

**2025 NATIONAL AMBULATORY MEDICAL CARE SURVEY PROVIDER SURVEY COMPONENT: PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE FILE DATA DICTIONARY
PREPARED FOR RESEARCH DATA CENTER USE**

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This document is the codebook for the 2025 NAMCS Provider Survey Component: Restricted Use Physician Associate (PA) File, prepared for NCHS Research Data Center Use. For each item on the record, the user is provided with a sequential item number, variable name, brief description of the item, formats, and values.

Item No.	Variable Name	Description	SAS/Stata Format	R Format	Values	Notes
1	PROVID_RDC	Unique provider (PA) identifier	Character	Character	71118751-79995927	
2	INSETTING1	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Private solo or group practice	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Private solo or group practice	
3	INSETTING2	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Freestanding clinic or Urgent Care Center (e.g., Concentra Urgent Care, Patient First, NextCare Urgent Care, FastMed Urgent Care)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Freestanding clinic or Urgent Care Center (e.g., Concentra Urgent Care, Patient First, NextCare Urgent Care, FastMed Urgent Care)	

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4	INSETTING3	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Health Center (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC], federally funded clinics or 'look-alike' clinics)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Health Center (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC], federally funded clinics or 'look-alike' clinics)	
5	INSETTING4	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Mental health center	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Mental health center	
6	INSETTING5	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Government clinic that is not federally funded (e.g., state, county, city, maternal and child health, etc.)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Government clinic that is not federally funded (e.g., state, county, city, maternal and child health, etc.)	

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7	INSETTING6	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Family planning clinic (including Planned Parenthood)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Family planning clinic (including Planned Parenthood)	
8	INSETTING7	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Integrated Delivery System, Health maintenance organization, health system or other prepaid practice (e.g., Kaiser Permanente)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Integrated Delivery System, Health maintenance organization, health system or other prepaid practice (e.g., Kaiser Permanente)	

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9	INSETTING8	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Faculty practice plan (i.e., an organized group of physicians and other health care professionals that treats patients referred to an academic medical center)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Faculty practice plan (i.e., an organized group of physicians and other health care professionals that treats patients referred to an academic medical center)	
10	INSETTING9	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Retail health clinic (e.g., CVS MinuteClinic, MinuteClinic, Walgreen's, Healthcare Clinics, Kroger's Little Clinic)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Retail health clinic (e.g., CVS MinuteClinic, Walgreen's, Healthcare Clinics, Kroger's Little Clinic)	

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11	INSETTING10	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Hospital outpatient department	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Hospital outpatient department	
12	INSETTING11	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Hospital emergency department	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Hospital emergency department	
13	INSETTING12	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Ambulatory surgery center/ surgicenter	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Ambulatory surgery center/surgicenter	
14	INSETTING13	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Industrial outpatient facility	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Industrial outpatient facility	

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15	INSETTING14	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Federal government clinics (e.g., Veterans Affairs, military only clinics)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Federal government clinics (e.g., Veterans Affairs, military only clinics)	
16	INSETTING15	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Institutional facility	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Institutional facility	
17	INSETTING16	Do you see ambulatory patients in any of the following settings? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. None of the above	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = None of the above	

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18	SETTING	At which outpatient setting (1-10) in the previous question do you see the most patients in a typical week?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank 1 = Private solo or group practice 2 = Freestanding clinic or Urgent Care Center 3 = Health Center 4 = Mental health center 5 = Government clinic that is not federally funded 6 = Family planning clinic 7 = Integrated Delivery System, Health maintenance organization, health system or other prepaid practice 8 = Faculty practice plan 9 = Retail health clinic 10 = Hospital outpatient department 17 = Multiple in-scope settings selected, undetermined	
19	ESTVIS	During a typical week, approximately how many patient visits do you personally receive at your reporting location?	Character	Character	"-9" = Blank "0" = Valid value "001" – "999" = Valid range "000" = Outside of valid range	This was designated as a character variable in the original file. See ESTTOTVIS for a numeric version.

