Subject: Changes to MarketScan data contents starting in 2011

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1) The following geographic variables will no longer be included:  
  
a. **EMPCTY** (County Employee), **HOSPCTY** (County Hospital), **PHRMCTY** (County Pharmacy), **PROVCTY** (County Provider)  
  
b. **EMPZIP** (3-digit Zip Code Employee), **HOSPZIP** (3-digit Zip Code Hospital), **PHRMZIP** (3-digit Zip Code Pharmacy), **PROVZIP** (3-digit Zip Code Provider)  
  
c. All other geographic variables (MSA, state, and region) remain  
  
2) The following clinical/provider variables will no longer be included:  
  
a. **UNIHOSP** (Standard Hospital ID)  
  
b. **STDSVC** (Service Type)\*  
  
c. Provider ID (**PROVID**) remains in the database.  
  
\*Service subcategory code (SVCSCAT), a more current and detailed variable grouping of services, also remains in the database.  
  
3) The **EGEOLOC** (Geographic Location Employee) field will no longer report values of 98 (Virgin Islands) and 99 (Other International). Records for these values will be recoded to EGEOLOC=1 (Nation Unknown Region)  
  
4) The **STDPLAC** (Place of Service) field will no longer report values of 5 (Indian Health Services Free Standing Facility), 6 (Indian Health Services Provider-Based Facility), 7 (Tribal 638 Free Standing Facility), 8 (Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility) or 9 (Prison-Correctional Facility). Records for these values will be recoded to STDPLAC=99 (Other Unlisted Facility).  
  
5) A Family Identifier field (**EFAMID**) will be added. This will enable users to study family members enrolled together under a single subscriber policy.