



As part of the on-going HCUP quality management program, we discovered a problem with the identification of Medicare patients in the 2011–2014 Hawaii State Inpatient Databases (SID) and State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD). The purpose of this notification is to provide a description of the issue and instructions on how to identify and correct the HCUP uniform data element for expected primary payer (PAY1).

If you obtained a copy of the 2011–2014 Hawaii SID and SEDD before December 15, 2016, you can fix the data using these instructions. If you are uncomfortable doing this, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor, and we will provide you with a corrected version of the purchased data.

Data Issue

From one to seven percent of the records in the 2011–2014 Hawaii SID and SEDD have an incorrect expected primary payer of private insurance, instead of Medicare. The original expected primary payer code for HMSA Akamai Advantage (value “28” in the HCUP data element PAY1_X) was inadvertently mapped to the HCUP uniform category of private insurance (PAY1 = 3) instead of Medicare (PAY1 = 1). The table below lists the number of affected records and the corresponding percentage of total database records.

Data Year	SID		SEDD	
	Records with PAY1_X = 28	Percentage of total SID records	Records with PAY1_X = 28	Percentage of total SID records
2011	3,269	2.4	3,321	0.9
2012	4,260	3.5	4,045	1.1
2013	4,735	4.0	4,993	1.2
2014	8,257	7.0	11,879	2.8

How to Identify and Correct the HCUP Data Element for Expected Primary Payer

The data element PAY1_X is included on the Central Distributor SID and SEDD files. This data element can be used to correct the HCUP uniform data element for expected primary payer as follows:

If PAY1_X = “28” then set PAY1 = 1 indicating Medicare.

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your organization. If you have any questions, please contact the HCUP Central Distributor (866-556-4287 toll-free or HCUPDistributor@AHRQ.gov).

Sincerely,
The HCUP Central Distributor Team