

CMS Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), Health Insurance Exchange Public Use Files (Exchange PUFs) Data Dictionary for Rate PUF

1. Overview of the Rate PUF

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) publishes the Exchange PUFs to improve transparency and increase access to data on Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) and Stand-alone Dental Plans (SADPs) offered through the Exchanges in the individual market and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP). The PUFs include data from states with Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FFEs) including states performing plan management functions, and State-based Exchanges that rely on the federal information technology platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment (SBE-FPs). The Exchange PUFs also include data on Multi-State Plans (MSPs) and certified off-exchange SADPs. The PUFs do not include data from SBEs that do not rely on the federal platform for QHP eligibility and enrollment.

The Rate PUF (Rate-PUF) is one of the files that comprise the Exchange PUFs. The Rate-PUF contains plan-level data on rates based on an eligible subscriber's age, tobacco use, and geographic location; and family-tier rates. These data either originate from an issuer's Rates Table template of the QHP Application (i.e., template field), or were generated by CCIIO for use in data processing (i.e., system-generated).

This data dictionary describes the variables contained in the Rate-PUF. Each record reports age-based rates or family-tier rates by rate effective period for a plan in a geographic rating area. The Rate-PUF is available for plan years 2014 through 2025.

2. Variable Attributes

Variable Name: BusinessYear

Variable Definition: Year for which plan provides coverage to

enrollees

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Business Year

Allowable Values: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Business Year

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: StateCode

Variable Definition: Two-character state abbreviation indicating the

state where the plan is offered

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: State Code



Allowable Values: All 50 state abbreviations + 9 territory

abbreviations

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: State Code

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: IssuerId

Variable Definition: Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer

organization in the Health Insurance Oversight

System (HIOS)

Data Type:TextVariable Label:Issuer IDAllowable Values:Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Issuer ID Comments: N/A

Variable Name: SourceName

Variable Definition: Categorical identifier of source of data import

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Source Name

Allowable Values: HIOS

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Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Source Name

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: VersionNum

Variable Definition: Integer value for version of data import

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Version Number

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Version Number

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: ImportDate

Variable Definition: Date of data import

Data Type:Date/TimeVariable Label:Import DateAllowable Values:Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Import Date

Comments: N/A



Variable Name: IssuerId2

Variable Definition: Five-digit numeric code that identifies the issuer

organization in HIOS

Data Type:TextVariable Label:Issuer IDAllowable Values:Free TextData Source:Template fieldField Name from Data Source:HIOS Issuer ID

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.

Variable Name: FederalTIN

Variable Definition: Tax ID Number of issuer

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Tax Identification Number

Allowable Values: Free Text
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Federal TIN

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2020 datasets.

Variable Name: RateEffectiveDate

Variable Definition: Date that the insurance plan rate is effective

Data Type: Date

Variable Label: Rate Effective Date

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Rate Effective Date

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: RateExpirationDate

Variable Definition: Date that the insurance plan rate expires

Data Type: Date

Variable Label: Rate Expiration Date

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Rate Expiration Date

Comments: N/A

Variable Name: PlanId

Variable Definition: Fourteen-character alpha-numeric code that

identifies an insurance plan within HIOS

Data Type:TextVariable Label:Plan IDAllowable Values:Free TextData Source:Template field



Field Name from Data Source: Plan ID Comments: N/A

Variable Name: RatingAreald

Variable Definition: Identifier for the geographic rating area within a

state

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Rating Area ID

Allowable Values: Rating Area n, where n is an integer between 1

and 150

Data Source: Template field Field Name from Data Source: Rating Area ID

Comments: Each rating area identifier maps to a geographic

region within the state (e.g., one or more

counties, three-digit zip codes, or metropolitan

statistical areas).

Variable Name: Tobacco

Variable Definition: Indicator of whether a rate is based on

subscriber's tobacco use

Data Type: Text Variable Label: Tobacco

Allowable Values: Tobacco User/Non-Tobacco User

No Preference

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Tobacco
Comments: N/A

Variable Name: Age

Variable Definition: Indicator of whether a rate is based on a

subscriber's age, or uses family-tier rating

Data Type: Text Variable Label: Age

Allowable Values: Family Option

0-20 (This value is only available for the 2014

through 2017 datasets.)

0-14 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)

15 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)

16 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)

17 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)

18 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)



19 (This value is only available for the 2018 through 2025 datasets.) 20 (This value is only available for the 2018

through 2025 datasets.)



64 (This value is only available for the 2014

through 2017 datasets.)

64 and over (This value is only available for the

2018 through 2025 datasets.)

65 and over (This value is only available for the

2014 through 2017 datasets.)

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Age

Comments: If a rate is based on a subscriber's age, the age

band associated with the rate is reported. If a rate uses family-tier rating, a value of Family Option is

reported.

Variable Name: IndividualRate

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to an individual in a rating

area

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Individual Rate
Allowable Values: Free Text
Data Source: Template field
Field Name from Data Source: Individual Rate

Comments: If a plan rates by a subscriber's age and tobacco

use, the rate applies to a non-tobacco user. If a plan rates by family-tier, the rate applies to the

primary subscriber.

Variable Name: IndividualTobaccoRate

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a tobacco user in a

rating area, for a plan that rates by a subscriber's

age

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Individual Tobacco Rate

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Individual Tobacco Rate

Comments: This field is only applicable if Tobacco field

equals Tobacco User/Non-Tobacco User.

Variable Name: Couple

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and secondary subscriber (e.g., spouse) in a rating area, for a plan that rates by family-tier

Data Type:TextVariable Label:CoupleAllowable Values:Free TextData Source:Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Couple



Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: PrimarySubscriberAndOneDependent

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and one dependent in a rating area, for a plan

that rates by family-tier

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Primary Subscriber and One Dependent

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Primary Subscriber and One Dependent

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: PrimarySubscriberAndTwoDependents

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and two dependents in a rating area, for a plan

that rates by family-tier

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Primary Subscriber and Two Dependents

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Primary Subscriber and Two Dependents

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: PrimarySubscriberAndThreeOrMoreDependents

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and three or more dependents in a rating area,

for a plan that rates by family-tier

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Primary Subscriber and Three or More

Dependents

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Primary Subscriber and Three or More

Dependents

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: CoupleAndOneDependent

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and secondary subscriber (e.g., spouse) and one dependent in a rating area, for a plan that rates

by family-tier

Data Type: Text



Variable Label: Couple and One Dependent

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Couple and One Dependent

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: CoupleAndTwoDependents

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and secondary subscriber (e.g., spouse) and two dependents in a rating area, for a plan that rates

by family-tier

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Couple and Two Dependents

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Couple and Two Dependents

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: CoupleAndThreeOrMoreDependents

Variable Definition: Insurance rate applied to a primary subscriber

and secondary subscriber (e.g., spouse) and three or more dependents in a rating area, for a

plan that rates by family-tier

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Couple and Three or More Dependents

Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: Template field

Field Name from Data Source: Couple and Three or More Dependents

Comments: This field is only applicable if Age field equals

Family Option.

Variable Name: RowNumber

Variable Definition: Integer value for template row number associated

with this data record

Data Type: Text

Variable Label: Row Number Allowable Values: Free Text

Data Source: System-generated field

Field Name from Data Source: Row Number

Comments: This field is only available for the 2014 through

2016 datasets.