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_COND_CD_SEQ	Claim Related Condition Code Sequence	Char		
CLM_RLT_COND_CD	Claim Related Condition Code	Char	01-16	Insurance related
			17-30	Special condition
			36-45	Accommodation
			46-54	CHAMPUS information
			55-59	Skilled nursing facility
			60-70	Prospective payment

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			71-99	Renal dialysis setting
			A0	Special program codes
			A1	Special program codes
			A2	Special program codes
			A3	Special program codes
			A4	Special program codes
			A5	Special program codes
			A6	Special program codes
			A7	Special program codes
			A8	Special program codes
			A9	Special program codes
			В0	Special program codes
			B1	Special program codes
			B2	Special program codes
			B3	Special program codes
			B4	Special program codes
			B5	Special program codes
			B6	Special program codes
			B7	Special program codes
			B8	Special program codes
			В9	Special program codes
			C0	QIO approval services
			C1	QIO approval services
			C2	QIO approval services
			C3	QIO approval services
			C4	QIO approval services

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			C5	QIO approval services
			C6	QIO approval services
			C7	QIO approval services
			C8	QIO approval services
			C9	QIO approval services
			D0	Change conditions
			D1	Change conditions
			D2	Change conditions
			D3	Change conditions
			D4	Change conditions
			D5	Change conditions
			D6	Change conditions
			D7	Change conditions
			D8	Change conditions
			D9	Change conditions
			E0	Change conditions
			E1	Change conditions
			E2	Change conditions
			E3	Change conditions
			E4	Change conditions
			E5	Change conditions
			E6	Change conditions
			E7	Change conditions
			E8	Change conditions
			E9	Change conditions
			F0	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			F1	Change conditions
			F2	Change conditions
			F3	Change conditions
			F4	Change conditions
			F5	Change conditions
			F6	Change conditions
			F7	Change conditions
			F8	Change conditions
			F9	Change conditions
			G0	Change conditions
			G1	Change conditions
			G2	Change conditions
			G3	Change conditions
			G4	Change conditions
			G5	Change conditions
			G6	Change conditions
			G7	Change conditions
			G8	Change conditions
			G9	Change conditions
			H0	Change conditions
			H1	Change conditions
			H2	Change conditions
			H3	Change conditions
			H4	Change conditions
			H5	Change conditions
			H6	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			H7	Change conditions
			H8	Change conditions
			H9	Change conditions
			10	Change conditions
			11	Change conditions
			12	Change conditions
			13	Change conditions
			14	Change conditions
			15	Change conditions
			16	Change conditions
			17	Change conditions
			18	Change conditions
			19	Change conditions
			JO	Change conditions
			J1	Change conditions
			J2	Change conditions
			J3	Change conditions
			J4	Change conditions
			J5	Change conditions
			J6	Change conditions
			J7	Change conditions
			J8	Change conditions
			J9	Change conditions
			К0	Change conditions
			K1	Change conditions
			К2	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			К3	Change conditions
			K4	Change conditions
			K5	Change conditions
			K6	Change conditions
			K7	Change conditions
			K8	Change conditions
			К9	Change conditions
			LO	Change conditions
			L1	Change conditions
			L2	Change conditions
			L3	Change conditions
			L4	Change conditions
			L5	Change conditions
			L6	Change conditions
			L7	Change conditions
			L8	Change conditions
			L9	Change conditions
			M0	Change conditions
			M1	Change conditions
			M2	Change conditions
			МЗ	Change conditions
			M4	Change conditions
			M5	Change conditions
			M6	Change conditions
			M7	Change conditions
			M8	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			M9	Change conditions
			NO	Change conditions
			N1	Change conditions
			N2	Change conditions
			N3	Change conditions
			N4	Change conditions
			N5	Change conditions
			N6	Change conditions
			N7	Change conditions
			N8	Change conditions
			N9	Change conditions
			00	Change conditions
			01	Change conditions
			O2	Change conditions
			O3	Change conditions
			04	Change conditions
			O5	Change conditions
			O6	Change conditions
			07	Change conditions
			O8	Change conditions
			O9	Change conditions
			P0	Change conditions
			P1	Change conditions
			P2	Change conditions
			P3	Change conditions
			P4	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			P5	Change conditions
			P6	Change conditions
			P7	Change conditions
			P8	Change conditions
			P9	Change conditions
			Q0	Change conditions
			Q1	Change conditions
			Q2	Change conditions
			Q3	Change conditions
			Q4	Change conditions
			Q5	Change conditions
			Q6	Change conditions
			Q7	Change conditions
			Q8	Change conditions
			Q9	Change conditions
			R0	Change conditions
			R1	Change conditions
			R2	Change conditions
			R3	Change conditions
			R4	Change conditions
			R5	Change conditions
			R6	Change conditions
			R7	Change conditions
			R8	Change conditions
			R9	Change conditions
			S0	Change conditions

Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
			S1	Change conditions
			S2	Change conditions
			S3	Change conditions
			S4	Change conditions
			S5	Change conditions
			S6	Change conditions
			S7	Change conditions
			S8	Change conditions
			S9	Change conditions
			Т0	Change conditions
			T1	Change conditions
			T2	Change conditions
			Т3	Change conditions
			T4	Change conditions
			T5	Change conditions
			Т6	Change conditions
			T7	Change conditions
			Т8	Change conditions
			Т9	Change conditions
			U0	Change conditions
			U1	Change conditions
			U2	Change conditions
			U3	Change conditions
			U4	Change conditions
			U5	Change conditions
			U6	Change conditions

Variable Name

Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description
		U7	Change conditions
		U8	Change conditions
		U9	Change conditions
		V0	Change conditions

	U9	Change conditions
	VO	Change conditions
	V1	Change conditions
	V2	Change conditions
	V3	Change conditions
	V4	Change conditions
	V5	Change conditions
	V6	Change conditions
	V7	Change conditions
	V8	Change conditions
	V9	Change conditions
	WO	Change conditions