



Prior to data year 2018, the Central Distributor SID, SASD, and SEDD for Maryland did not contain information on the patient's ZIP Code (HCUP data element ZIP). Year-specific skinny files containing the HCUP data elements ZIP, HOSPST, YEAR, and KEY were created for data years 2008 through 2017 at the request of the Maryland Partner.

The Maryland skinny ZIP Code files are available as of July 17, 2019. Purchasers of the Maryland 2008–2017 Maryland Central Distributor SID, SASD, and SEDD who now want access to the newly added ZIP Code field will need to purchase the new versions of the files. Although HCUP will customarily offer complimentary replacement files when the files are revised to correct errors in the data, that is not the case in this instance. The ZIP Code field was added to these files at the request of our Maryland Partner. Data users who want to use the new data element must purchase the new version of the file(s).

Purchasers can link the year-specific skinny ZIP Code files to the same year Core file by using data elements YEAR and KEY.

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