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PUBLICID	Participant Identification Number	Char	14	ID		Public use identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers linking to NHIS public use files (PUF) should use PUBLICID. To merge the NHIS PUF with the Linked NCHS-CMS Medicare Feasibility File, please see notes in the analytic considerations.
SEQN	Sample Sequence Number	Num	8	ID		Public use identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers linking to NHANES III, and 1999-2018 NHANES should use SEQN.
RESNUM	Resident Record (Case) Number	Num	8	ID		Public use identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers linking to the 2004 NNHS should use RESNUM.
MEDICARE_MATCH_1418	CMS Medicare Match Status	Num	8	1	Linkage-eligible and linked to one or more years of CMS Medicare administrative data	CMS Medicare Match Status (2014-2018)
				2	Linkage-eligible and not linked to any year of the CMS Medicare administrative data	
				9	Ineligible for CMS linkage or under age 18	
ON_MBSF_YYYY	On Master Beneficiary Summary File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the MBSF file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2014-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the MBSF file for a specific year (YYYY)	

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ON_MEDPAR_YYYY	On Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) File	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the MEDPAR file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the MEDPAR file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_PARTD_PDE_YYYY	On Part D Prescription Drug Event (PDE) File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the PARTD_PDE file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the PARTD_PDE file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_CARRIER_FFS_YYYY	On Professional (Carrier) Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the CARRIER_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the CARRIER_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	

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ON_DME_FFS_YYYY	On Durable Medical Equipment Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the DME_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the DME_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_HHA_FFS_YYYY	On Home Health Agency Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the HHA_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the HHA_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_HOSPICE_FFS_YYYY	On Hospice File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the HOSPICE_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the HOSPICE_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	

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ON_OUTPAT_FFS_YYYY	On Outpatient Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the OUTPAT_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the OUTPAT_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_INPAT_FFS_YYYY	On Inpatient Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the INPAT_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the INPAT_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_SNF_FFS_YYYY	On Skilled Nursing Facility Fee-for-Service File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the SNF_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the SNF_FFS file for a specific year (YYYY)	

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ON_OASIS_YYYY	On Home Health Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the OASIS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the OASIS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_MDS_YYYY	On Long Term Care Minimum Data Set (MDS) File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the MDS file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage years 2016-2018
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the MDS file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_CARRIER_MA_YYYY	On Professional (Carrier) Medicare Advantage File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the CARRIER_MA file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the CARRIER_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_DME_MA_YYYY	On Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Advantage File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the DME_MA file for a specific year (YYYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the DME_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	

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ON_HHA_MA_YYYY	On Home Health Agency Medicare Advantage File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the HHA_MA file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the HHA_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_INPAT_MA_YYYY	On Inpatient Medicare Advantage File	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the INPAT_MA file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the INPAT_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_OUTPAT_MA_YYYY	On Outpatient Medicare Advantage File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the OUTPAT_MA file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the OUTPAT_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	
ON_SNF_MA_YYYY	On Skilled Nursing Facility Medicare Advantage File Indicator	Num	8	0	Linkage-eligible, but does not have data on the SNF_MA file for a specific year (YYYY); or ineligible for the NCHS-CMS Medicare linkage; or under age 18	YYYY represents Medicare coverage year 2016
				1	Linkage-eligible and has data on the SNF_MA file for a specific year (YYYY)	