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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	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	Year of Medicare Advantage (MA) Encounter (YYYY)	Num	2016	2016 NHCS has been linked to only 2016-2017 Medicare Data.
NCHS_ENC_JOIN_KEY	NCHS ENCOUNTER JOIN KEY	Num		
CLM_TYPE_CD	Claim Type Code	Char	4018	Hospital Swing Beds
			4021	SNF Skilled Nursing Inpatient
RLT_SPAN_CD_SEQ	Claim Related Span Code Sequence	Char		
CLM_SPAN_CD	Claim Occurrence Span Code	Char	70	Eff 10/93, payer use only, the nonutilization from/thru dates for PPS-inlier stay where bene had exhausted all full/coinsurance days, but covered on cost report. SNF qualifying hospital stay from/thru dates
			71	Hospital prior stay dates - the from/thru dates of any hospital stay that ended within 60 days of this hospital or SNF admission.
			72	First/last visit - the dates of the first and last visits occurring in this billing period if the dates are different from those in the statement covers period.

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			73	Benefit eligibility period - the inclusive dates during which CHAMPUS medical benefits are available to a sponsor's bene as shown on the bene's ID card.
			74	Non-covered level of care - the from/thru dates of a period at a noncovered level of care in an otherwise covered stay, excluding any period reported with occurrence span code 76, 77, or 79.
			75	The from/thru dates of SNF level of care during IP hospital stay. Shows PRO approval of patient remaining in hospital because SNF bed not available. Not applicable to swing bed cases. PPS hospitals use in day outlier cases only.
			76	Patient liability - From/thru dates of period of noncovered care for which hospital may charge bene. The FI or PRO must have approved such charges in advance. Patient must be notified in writing 3 days prior to noncovered period
			77	Provider liability (utilization charged) - The from/thru dates of period of noncovered care for which the provider is liable. Eff 3/92, applies to provider liability where bene is charged with utilization and is liable for deductible/coinsurance
			78	SNF prior stay dates - The from/thru dates of any SNF stay that ended within 60 days of this hospital or SNF admission.
			80-99	Reserved for state assignment
CLM_SPAN_FROM_DT	Claim Occurrence Span From Date	Num		Date provided in SAS date (numeric) format.
CLM_SPAN_THRU_DT	Claim Occurrence Span Through Date	Num		Date provided in SAS date (numeric) format.