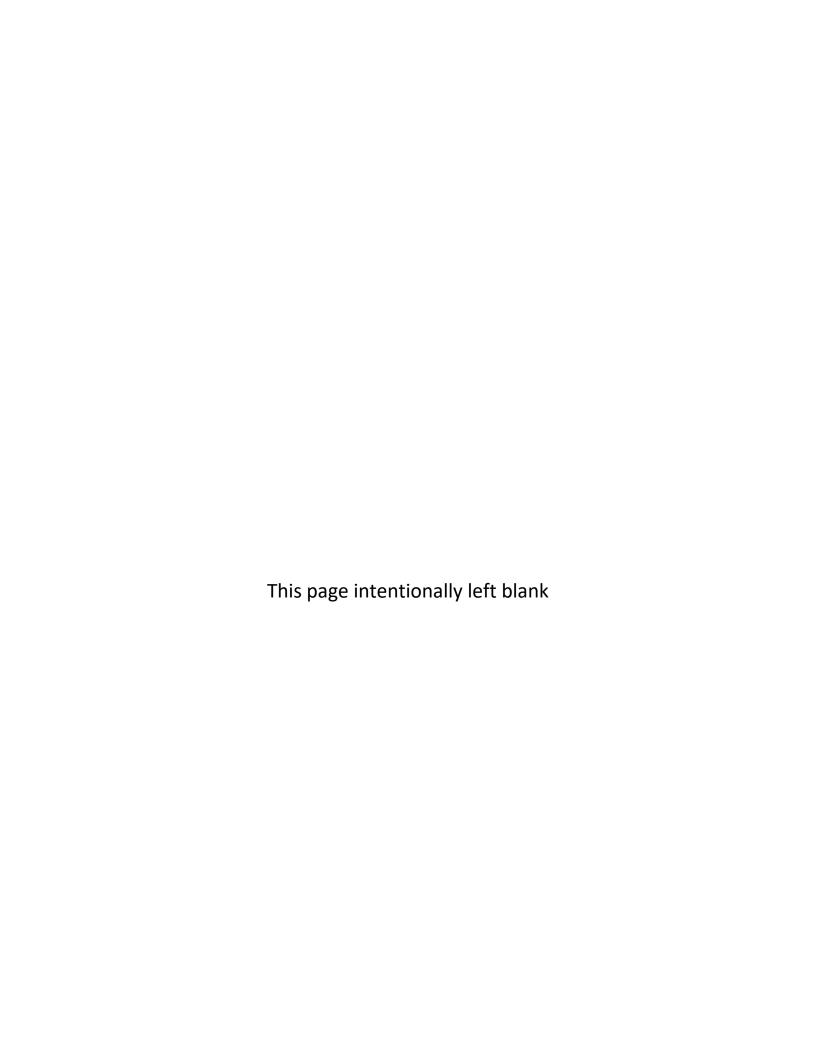


Medicare Part D Beneficiary Plan Election and Auto-Assignment Files Codebook

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APLCTN_DT

LABEL: Part D Plan application date

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the date the Part D plan sponsor received the election form from the

beneficiary.

TYPE: DATE

LENGTH: 8

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: Date value formatted as: DDMONYYYY

COMMENT: -

AUDT_SQNC_NUM

LABEL: Part D Enrollment Transaction Audit Sequence Number

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the Medicare Part D Enrollment Transaction Audit Sequence Number.

The number indicates whether the occurrence has been audited. It will default to 0 (zero) for valid occurrences and will be incremented by 1 for audited rows with the

same key fields.

TYPE: NUM

LENGTH: 3

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: 0 = valid (effective) transaction

1 - X = audited records

COMMENT: While a beneficiary can only be enrolled in one Part D plan during a given time period

there may be more than one enrollment transaction with an audit sequence number of zero for that time period. This indicates that a valid transaction has been replaced with another valid transaction. For example, if a beneficiary was auto-assigned to a plan but

then picked a different plan.

AUTO_ASSIGNED_FLAG

LABEL: Part D Plan Auto Assignment Indicator

DESCRIPTION: This variable Indicates that the beneficiary had one or more Part D enrollment

transactions that span the reference year where the Enrollment Type Code indicates auto-assignment or re-assignment (Enrollment Type Code of A or H) regardless of

whether they opted-out of the plan they were assigned to.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME) - derived

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: Y = yes, auto-assigned to the Part D Plan

Null/missing

COMMENT: The Enrollment Type Code variable (SAS name is ENRLMT_TYPE_CD) appears in the Part

D Beneficiary Plan Election File

BENE_ID

LABEL: Encrypted CCW Beneficiary ID

DESCRIPTION: The unique CCW identifier for a beneficiary. The CCW assigns a unique beneficiary

identification number to each individual who receives Medicare and/or Medicaid, and uses that number to identify an individual's records in all CCW data files (e.g., Medicare

claims, MAX claims, MDS assessment data).

This number does not change during a beneficiary's lifetime and each number is used

only once.

The BENE_ID is specific to the CCW and is not applicable to any other identification

system or data source.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 15

SOURCE: CCW

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: -

COMMENT: -

CHOOSER

LABEL: Part D Plan Self Selection Indicator

DESCRIPTION: This variable indicates that the beneficiary had one or more Part D enrollment

transactions that span the reference year where the Enrollment Type Code indicates

that the beneficiary made the plan selection (Enrollment Type Code of B or L).