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20	SOLO	In this survey, 'other providers' mean any individuals administering any type of direct medical, mental, or behavioral health care. At your reporting location, do you work in a solo medical facility, or do you work with other providers in a partnership, group practice, or in some other way (nonsolo)?	Numeric	Factor	-9= Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (page only) 1 = Solo 2 = Nonsolo	
21	OTHPHY	At your reporting location, how many other providers are employed? Do not include interns, residents, fellows, or yourself in the count.	Character	Character	"-7 " = Not applicable " -7" = Not applicable "-9 " = Blank "0 " – "99 " = Valid range	This was designated as a character variable on the original file. See NUMPROV_NUM for a recoded numeric version that reflects the number of other providers plus the sampled provider.

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22	MULTI	Is your reporting location a multi- or single-specialty practice?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (pape only) 1 = Multi 2 = Single	
23	OWNERSH	At your reporting location, are you a full- or part-owner, employee, independent contractor, or a volunteer?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (pape only) 1 = Full-owner 2 = Part-owner 3 = Employee 4 = Contractor 5 = Volunteer 6 = Owner not specified, but not full-owner	

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24	OWNS_RL	At your reporting location, who owns the practice?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Physician/Physician group 2 = Advanced practice provider/Advance practice provider group 3 = Combination of physicians and advanced practice providers 4 = Insurance company, health plan, or HMO 5 = Health center 6 = Academic medical center or teaching hospital 7 = Other hospital 8 = Other health care corporation 9 = Other (please specify)	See OWNS_RLR for a recorded version.
25	PAY_PRIVATE	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Private insurance	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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26	PAY_MEDCARE	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Medicare	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
27	PAY_MEDICAID	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Medicaid	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
28	PAY_CHIP	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.CHIP	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
29	PAY_WORKCMP	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Workers' compensation	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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30	PAY_SELFPAY	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Self-pay	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
31	PAY_NOCHARGE	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. No charge	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
32	PAY_OTHER	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Other	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
33	PAY_DK	Which of the following types of payment does your reporting location accept? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Don't know.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	New for 2025

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34	ACCEPTNEW	At your reporting location, are you, personally, currently accepting new patients?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
35	EMEDREC	Does your reporting location use an EHR system? Do not include billing record systems.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	

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36	ESDOH	Does your reporting location use an EHR to...? Record social determinants of health (e.g., employment, education, race/ethnicity, language and literacy skills)?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
37	EBEHAV	Does your reporting location use an EHR to...? Record behavioral determinants of health (e.g., tobacco use, physical activity, alcohol use, drug use, diet)?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
38	ECOPE	Does your reporting location use an EHR to...? Order prescriptions?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	

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39	ESCRPT	Does your reporting location use an EHR to...? Send prescriptions electronically to the pharmacy?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
40	TELEMED1	At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Videoconference software with audio (e.g., Zoom, Webex, FaceTime)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
41	TELEMED2	At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Audio without video conference software	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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42	TELEMED3	<p>At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.</p> <p>Telemedicine platform NOT integrated with EHR (e.g., Doxy.me)</p>	Numeric	Factor	<p>-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked</p>	

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43	TELEMED4	At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Telemedicine platform integrated with EHR (e.g., update clinical documentation during telemedicine visit)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
44	TELEMED5	At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Other tool(s) (please specify):	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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45	TELEMED6	At your reporting location, what type(s) of telemedicine did you personally use for patient visits? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. I don't use video or telemedicine for patient visits	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
46	TELEMED7_D	Created to determine if any telemedicine was used but unknown which type.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Missing (all unchecked) 0 = Unchecked 1 = Checked (Uses telemedicine, type unknown)	
47	TELEMEDVIS	At your reporting location in a typical week, how many of your own visits use telemedicine?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = None 2 = Some 3 = Most 4 = All	

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48	TELEMEDSAT	Compared to in-person patient visits, please rate your personal overall satisfaction with using telemedicine for patient visits at your reporting location	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Very satisfied 2 = Somewhat satisfied 3 = Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4 = Somewhat dissatisfied 5 = Very dissatisfied	
49	TELE_ISSUE1	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Limited Internet access and/or speed issues	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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50	TELE_ISSUE2	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Telemedicine platform not easy to use	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
51	TELE_ISSUE3	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Telemedicine isn't appropriate for my specialty/type of patients	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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52	TELE_ISSUE4	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Limitations in patients' access to technology (e.g., smartphone, computer, tablet, Internet)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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53	TELE_ISSUE5	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Patients' difficulty using technology/telemedicine platform	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
54	TELE_ISSUE6	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Improved reimbursement and relaxation of rules related to use of telemedicine visits	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
55	TELE_ISSUE7	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Other (please specify)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	New for 2025

