Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values ¹	Value Description
PATIENT_ID	NHCS Patient ID	Char	ID	Patient Identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers requesting linked NHCS-CMS data should use PATIENT_ID.
PUBLICID	NHIS Public Use ID	Char	ID	Public-use survey participant identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers requesting linked NHIS/LSOA II-Medicare data should use PUBLICID.
SEQN	NHANES Respondent Sequence Number	Num	ID	Public-use survey participant identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers requesting linked NHEFS/NHANES III/NHANES-Medicare data should use SEQN.
RESNUM	NNHS Resident Record (Case) Number	Num	ID	Public-use survey participant identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers requesting linked 2004 NNHS-Medicare data should use RESNUM.
SURVEY	Survey Name and survey year/cycle	Char		
FILE_YEAR4	Beneficiary Enrollment Reference Year (YYYY)	Num	2014-2018	2016 NHCS has been linked to only 2016-2017 Medicare Data.
BENE_ENROLLMT_REF_YR	Reference Year	Num	2014-2018	2016 NHCS has been linked to only 2016-2017 Medicare Data.
ACUTE_BENE_PMT	Acute Inpatient Hospital Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-97,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ACUTE_MDCR_PMT	Acute Inpatient Medicare Payments	Num	0-2,760,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ACUTE_PERDIEM_PMT	Acute Inpatient Hospital Pass-thru Per Diem Payments	Num	0-206,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ACUTE_PRMRY_PMT	Acute Inpatient Hospital Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-2,284,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ACUTE_STAYS	Acute Inpatient Stays	Num	0-200	Number of stays (count)

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ACUTE_COV_DAYS	Acute Inpatient Medicare Covered Days	Num	0-300	Number of days (count)
READMISSIONS	Acute Inpatient Hospital Readmissions	Num	0-200	Number of readmissions (count)
IP_ER_VISITS	Inpatient Emergency Room Visits	Num	0-100	Number of visits (count)
OIP_BENE_PMT	Other Inpatient Hospital Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-92,100	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OIP_MDCR_PMT	Other Inpatient Hospital Medicare Payments	Num	0-831,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OIP_PERDIEM_PMT	Other Inpatient Pass-thru Per Diem Payments	Num	0-59,000	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OIP_PRMRY_PMT	Other Inpatient Hospital Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-728,200	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OIP_STAYS	Other Inpatient Stays	Num	0-100	Number of stays (count)
OIP_COV_DAYS	Other Inpatient Hospital Covered Days	Num	0-300	Number of days (count)
SNF_BENE_PMT	Skilled Nursing Facility Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-27,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
SNF_MDCR_PMT	Skilled Nursing Facility Medicare Payments	Num	0-253,200	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
SNF_PRMRY_PMT	Skilled Nursing Facility Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-165,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
SNF_STAYS	Skilled Nursing Facility Stays	Num	0-100	Number of stays (count)
SNF_COV_DAYS	Skilled Nursing Facility Medicare Covered Days	Num	0-300	Number of days (count)
HOS_MDCR_PMT	Hospice Medicare Payments	Num	0-131,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.

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HOS_PRMRY_PMT	Hospice Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-43,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HOS_STAYS	Hospice Stays	Num	0-100	Number of stays (count)
HOS_COV_DAYS	Hospice Medicare Covered Days	Num	0-400	Number of days (count)
HH_MDCR_PMT	Home Health Medicare Payments	Num	0-125,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HH_PRMRY_PMT	Home Health Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-64,000	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HH_VISITS	Home Health Visits	Num	0-1,600	Number of visits (count)
HOP_BENE_PMT	Hospital Outpatient Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-302,400	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HOP_MDCR_PMT	Hospital Outpatient Medicare Payments	Num	0-4,034,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HOP_PRMRY_PMT	Hospital Outpatient Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-505,600	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
HOP_VISITS	Hospital Outpatient Visits	Num	0-800	Number of visits (count)
HOP_ER_VISITS	Hospital Outpatient Emergency Room Visits	Num	0-800	Number of visits (count)
ASC_BENE_PMT	Ambulatory Surgery Center Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-17,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ASC_MDCR_PMT	Ambulatory Surgery Center Medicare Payments	Num	0-68,600	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ASC_PRMRY_PMT	Ambulatory Surgery Center Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-73,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.