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME) - derived

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: Y = yes, the beneficiary elected the Part D Plan

Null/missing

COMMENT: The Enrollment Type Code variable (SAS name is ENRLMT_TYPE_CD) appears in the Part

D Beneficiary Plan Election File

CONTRACT_ID

LABEL: Part D Contract Number

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the Medicare Part D contract number for the beneficiary's Part D plan.

CMS assigns an identifier to each contract that a Part D plan has with CMS.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 5

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: XXXXX

COMMENT: -

CRNT_PREV_YR_CHOOSER

LABEL: Part D Plan Self Selection in Current or Previous Year Indicator

DESCRIPTION: This variable indicates whether the plan choice was in the current or previous year. For

beneficiaries where the variable CHOOSER = "Y", this variable indicates whether the beneficiary made their Part D plan self-selection in the current year or the previous

year.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME) - derived

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: C = Part D plan election in the reference year

P = Part D plan election in the year prior to the reference year

Null/missing = Beneficiary is not a chooser in the reference year

COMMENT: -

DISENRLMNT_DT

LABEL: Beneficiary Part D Plan Disenrollment Date

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the date the beneficiary disenrolled in the Part D Plan, if applicable

TYPE: DATE

LENGTH: 8

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: Date value formatted as: DDMONYYYY

Null/missing if the plan remained active; if beneficiary did not disenroll from the plan.

COMMENT: -

ENRLMT_EFCTV_DT

LABEL: Beneficiary Part D Plan Enrollment Effective Date

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the date that Part D coverage began for the beneficiary.

TYPE: DATE

LENGTH: 8

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: Date value formatted as: DDMONYYYY

COMMENT: -

ENRLMT_TYPE_CD

LABEL: Beneficiary Part D Plan Enrollment Type Code

DESCRIPTION: This variable contain the enrollment type code, which is used to identify the

source/mechanism of the Part D enrollment

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: A = Part D Auto Enrolled by CMS

B = Beneficiary Election (Beneficiary Made Plan Choice)

C = Part D Facilitated Enrollment by CMS D = System Generated Enrollment (Rollover)

E = Plan Submitted Auto Enrollment

F = Plan Submitted Facilitated Enrollment

G = Point of Sale (POS) submitted enrollment (i.e., pharmacy enrolled beneficiary in a LINET plan)

H = CMS or Plan Submitted Re-assignment Enrollment

I = Assigned to Plan Submitted Transactions with Enrollment Source Other than any of the Following: B, E, F, G, H and blank

J = State Submitted Passive Enrollment K = CMS Submitted Passive Enrollment

L = Financial Alignment (FA) Demonstration Beneficiary Election

Missing/null = unknown

COMMENT: -

LIS_MONTHS

LABEL: Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Months

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the number of months in the reference year that the beneficiary was

determined to be eligible for a Part D premium low-income subsidy (LIS)

TYPE: NUM

LENGTH: 2

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME) - derived

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: 0 - 12

COMMENT: The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) mandated that CMS establish the Low-

Income Subsidy (LIS) program for the Medicare Part D benefit, which provides subsidies that reduce or eliminate Part D premiums and deductibles and offers zero or reduced

co-payments for low-income beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries who are eligible for the full LIS subsidy will pay zero premiums if they are enrolled in an at- or below-benchmark plan. If they enroll in above-benchmark plans, they are responsible for paying the amount of the premium above the benchmark. Because benchmarks are recalculated on an annual basis, some plans may be at or

below the benchmark in one year but not in the following year.

PLAN_ID

LABEL: Part D Plan Benefit Package Identifier

DESCRIPTION: This variable is the unique plan benefit package (PBP) number for the Part D plan

sponsor's contract. CMS assigns an identifier to each PBP within a contract that a Part D

plan sponsor has with CMS.

This field is a key that links Part D sponsor's contract and plan identifiers.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 3

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

VALUES: 3-digit numeric value

COMMENT: You need to know both the Part D contract number (variable called CONTRACT_ID) and

plan benefit package identifier in order to identify the specific plan benefit package

offered to beneficiaries.

REASSIGN_JAN

LABEL: Beneficiary Newly Reassigned for January Plan

DESCRIPTION: This variable indicates whether the plan reassignment occurred in January of the

reference year.

This variable is populated only if the beneficiary was newly reassigned for their January

plan, regardless if they opted out of the re-assignment. This flag resets yearly.

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Common Medicare Environment (CME) - derived

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: Y = Yes, beneficiary was reassigned to the Part D Plan at the beginning of the year

Null/missing = Beneficiary was not reassigned in January of the reference year

COMMENT: -

REF_YEAR

LABEL: The Part D plan enrollment year

DESCRIPTION: Year of Part D plan enrollment. The data files are partitioned into calendar year files.

TYPE: NUM

LENGTH: 4

SOURCE: CCW (derived)

FILE(S): Part D Beneficiary Plan Election File

Part D Beneficiary Auto-Assignment File

VALUES: 2007 +

COMMENT: -