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Purpose and Contents of the Codebook

The geographic Practice Public Use Files provide summarized information and characteristics of practices within the state. Practice information has been summarized at the 3-digit ZIP Code. This codebook provides a list of available data elements and their characteristics, some as originally obtained from the administrative/other available data sources and others as generated/enhanced by AHRQ. Because data contained in the Physician and Physician Practice Research Database are drawn from multiple data sources, variables may have differing availability and patterns of missingness across states. The codebook includes a variable label, variable name, input data source, variable type and length, and state-specific information.

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3-Digit Zip Code

Description (Label): 3-Digit ZIP Code

Variable Name: ZIP3_CD

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims

Type: CHAR

Length: 3

State-Specific Notes: None

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State

Description (Label): 2-digit alpha state code

Variable Name: STATE

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims

Type: CHAR

Length: 2

State-Specific Notes: None

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Number of Practice IDs

Description (Label): Count of unique practice IDs

Variable Name: PRAC_COUNT

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Core Physicians in a Practice Site

Description (Label): Average count of 3P-RD physicians associated with a practice in the ZIP Code

Variable Name: AVG_COUNT_3PRD_PHYS

Input Data Sources: 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Other Providers in Practice Site

Description (Label): Average count of other providers associated with a practice in the ZIP Code

Variable Name: AVG_COUNT_OTHR_PROV

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Medicaid (FFS & MCO) Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting Medicaid (FFS & MCO) claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_MCAID

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Medicaid (FFS) Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting Medicaid (FFS) claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_MCAIDFFS

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Medicaid (MCO) Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting Medicaid (MCO) claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_MCAIDMCO

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Medicare Advantage Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting Medicare Advantage claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_MA

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Commercial Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting commercial claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_CMRL

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Medicare (FFS) Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting Medicare (FFS) claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_MCAREFFS

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Average Number of Physicians Submitting Any Payer Within the APCD Claims

Description (Label): Average number of providers that are submitting any payer within the APCD claims

Variable Name: AVG_PRVDR_SBMT_CLMS_APCD_PAYERS

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Most Common Specialty

Description (Label): Specialty most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: COMMON_SPEC_1

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Second Most Common Specialty

Description (Label): Specialty second most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: COMMON_SPEC_2

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Third Most Common Specialty

Description (Label): Specialty third most common among the ZIP Code's practice

Variable Name: COMMON_SPEC_3

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percentage of Practices With Single Specialty

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a single specialty

Variable Name: PCT_SING_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent PCP Focused

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a primary care specialty (PCP)

Variable Name: PCT_PCP_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Most Common Primary Care Specialty

Description (Label): Primary care specialty (PCP) most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: PCP_SPEC_1

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Second Most Common Primary Care Specialty

Description (Label): Primary care specialty (PCP) second most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: PCP_SPEC_2

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Third Most Common Primary Care Specialty

Description (Label): Primary care specialty (PCP) third most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: PCP_SPEC_3

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent Medical Specialty

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a medical specialty

Variable Name: PCT_MEDICAL_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Most Common Medical Specialty

Description (Label): Medical specialty most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: MEDICAL_SPEC_1

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Second Most Common Medical Specialty

Description (Label): Medical specialty second most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: MEDICAL_SPEC_2

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Third Most Common Medical Specialty

Description (Label): Medical specialty third most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: MEDICAL_SPEC_3

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent Surgical

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a surgical specialty

Variable Name: PCT_SURG_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

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Most Common Surgical Specialty

Description (Label): Surgical specialty most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: SURG_SPEC_1

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Second Most Common Surgical Specialty

Description (Label): Surgical specialty second most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: SURG_SPEC_2

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

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Third Most Common Surgical Specialty

Description (Label): Surgical specialty third most common among the ZIP Code's practices

Variable Name: SURG_SPEC_3

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: CHAR

Length: 50

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent OB/GYN

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a OB/GYN specialty

Variable Name: PCT_OBGYN_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent Psychiatric

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with a psychiatrist specialty

Variable Name: PCT_PSYC_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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Percent Other

Description (Label): Percentage of practices in the ZIP Code with any other specialty

Variable Name: PCT_OTHR_SPEC

Input Data Sources: APCD/CMS Claims, 3P-RD Physician

Type: NUM

Length: 8

State-Specific Notes: None

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