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56	TELE_ISSUE8	At your reporting location, what, if any, issues affect your own use of telemedicine? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. None of the above.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	New for 2025
57	PATEVEN	At your reporting location, do you personally see patients during the evening or on weekends?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
58	SASDAPPT	Does your reporting location set time aside for same day appointments?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	

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59	APPTTIME	On average, about how long does it take to get an appointment with you for a routine medical exam at your reporting location? By 'routine medical exam,' we mean any medical care considered 'routine' for your specialty.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Within 1 week 2 = 1-2 weeks 3 = 3-4 weeks 4 = 1-2 months 5 = 3 or more months 6 = Do not provide routine medical exams 7 = Don't know	
60	PA_SPECYR	How long have you practiced in your current specialty?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = 0-1 years 2 = 2-4 years 3 = 5-9 years 4 = 10-20 years 5 = 21 or more years	
61	PA_WRKYR	How many years have you worked clinically as a PA?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = 0-1 years 2 = 2-4 years 3 = 5-9 years 4 = 10-20 years 5 = 21 or more years	

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62	PA_SUPCOLL	At your reporting location, are there supervision/ collaboration guidelines describing the types of decisions you can make or activities you can perform without direct physician involvement in your patients' care?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know	
63	PA_OWNPANEL	At your reporting location, do you have your own panel of patients?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Yes, entirely 2 = Yes, but I also see patients from the practice 3 = No 4 = Don't know	

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64	PA_CLAIMS	At your reporting location, how are claims submitted most of the time?	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = My NPI 2 = A physician's NPI 3 = Sometimes my own NPI and sometimes a physician's NPI 4 = I don't bill for my medical services 5 = Don't know	

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65	PA_TASKS1	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Admissions (i.e., conduct admission history and physical, write admission orders)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
66	PA_TASKS2	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Develop treatment plans	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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67	PA_TASKS3	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform minor surgical procedures	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
68	PA_TASKS4	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform non-surgical procedures	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
69	PA_TASKS5	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Order referrals and consults	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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70	PA_TASKS6	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Order and interpret diagnostic testing and therapeutic modalities	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
71	PA_TASKS7	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform new patient encounters	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
72	PA_TASKS8	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform post-op patient encounters	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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73	PA_TASKS9	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform post-op global visits	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
74	PA_TASKS10	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Perform pre-op history and physicals (H & Ps)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
75	PA_TASKS11	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. See consults	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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76	PA_TASKS12	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Prescribe non-schedule medications	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
77	PA_TASKS13	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Prescribe schedule (II-V) medications	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
78	PA_TASKS14	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Order durable medical equipment (DME)	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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79	PA_TASKS15	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. See urgent visits	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
80	PA_TASKS16	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Other (please specify):	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
81	PA_TASKS17	At your reporting location, which of the following tasks do you personally perform on a regular and ongoing basis? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. None of the above	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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82	PRVSEX	Provider sex	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple boxes checked (paper only) 1 = Male 2 = Female	Item changed in 2025.
83	WCOMP1	Who completed this survey? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. The provider to whom the survey was addressed	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
84	WCOMP2	Who completed this survey? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Office staff	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	
85	WCOMP3	Who completed this survey? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Other	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Entire item blank 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Box is marked	

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86	INSETTING17_D	Create a variable that indicates if >1 in-scope settings are selected, but specific type is undetermined.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Missing -7 = Skipped 0 = Unchecked 1 = Checked	
87	NUMPROV_NUM	Total number of providers at reporting location	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank 1-100	Recoded from OTHPHY as a numeric variable and including sampled provider in the total
88	ESTTOTVIS	Estimated total number of visits-created by NCHS staff	Numeric	Numeric	-9 = Blank -7 = Skipped 0-600 = Valid range	
89	PRVRACE_RDC	Provider race recoded to combined groups.	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -8 = Unknown -6 = Refused to answer question 1 = White only 2 = Black only 3 = Asian only 4 = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander 5 = American Indian/Alaska Native 6 = Two or more races	

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90	IS_INSETTING_CT	Count of number of IS settings.	Numeric	Numeric	-9 = Blank 0-10 = Number of in-scope settings selected	
91	OS_INSETTING_CT	Count of number of OS settings.	Numeric	Numeric	-9 = Blank 0-6 = Number of out-of-scope settings selected	
92	MODE	Was survey completed by web, by phone, or by mail? Note: For MODE=2, RTI Help Desk and Tracer staff used the telephone to collect data and determine other outcomes including if provider was retired/deceased	Numeric	Factor	1 = Responded via web directly 2 = RTI operator assisted 3 = Responded via mail (paper)	
93	FIPSCNY	Office's FIPS county code assigned by NCHS staff	Character	Character	-9 = No match found in geocoder 001 - 999 = Valid range	This variable is not given directly to the researcher. It is mainly for use by RDC staff in creating contextual variables, merging restricted files with external files, etc.

