			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				2			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				3			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				0			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				2			37 Chiropractor
				2			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				3			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				9			91 Other medical specialty

Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1
First available in 1998

MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT			AC35	N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				28			1 Indicated
				45			2 Not indicated

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First available in 1996

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Indicated
				68			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
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				15			1 Indicated
				58			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
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				28			1 Indicated
				45			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
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Indicated
				70			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
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Indicated
				73			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				1,812			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Indicated
				57			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
				4			. Missing
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				22			1 Yes
				1,854			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
MHMORX	34	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				34			-8 Don't know
				1,474			1 Yes
				377			2 No
MHMODENT	36	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover dental?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				89			-8 Don't know
				395			1 Yes
				1,400			2 No
MHMOEYE	38	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover eye exams?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				65			-8 Don't know
				1,354			1 Yes
				465			2 No
MHMOPCAR	40	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover preventiv care
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				56			-8 Don't know
				1,740			1 Yes
				88			2 No
MHMONH	42	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover nursing home?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				565			-8 Don't know
				243			1 Yes
				1,076			2 No
MHMOPOS	44	2	YES2FMT	HIMC15			N MHMO a point-of-service option
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				246			-8 Don't know
				216			1 Yes
				1,422			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				901			1 Yes
				942			2 No

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D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				984			. Inapplicable
				68			-8 Don't know
				833			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?
				983			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				138			1 Yes
				755			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999			
MHMOWHO	58	2	WHOFMT				N Who pay the portion of premium?
				1,747			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Main insured person's current employer
				78			2 Main insured person's former employer
				7			3 Main insured person's union
				3			4 Spouse's current employer
				39			5 Spouse's former employer
				0			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				3			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				3			91 Other
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1 First available in 1999			
MHMOMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT		HIMC14		N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				636			1 Lower cost
				380			2 Better benefits or coverage
				124			3 Doctor was member
				65			4 Convenient location
				187			5 Recommendation or reputation
				129			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				90			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				22			8 Less paperwork
				63			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				27			10 Better selection of providers
				35			11 Better quality of care
				8			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				3			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				92			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				67			-8 Don't know
				1,648			1 Yes
				166			2 No

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