

## Medicare Outpatient Hospitals - by Geography and Service Data Dictionary

Term Name	Variable Name	Definition	Footnotes
Geography Level	Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Lvl	Identifies the level of geography that the data in the row has been aggregated.	A value of 'State' indicates the data in the row is aggregated to the single state identified in the Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Desc column for a given APC or APC/HCPSC Code Level. A value of 'National' indicates the data in the row is aggregated across all states for a given APC or APC/HCPSC code Level.
Rendering Provider Geo Code	Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Cd	FIPS state code where the provider is physically located when Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Level = 'State'.	The Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Code will be blank for data aggregated at the National level. State values are restricted to 49 of the United State and the District of Columbia where hospitals are subjected to Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System. Maryland and US territory hospitals are excluded.
Rendering Provider Geo Description	Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Desc	State name where the provider is physically located when Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Level = 'State'.	The Rndrng_Prldr_Geo_Code will be blank for data aggregated at the National level. State values are restricted to 49 of the United State and the District of Columbia where hospitals are subjected to Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System. Maryland and US territory hospitals are excluded.
Service Level	Srvcl_Lvl	Identifies the level of service that the data in the row has been aggregated.	A value of 'APC' indicates the data in the row is aggregated to the C-APC identified in the APC column. Note that Primary HCPSC columns will be blank. A value of 'APC-HCPSC' indicates the data in the row has been aggregated at both the C-APC and HCPSC identified in the APC column and Primary HCPSC column.
Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC)	APC_Cd	The comprehensive APC code.	In 2016, CMS renumbered the APC codes. Therefore, CY 2015 APC codes have different values from the CY 2016 APC codes. Appendix Table 1 contains a crosswalk between the CY 2015 and CY 2016 and later APC codes.
APC Description	APC_Desc	The description of the APC Code.	N/A
HCPSC Code	HCPSC_Cd	The HCPSC code for the primary HCPSC that is the basis for setting payment for the APC group.	N/A

HCPCS Description	HCPCS_Desc	The HCPCS description for the primary HCPCS Code that is the basis for setting payment for the APC group.	N/A
Beneficiaries	Bene_Cnt	The number of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries receiving outpatient hospital services.	N/A
Comprehensive APC Services	CAPC_Srvcs	The number of primary HCPCS services billed by the provider for outpatient hospital services.	N/A
Average Estimated Total Submitted Charges	Avg_Tot_Sbmted_Chrgs	The provider's average estimated submitted charge for services covered by Medicare for the APC.	These will vary from hospital to hospital because of differences in hospital charge structures.
Average Medicare Allowed Amount	Avg_Mdcr_Alowd_Amt	The average of total regular payments the provider receives for the APC.	It includes both Medicare direct provider payments as well as beneficiaries' co-payment and deductible payments. It excludes special outlier payments which is reported in a separate column.
Average Medicare Payment Amount	Avg_Mdcr_Pymt_Amt	The average of total regular payments the provider receives directly from Medicare.	It excludes special outlier payments which is reported in a separate column.
Outlier Comprehensive APC Services	Outlier_Srvcs	The number of comprehensive APC services with outlier payments.	This variable is blank in cases where the number of outlier services is fewer than 11.
Average Medicare Outlier Amount	Avg_Mdcr_Outlier_Amt	The average of outlier payments the provider receives directly from Medicare.	OPPS APC payment amounts are based on the average costs for a set of services. In the event that a hospital's costs for these services exceed a given threshold tied to the average APC payment, CMS must issue an outlier payment to the hospital to that service to compensate for the costly provision of service. This variable is blank in cases where the number of outlier services is fewer than 11.