

# Provider Specialty

One record per provider code. Include your health plan providers. Also include the most common providers outside of your health plan.

Variable name	Variable Definition	Values	Comments
PROVIDER	Identifier unique to an individual	Character. Unique to each HMO	
Specialty	Specialty code	Char (3)	Using specialty coding developed for the IMPACT project. See attachment. Use column A “Impact code”
Specialty2	Specialty code	Char (3)	<b>Optional.</b> If provider has more than 1 specialty. Using specialty coding developed for the IMPACT project. See attachment. Use column A “Impact code”
Specialty3 Specialty4 to SpecialtyN (where N is maximum number of specialties that a provider has at your site)	Specialty code	Char (3)	<b>Optional.</b> If provider has more than 2 specialties. Using specialty coding developed for the IMPACT project. See attachment. Use column A “Impact code”
Provider_Type	Provider Type CodeType of job performing in the health plan	Char (3)	Values are Listed Below. See also the format \$pvdtyp that gets defined when you call the %vdw_formats standard macro.
Provider_Birth_Year	Provider Birth Year	Numeric 4	Missing if unknown
Provider_Gender	Provider Gender	Char (1)	F=Female M=Male O=Other U=Unknown
Provider_Race	Provider Race	Match v3 demog specs	Match v3 demog specs
Provider_hispanic	A flag signifying whether the provider is Hispanic.		Match v3 demog specs

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Year_Graduated	Year provider graduated from medical/nursing/technical school	Numeric 4	When provider received their medical/nursing degree.Missing if unknown

### The prior spec

Can be found here.

### Provider type values from CVRN project

PROV_TYPE	DESC
001	ACUPUNCTURIST
002	ANESTHESIOLOGY ASST
003	AUDIOLOGIST
004	AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANT
005	CARDIAC REHAB THERAPIST
006	CASE MANAGER
007	CERTIFIED NURSE SPECIALIST
008	CERTIFIED REG NURSE ANESTHETIST
009	CHAPLAIN
010	CHEM DEP COUNSELOR, ADULT
011	CHEM DEP COUNSELOR, CHILD/ADOL
012	CHIROPRACTOR
013	CIGNA
014	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
015	COUMADIN NURSE
016	CPAP SPECIALIST
017	DENTAL ASSISTANT
018	DENTIST
019	DIABETIC NURSE
020	DIETETIC TECH
021	DIETITIAN
022	EEG TECHNICIAN
023	ER TECH
024	EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST
025	FELLOW
026	HEALING TOUCH
027	HEALTH EDUCATOR
028	HOME HEALTH AIDE
029	HP PHYSICIAN
030	HYGIENIST
031	INDEPENDENT LAB/X-RAY
032	INF CNTRL PRACT
033	INFUSION THERAPIST

034	INTERPRETER
035	LAB ASSISTANT
036	LAB TECHNICIAN
037	LACTATION CONSULTANT
038	LIC FAM THERAPIST
039	LIC SOCIAL WORKER
040	MASSAGE THERAPIST
041	MEDICAL ASSISTANT
042	MIDLEVEL
043	MIDWIFE
044	MUSIC THERAPIST
045	NOT APPLICABLE
046	NURSE
047	NURSE CLINICIAN
048	NURSE PRACTITIONER
049	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
050	OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT
051	OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN
052	OPTICIAN
053	OPTOMETRIST
054	ORTHO PHY ASST
055	ORTHOPAEDIC
056	OSTEOPATH
057	PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT
058	PHARM TECH
059	PHARMACIST
060	PHYSICAL THERAPIST
061	PHYSICIAN
062	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
063	PODIATRIST
064	PSYCH TECHNICIAN
065	PSYCHOLOGIST
066	PSYCHOTHERAPIST
067	PSYCHOTHERAPIST, ADULT
068	PSYCHOTHERAPIST, CHILD/ADOL
069	PT ASSISTANT
070	RADIATION THERAPIST
071	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN
072	RECREATIONAL THERAPIST
073	REGISTERED NURSE
074	REHAB ASSISTANT
075	REHAB THERAPIST
076	REIKI
077	RESIDENT
078	RESOURCE

079	RESPIRATORY THERAPIST
080	SOCIAL WORKER
081	SPEECH PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED
082	STUDENT
083	SURG TECH
084	SURGEON ASSISTANT
085	THERAPEUTIC AQUATIC SPECIALIST
086	ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN
888	OTHER
999	UNKNOWN

## Contact

Please contact the VDW Utilization working group for questions and suggestions.

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## Comments (2)

Hitz, Paul Dec 17, 2010 12:52 PM

Would year graduated be first or last? Or would it be the year they graduated for education most pertinent to the current type. Example: If someone was a PA in the cardiology department and went back and became an MD, what would be their type and what would be their year graduated?

Butani, Amy Nov 22, 2011 02:40 PM

At HPRF - The provider table is a snapshot of the last known information on providers. So if something changes, i.e. Provider Type, there will be no record.