

CMS Non-Identifiable Files And The Programs That Can Be Used To Open And Work With Them

File Name	File Format	Approximate file size	MS Excel/other spreadsheet program	MS Access/other database program	MS SQL/DB2/Oracle	SAS/SPSS/STATA/other statistical software
Health Care Information System (HCIS) file	CSV and MS Excel files	6.7 MB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part B National Summary Data File (Previously named BESS)	CSV	1 MB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part B Carrier Summary Data File (Previously named BESS)	CSV	10 MB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provider of Services File	Text	700 MB	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital Service Area File	Text	36 MB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physician/Supplier Procedure Summary Master (PSPS) File	Text	206 MB	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
UPIN Group File	Text	100 MB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UPIN Directory	Text	170 MB	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medicaid Drug Claims Statistics	Text	small file in KB; also see website http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidDrugRebateProgram/SDUD/list.asp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prescription Drug Plan Formulary, Pharmacy Network, and Pricing Information Files	Comma separated value (CSV) text file	10 MB	No	No	Yes	Yes
Health Outcomes Survey (HOS)	SAS 9.1.3 file	see website http://www.hosonline.org/surveys/hos/hosdata.aspx	No	No	Yes	Yes
Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Implantation Data	Text	small file in KB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cost Report Data (2)	Comma separated value (CSV) text file	see website http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CostReports/CostReportsFY/list.asp#TopOfPage	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes:

(1) Please see the technical publication "Opening the PSPS files" (http://www.resdac.umn.edu/Tools/TBs/TN_012_Opening%20the%20PSPS%20Files_508.doc.pdf) on the ResDAC website for more information.

(2) Please see the technical publications TN-005 - Cost Report Database Format and TN-008 Using Medicare Hospital Cost Reports Cost-to-Charge Ratios in Research. Also, for an online tutorial, please send e-mail request to resdac@umn.edu.

If you have any questions or comments, ResDAC staff can be contacted at 1-888-ResDAC or resdac@umn.edu

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