Medicaid Spending by Drug Data Dictionary

Data Dictionary

Variable Name	Term Name	Definition
Brnd_Name	Brand 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).
Gnrc_Name	Generic Name	A term referring to the chemical ingredient of a drug rather than the trademarked brand name under which the drug is sold.
Tot_Mftr	Number of Manufacturers	Number of manufacturers for each drug.
Mftr_Name	Manufacturer	Name of the manufacturer of the drug.
Tot_Spndng_2017	2017 Total Spending	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
Tot_Dsg_Unts_2017	2017 Total Dosage Units	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.
Tot_Clms_2017	2017 Total Claims	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2017	2017 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2017	2017 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
Outlier_Flag_2017	2017 Outlier Flag	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.
Tot_Spndng_2018	2018 Total Spending	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
Tot_Dsg_Unts_2018	2018 Total Dosage Units	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.
Tot_Clms_2018	2018 Total Claims	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2018	2018 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2018	2018 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
Outlier_Flag_2018	2018 Outlier Flag	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.
Tot_Spndng_2019	2019 Total Spending	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
Tot_Dsg_Unts_2019	2019 Total Dosage Units	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.
Tot_Clms_2019	2019 Total Claims	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2019	2019 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.

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Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2019	2019 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
Outlier_Flag_2019	2019 Outlier Flag	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.
Tot_Spndng_2020	2020 Total Spending	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
Tot_Dsg_Unts_2020	2020 Total Dosage Units	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.
Tot_Clms_2020	2020 Total Claims	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2020	2020 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2020	2020 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
Outlier_Flag_2020	2020 Outlier Flag	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.
Tot_Spndng_2021	2021 Total Spending	Aggregate drug spending for the Medicaid program during the benefit year.
Tot_Dsg_Unts_2021	2021 Total Dosage Units	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.
Tot_Clms_2021	2021 Total Claims	Number of prescription fills for each drug. Includes original prescriptions and refills.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_Wghtd_2021	2021 Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (Weighted)	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of dosage units, which is weighted by the proportion of total claims.
Avg_Spnd_Per_Clm_2021	2021 Average Total Spending Per Claim	Medicaid drug spending divided by the number of prescription fills.
Outlier_Flag_2021	2021 Outlier Flag	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.
Chg_Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_20_21	Change in Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (2020-2021)	The percent change in average spending per dosage unit from the prior year.
CAGR_Avg_Spnd_Per_Dsg_Unt_17_21	Annual Growth Rate in Average Total Spending Per Dosage Unit (2017-2021)	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).