

Medicaid Spending by Drug Data Dictionary

Term Name	Variable Name	Definition
Brand Name	Brnd_Name	The name of the drug filled. This includes both brand names (drugs that have a trademarked name) and generic names (drugs that do not have a trademarked name).
Generic Name	Gnrc_Name	A term referring to the chemical ingredient of a drug rather than the trademarked brand name under which the drug is sold.
Number of Manufacturers	Tot_Mftr	Number of manufacturers for each drug.
Manufacturer	Mftr_Name	Name of the manufacturer of the drug.
2015 Total Spending	Tot_Spndng_2015	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
2015 Total Dosage Units	Tot_Dsg_Units_2015	The sum of the dosage units of medication dispensed across the calendar year (e.g. number of tablets, grams, milliliters or other units). Unit refers to the drug unit in the lowest dispensable amount.
2015 Total Claims	Tot_Clms_2015	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
2015 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2015	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
2015 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2015	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
2015 Outlier Flag	Outlier_Flag_2015	Yearly outlier flag variable, which is set to "1" when a drug's Average Spending per Dosage Unit is substantially impacted by outlier records in a given year. These potentially anomalous drugs are identified as outliers so that users can exercise caution when interpreting results. See the methodology document for additional details.
2016 Total Spending	Tot_Spndng_2016	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
2016 Total Dosage Units	Tot_Dsg_Units_2016	The sum of the dosage units of medication dispensed across the calendar year (e.g. number of tablets, grams, milliliters or other units). Unit refers to the drug unit in the lowest dispensable amount.
2016 Total Claims	Tot_Clms_2016	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
2016 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2016	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.

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2016 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2016	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
2016 Outlier Flag	Outlier_Flag_2016	Yearly outlier flag variable, which is set to "1" when a drug's Average Spending per Dosage Unit is substantially impacted by outlier records in a given year. These potentially anomalous drugs are identified as outliers so that users can exercise caution when interpreting results. See the methodology document for additional details.
2017 Total Spending	Tot_Spndng_2017	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
2017 Total Dosage Units	Tot_Dsg_Units_2017	The sum of the dosage units of medication dispensed across the calendar year (e.g. number of tablets, grams, milliliters or other units). Unit refers to the drug unit in the lowest dispensable amount.
2017 Total Claims	Tot_Clms_2017	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
2017 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2017	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
2017 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2017	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
2017 Outlier Flag	Outlier_Flag_2017	Yearly outlier flag variable, which is set to "1" when a drug's Average Spending per Dosage Unit is substantially impacted by outlier records in a given year. These potentially anomalous drugs are identified as outliers so that users can exercise caution when interpreting results. See the methodology document for additional details.
2018 Total Spending	Tot_Spndng_2018	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
2018 Total Dosage Units	Tot_Dsg_Units_2018	The sum of the dosage units of medication dispensed across the calendar year (e.g. number of tablets, grams, milliliters or other units). Unit refers to the drug unit in the lowest dispensable amount.
2018 Total Claims	Tot_Clms_2018	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
2018 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2018	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
2018 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2018	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
2018 Outlier Flag	Outlier_Flag_2018	Yearly outlier flag variable, which is set to "1" when a drug's Average Spending per Dosage Unit is substantially impacted by outlier records in a given year. These potentially anomalous drugs are identified as outliers so that users can exercise caution when interpreting results. See the methodology document for additional details.

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Term Name	Variable Name	Definition
2019 Total Spending	Tot_Spndng_2019	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
2019 Total Dosage Units	Tot_Dsg_Unts_2019	The sum of the dosage units of medication dispensed across the calendar year (e.g. number of tablets, grams, milliliters or other units). Unit refers to the drug unit in the lowest dispensable amount.
2019 Total Claims	Tot_Clms_2019	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
2019 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2019	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
2019 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2019	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
2019 Outlier Flag	Outlier_Flag_2019	Yearly outlier flag variable, which is set to "1" when a drug's Average Spending per Dosage Unit is substantially impacted by outlier records in a given year. These potentially anomalous drugs are identified as outliers so that users can exercise caution when interpreting results. See the methodology document for additional details.
Change in Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (2018-2019)	Chg_Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_18_19	The percent change in average spending per dosage unit from the prior year.
Annual Growth Rate in Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (2015-2019)	CAGR_Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_15_19	The constant average change in spending per dosage unit over the most recent five years of data availability, calculated using the compound annual growth rate (CAGR).