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94	FIPSST	Office's FIPS state code assigned by NCHS staff	Character	Character	-9 = No match found in geocoder 01 - 99 = Valid range	This variable is not given directly to the researcher. It is mainly for use by RDC staff in creating contextual variables, merging restricted files with external files, etc.

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95	SPECRDET	Combination of PA specialty group and type of specialty (primary, surgical, or medical)	Numeric	Factor	1.1 = General/Family practice-primary care 3.1 = Internal medicine-primary care 4.1 = Pediatrics-primary care 4.3 = Pediatrics-medical 5.2 = General surgery-surgical 6.1 = Obstetrics & Gynecology-primary care 6.2 = Obstetrics & Gynecology-surgical 7.2 = Orthopedic Surgery-surgical 8.3 = Cardiovascular Diseases-medical 9.3 = Dermatology-medical 10.2 = Urology-surgical 11.3 = Psychiatry-medical 12.3 = Neurology-medical 13.2 = Ophthalmology-surgical 14.2 = Otolaryngology-surgical 15.2 = Other specialties-surgical 15.3 = Other specialties-medical 16.3 = Anesthesiology-medical 17 = No classification-mix of specialties	

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96	SPECR	Numeric specialty updated at time of data collection for in-scope PAs (integer value of SPECRDET).	Numeric	Factor	1 = General/Family practice 3 = Internal medicine 4 = Pediatrics 5 = General surgery 6 = Obstetrics & Gynecology 7 = Orthopedic Surgery 8 = Cardiovascular Diseases 9 = Dermatology 10 = Urology 11 = Psychiatry 12 = Neurology 13 = Ophthalmology 14 = Otolaryngology 15 = Other specialties 16 = Anesthesiology 17 = No classification-mix of specialties	
97	SPECCAT	PA specialty type at time of data collection, this is derived from SPECRDET and changed in 2012.	Numeric	Factor	1 = Primary care specialty 2 = Surgical specialty 3 = Medical specialty	
98	FINAL	Final Disposition. Conversion from OUTCOME, updated by editing. Used in creation of estimates and response rates.	Numeric	Factor	1= Eligible respondent, complete 2= Eligible, refused 3= Ineligible 4= Unknown eligibility, not locatable 5= Unknown eligibility, refused or partial 6= Eligible, partially complete	

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99	OUTCOME_EDITED	Outcome code RTI used to categorize disposition of provider, EDITED BY NCHS	Numeric	Factor	1=Eligible - Complete via Mail (paper questionnaire) 2=Eligible - Complete via Web (web questionnaire) 4=Eligible - Partial via Mail (paper questionnaire) 5=Eligible - Partial via Web (web questionnaire)	Only survey respondents are included on the restricted file so theirs are the only outcome codes shown.
100	REGION	Region of the PA's office	Numeric	Factor	1= Northeast 2= Midwest 3= South 4= West	
101	ZIPPHY	PA's ZIP Code updated at time of data collection	Character	Character	01001 - 99950 = Valid range	This variable is not given directly to the researcher. It is mainly for use by RDC staff in creating contextual variables, merging restricted files with external files, etc.
102	URBANRU	2023 NCHS Urban-Rural Classification from 2020 Census. May not match MSA since MSA is ZIP Code based, URBANRU is county based	Numeric	Factor	-9= Missing data 1= Large central metro 2= Large fringe metro 3= Medium metro 4= Small metro 5= Micropolitan (nonmetro) 6= Noncore (nonmetro)	

