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Developing a U.S. Healthcare Provider-Business Linkage Framework

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Project Overview

- Develop a new framework for linking multiple existing data sources on healthcare providers and their places of employment
- Better understand the structure of the U.S. healthcare system and where healthcare providers are employed and located
- The resulting framework may be used to
 - Produce new data products on characteristics of healthcare providers and businesses
 - Create the gold standard survey frame of healthcare providers and businesses
- Goal is to produce regular data products to display trends over time

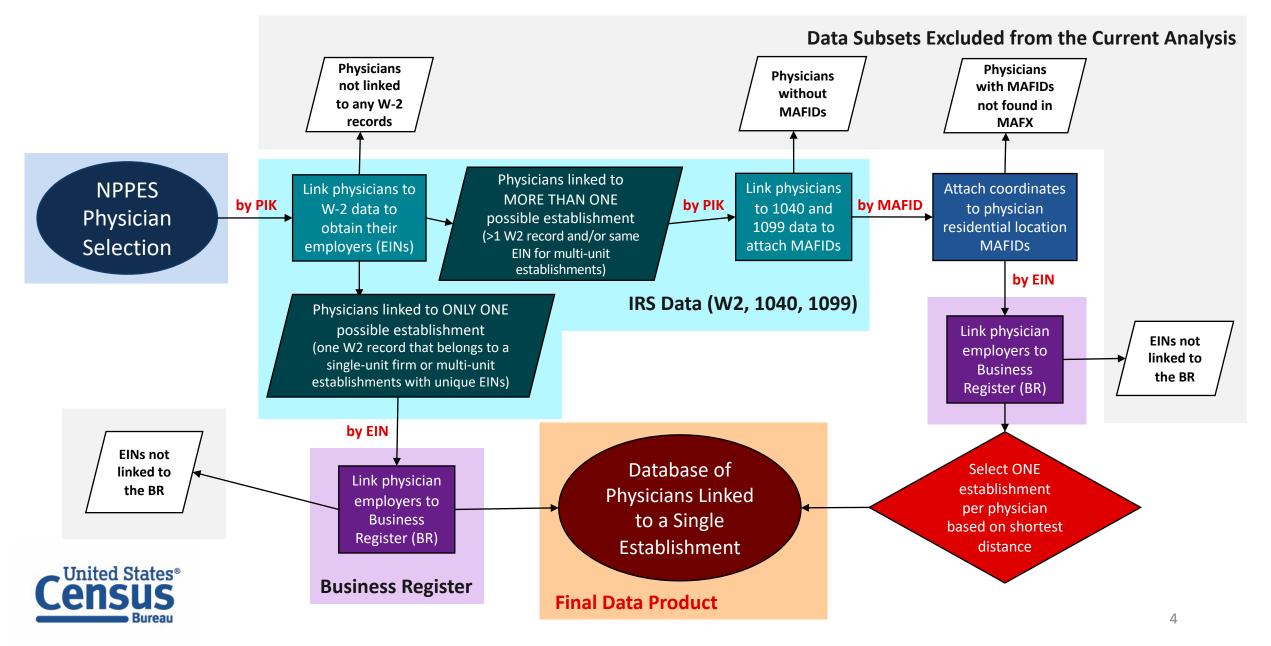


Data Sources

- CMS's National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)
 - Identify current physicians and their characteristics
- IRS data (W-2, 1040, and 1099 tax forms)
 - Identify physician employers
 - Identify physician residential locations
 - Used to calculate distance to closest potential employer
 - Additional physician characteristics
- Business Register (BR)
 - Identify characteristics of firms and establishments that employ physicians
 - Identify employer locations
- Master Address File Extract (MAFX)
 - Attach coordinates to physician locations

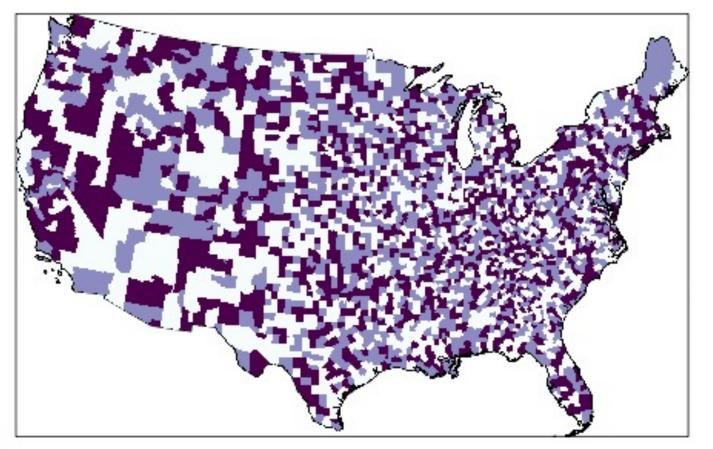


Assigning Physicians to Establishments (Diagram)



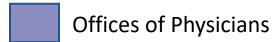
(DUMMY DATA)

Most Common Physician Employer Industry Group by County



Most Common Industries Employing Physicians by County





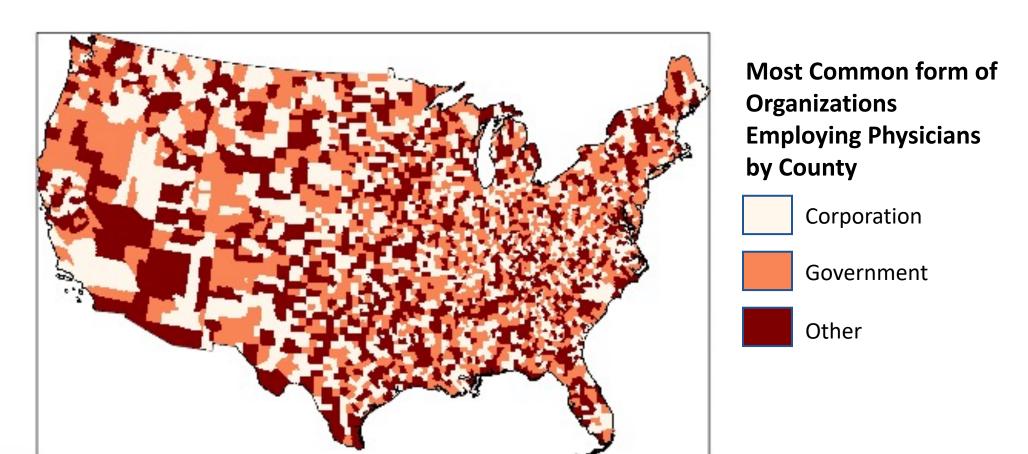


Other Ambulatory Care



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Most Common Physician Employer Legal Status by County





Conclusions, Further Exploration, and Next Steps

- Analyze additional physician, firm, and establishment characteristics
 - Physician specialization, rural vs urban establishment location, establishment employment size
- Produce additional summary statistics and visualizations
- Link to other data sources
 - Economic Census, Service Annual Survey (SAS), etc.
- Improve the method of assigning physicians to establishments
- Compare the final dataset with other data products

