MD-PPAS File Layout
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Variable Name	Description	Data Source	Input Column	Length
ID variables				
npi	National provider identifier (NPI) (encrypted)	Claims	1	15
Specialty variables				
spec_broad	Broad specialty based on spec_prim_1 　1 = Primary care 　2 = Medical specialty 　3 = Surgical specialty 　4 = Obstetrics/gynecology with no primary care specialty. 　5 = Hospital-based specialty (includes designated hospitalists) 　6 = Psychiatry 　7 = Non-physician 　9 = Specialty Unknown	PECOS	91	1
spec_prim_1	Primary specialty (the most recently reported in PECOS)	PECOS/claims	92	2
spec_prim_1_name	Name of primary specialty		94	38
spec_prim_2	Concurrently reported primary specialty	PECOS/claims	132	2
spec_prim_2_name	Name of concurrently reported primary specialty		134	38
spec_source_hosp	Source data for hospitalist specialty designation 　1=PECOS 　2=claims	PECOS/claims	172	1
spec_source	Source data for specialty 　1=PECOS 　2=claims	PECOS/claims	173	1
Demographic variables				
sex	1=Male; 2=Female	NPPES	174	1
birth_yr	Birth year	PECOS	175	4
Geographic location				
state	State abbreviation with the most line items for that NPI 　99=missing	Claims	183	2
state_multi	Multiple state indicator (1=multiple states; 0=single state)	Claims	185	1
cbsa_type	Type of CBSA for physician 　1=Metropolitan area 　2=Micropolitan area 　3=non-CBSA 　9=missing CBSA code	Claims	186	1
cbsa_cd	CBSA code with the most allowed line items for that NPI 　00000=non-CBSA 　99999=missing CBSA code	Claims	187	5
cbsa_name	CBSA name	Claims	192	50
cbsa_multi	Multiple CBSA indicator (1=multiple CBSAs; 0=single CBSA)	Claims	242	1

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Utilization summary measures				
npi_srvc_lines	Count of line items billed by NPI	Claims	243	8
npi_allowed_amt	Total allowed charges billed by NPI	Claims	251	12.2
npi_unq_benes	Number of unique beneficiaries for whom the NPI billed	Claims	263	8
TIN1 variables				
tin1	Tax identification number (TIN1) with the most service lines (encrypted)	Claims	271	9

tin1_srvc_month	Twelve monthly flags for whether the NPI billed for any services under TIN1. Position 1 pertains to January; position 12 to December.
	    1= billed
	    0= did not bill
		Claims	350	12

tin1_srvc_lines	Count of line items billed under TIN1	Claims	362	8
tin1_allowed_amt	Total allowed charges billed under TIN1	Claims	370	12.2
tin1_unq_benes	Number of unique beneficiaries for whom the NPI billed under TIN1	Claims	382	8
TIN2 variables				
tin2	Tax identification number (TIN2) with the most service lines (encrypted)	Claims	390	9

tin2_srvc_month	Twelve monthly flags for whether the NPI billed for any services under TIN2. Position 1 pertains to January; position 12 to December.
	    1= billed
	    0= did not bill
		Claims	469	12

tin2_srvc_lines	Count of line items billed under TIN2	Claims	481	8
tin2_allowed_amt	Total allowed charges billed under TIN2	Claims	489	12.2
tin2_unq_benes	Number of unique beneficiaries for whom the NPI billed under TIN2	Claims	501	8