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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values ¹	Value Description
ASC_EVENTS	Ambulatory Surgery Center Events	Num	0-100	Number of events (count)
ANES_BENE_PMT	Anesthesia Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-2,400	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ANES_MDCR_PMT	Anesthesia Medicare Payments	Num	0-9,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ANES_PRMRY_PMT	Anesthesia Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-21,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
ANES_EVENTS	Anesthesia Events	Num	0-200	Number of events (count)
PTB_DRUG_BENE_PMT	Part B Drug Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-3,126,100	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PTB_DRUG_MDCR_PMT	Part B Drug Medicare Payments	Num	0-12,254,000	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PTB_DRUG_PRMRY_PMT	Part B Drug Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-250,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PTB_DRUG_EVENTS	Part B Drug Events	Num	0-1,100	Number of events (count)
EM_BENE_PMT	Evaluation and Management Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-42,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
EM_MDCR_PMT	Evaluation and Management Medicare Payments	Num	0-166,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
EM_PRMRY_PMT	Evaluation and Management Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-65,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
EM_EVENTS	Evaluation and Management Events	Num	0-1,800	Number of events (count)
PHYS_BENE_PMT	Part B Physician Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-5,600	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.

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PHYS_MDCR_PMT	Part B Physician Medicare Payments	Num	0-20,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PHYS_PRMRY_PMT	Part B Physician Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-11,600	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PHYS_EVENTS	Part B Physician Events	Num	0-300	Number of events (count)
DIALYS_BENE_PMT	Dialysis Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-2,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DIALYS_MDCR_PMT	Dialysis Medicare Payments	Num	0-11,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DIALYS_PRMRY_PMT	Dialysis Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-21,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DIALYS_EVENTS	Dialysis Events	Num	0-300	Number of events (count)
OPROC_BENE_PMT	Other Procedures Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-27,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OPROC_MDCR_PMT	Other Procedures Medicare Payments	Num	0-108,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OPROC_PRMRY_PMT	Other Procedures Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-149,400	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OPROC_EVENTS	Other Procedures Events	Num	0-900	Number of events (count)
IMG_BENE_PMT	Imaging Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-5,900	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
IMG_MDCR_PMT	Imaging Medicare Payments	Num	0-22,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
IMG_PRMRY_PMT	Imaging Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-41,000	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
IMG_EVENTS	Imaging Events	Num	0-400	Number of events (count)

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TEST_BENE_PMT	Tests Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-8,000	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
TEST_MDCR_PMT	Tests Medicare Payments	Num	0-36,100	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
TEST_PRMRY_PMT	Tests Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-10,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
TEST_EVENTS	Tests Events	Num	0-900	Number of events (count)
DME_BENE_PMT	Durable Medical Equipment Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-36,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DME_MDCR_PMT	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Payments	Num	0-102,400	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DME_PRMRY_PMT	Durable Medical Equipment Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-26,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
DME_EVENTS	Durable Medical Equipment Events	Num	0-600	Number of events (count)
OTHC_BENE_PMT	Other Part B Carrier Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-51,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OTHC_MDCR_PMT	Other Part B Carrier Medicare Payments	Num	0-167,300	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OTHC_PRMRY_PMT	Other Part B Carrier Primary Payer Amount	Num	0-73,800	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
OTHC_EVENTS	Other Part B Carrier Events	Num	0-900	Number of events (count)
PTD_BENE_PMT	Part D Beneficiary Payments	Num	0-461,600	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.
PTD_MDCR_PMT	Part D Medicare Payments	Num	0-5,820,500	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.

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PTD_EVENTS	Part D Events	Num	0-1,300	Number of events (count)
PTD_FILL_CNT	Part D Standardized Fill Count	Num	0-1,300	Number of prescription fills (count) for a given year, where a value of 1 represents a 30-day supply of a filled Part D prescription. The Part D fill count does not indicate the number of different drugs the person is using, only the total months (30-day intervals) or number prescription fills received. Please see website for more information: https://www.resdac.org/cms-data/variables/part-d-standardized-fill-count (Accessed 06/30/2020)
PTD_TOTAL_RX_CST	Part D Total Prescription Costs	Num	0-6,131,700	Payment/Charged Amount, in dollars.