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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

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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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  
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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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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
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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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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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