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103	MSA	Location in a metropolitan statistical area for provider ZIP code - <i>based on geocoded data</i>	Numeric	Factor	1= MSA 2= Non-MSA	
104	PROSTRUP	Numeric specialty updated at time of data collection for in-scope providers	Numeric	Factor	1= General/Family practice 2= Osteopathy 3= Internal medicine 4= Pediatrics 5= General surgery 6= Obstetrics and gynecology 7= Orthopedic surgery 8= Cardiovascular diseases 9= Dermatology 10= Urology 11= Psychiatry 12= Neurology 13= Ophthalmology 14= Otolaryngology 15= Other specialties 16= Anesthesiology 17= No classification-mix of specialties	
105	MDAGE	PA age; grouped	Numeric	Factor	-9= Blank 1= Under 35 years 2= 35-44 years 3= 45-54 years 4= 55-64 years 5= 65 years and over	

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106	WAVECOMP	Survey was completed during which wave?	Numeric	Factor	1=1st mailing 2=2nd mailing 3=3rd mailing 4=Web 5=Help Desk 6=No data for this participant 7=Tracing -7=Not applicable -9=Blank	
107	YEAR	Survey year	Numeric	Numeric	2025	
108	SETTINGR	Outpatient setting where provider sees the most patients in a typical week	Numeric	Factor	-9= Blank 1= Private solo or group practice 2= Freestanding clinic or Urgent Care Center, Health Center, Mental Health Center, Government clinic (not federally funded), family planning clinic, retail health clinic 3= Hospital outpatient department 4= Other (includes Integrated Delivery System, HMO, health system or other prepaid practice 5= In scope but undetermined	

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109	ESTTOTVIS_CAT	During a typical week, approximately how many patient visits do you personally receive at your reporting location?	Numeric	Factor	-9= Blank 1= 20 or fewer visits 2= 21-40 visits 3= 41-60 visits 4= 61-80 visits 5= 81-100 visits 6= More than 100 visits	
110	NUMPROV_CAT	Total number of providers at reporting location	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank 1 = 1 provider 2 = 2-3 providers 3 = 4-10 providers 4 = 11-50 providers 5 = 51-100 providers 6 = More than 100 providers -7 = Not applicable, solo practice	

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111	OWNERSHR	At your reporting location, are you a full- or part-owner, employee, independent contractor, or a volunteer? – Recoded	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank 1 = Full-owner 2 = Part-owner 3 = Employee 4 = Other	
112	OWNS_RLR	At your reporting location, who owns the practice? – Recoded	Numeric	Factor	-9 = Blank -5 = Multiple responses selected, unable to determine value (paper only) 1 = Physician/Physician group 2 = Health center 3 = Academic medical center or teaching hospital 4 = Other hospital 5 = Other health care corporation 6 = Other	
113	PRVNONHIS	Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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114	PRVMEX	Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano/a	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano/a	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
115	PRVPR	Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Yes, Puerto Rican	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Yes, Puerto Rican	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
116	PRVCUB	Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Yes, Cuban	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Yes, Cuban	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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117	PRVHISOTH	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Yes, another Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish Origin	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Another Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish Origin	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
118	PRVAIAN	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. American Indian or Alaska Native	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = American Indian or Alaska Native	Note change in item format in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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119	PRVASIAN	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Asian	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Asian	Note change in item format in 2025. Previously PRVASIANIN – Asian Indian Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
120	PRVBLACK	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Black or African American	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Black or African American	Note change in item format in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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121	PRVHISLAT	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Hispanic or Latino	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Hispanic or Latino	Note change in item format in 2025. New category in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
122	PRVMENA	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Middle Eastern or North African	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Middle Eastern or North African	Note change in item format in 2025. New category in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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123	PRVNHPI	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Note change in item format in 2025. New category in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.
124	PRVWHITE	What is your race? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. White	Numeric	Factor	-9 = All boxes are blank for question 0 = Box is not marked 1 = White	Note change in item format in 2025. Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

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125	SPEC	Alpha specialty (updated at time of data collection)	Character	Character	-9 = Blank OTHER = Valid entry	Must be reviewed by NCHS staff before release due to possibility of extremely low sample size and resulting confidentiality concerns.

NOTES: Please note that numeric variables containing continuous values, such as IS_SETTING_CT, may also include special characters such as -7 (Not Applicable), -8 (Unknown), and -9 (Blank). These special characters should be treated as non-numeric and can be recoded to missing for analyses.

Several additional variables such as longitude and latitude may also be available but are not given directly to researchers. Please consult RDC staff for more information.