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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	4032	Home Health + Inpatient (covered by Medicare Part B – not Part A)
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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			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.
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.