

Hospital Service Area Data Dictionary

Term Name	Definition
Medicare Provider Number	This field specifies the institution that rendered services to a beneficiary. This is the unique number issued by the HCFA regional office to a provider of services upon initial certification for participation in the medicare program.
Zip Code of Residence	This field specifies the zip code and is based upon the mailing address used for cash benefits to the beneficiary or for other purposes (e.g., premium billing).
Total Days of Care	This ten-digit field is the total days of care. It is derived by subtracting the date of admission from the date of discharge and summing over all cases in that hospital/zip code combination.
Total Charges	This field records the total charges for all hospital visits for this hospital/zip code combination. Only whole dollars are shown.
Total Cases	This nine-digit field represents the total number of cases recorded for each hospital/zip code combination.