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Tips on Navigating the Codebook

This document is a detailed codebook that describes each variable in the *Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) Pioneer version 2 (V2) Codebook* segment research files. We have included several ways for users to quickly find the information they need:

- A complete listing of all variables in the files, in alphabetical order based on their SAS variable names.
- Individual entries for each variable contain a short description of the variable, the possible values for the variable, and, in many cases, comments discussing the variable construction and use.

Hyperlinks are included throughout the codebook to make it easier for users to navigate between the table of contents and the detailed entries for the individual variables:

- Clicking on any variable name in the Table of Contents will take you to the detailed description for that variable.
- From the detailed description for any individual variable, clicking on the [^Back to TOC^](#) link after each variable description will take you back to the Table of Contents.

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Variable Details

This section of the codebook contains one entry for each variable in the Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) Pioneer V2 segment files. Each entry contains variable details to facilitate understanding and use of the variables.

ACO_ID

LABEL: Pioneer ACO Identifier

DESCRIPTION: The identifier of the Pioneer ACO with which the beneficiary is aligned.

SHORT NAME: ACO_ID

LONG NAME: ACO_ID

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 4

SOURCE: CMS Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: 4-digit alpha/numeric value

COMMENT: —

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BENE_ACO_YEAR

LABEL: Year of beneficiary claims

DESCRIPTION: The performance year (PY). Corresponds with the calendar year (CY) of claims.

SHORT NAME: BENE_ACO_YEAR

LONG NAME: BENE_ACO_YEAR

TYPE: NUM

LENGTH: 4

SOURCE: CMS Aligned Beneficiary Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: 2015, 2016

COMMENT: —

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BENE_ID

LABEL: Encrypted CCW Beneficiary ID

DESCRIPTION: The unique CCW identifier for a beneficiary. The CCW assigns a unique beneficiary identification number to each individual who receives Medicare and/or Medicaid and uses that number to identify an individual’s records in all CCW data files (e.g., Medicare claims, MAX claims, MDS assessment data).

This number does not change during a beneficiary’s lifetime and each number is used only once.

The BENE_ID is specific to the CCW and is not applicable to any other identification system or data source.

SHORT NAME: BENE_ID

LONG NAME: BENE_ID

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 15

SOURCE: CCW

VALUES: —

COMMENT: —

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BIRTH_DT

LABEL: Date of birth

DESCRIPTION: This is the beneficiary's date of birth.

SHORT NAME: BIRTH_DT

LONG NAME: BIRTH_DT

TYPE: DATE

LENGTH: 8

SOURCE: CMS Aligned Beneficiary Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: Format is DDMMMCCYY

COMMENT: —

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CCN_TYPE

LABEL: CCN Facility Type

DESCRIPTION: This field describes the alignment for the Participant Provider.

SHORT NAME: CCN_TYPE

LONG NAME: CCN_TYPE

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: C = Certified
X = Excluded
R = Removed
F = Failure to find

COMMENT: —

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DEATH_DT

LABEL: Date of Death

DESCRIPTION: This variable indicates the date of death of the beneficiary. A null value means that no death date was reported for the beneficiary.

SHORT NAME: DEATH_DT

LONG NAME: DEATH_DT

TYPE: DATE

LENGTH: 8

SOURCE: CMS Aligned Beneficiary Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: Format is DDMMMCCYY

COMMENT: —

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FIRST_NAME

LABEL: First Name of Provider Associated with the NPI

DESCRIPTION: The first name of the provider associated with the National Provider Identifier (NPI).

SHORT NAME: FIRST_NAME

LONG NAME: FIRST_NAME

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 19

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: —

COMMENT: —

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GNDR_CD

LABEL: Gender

DESCRIPTION: This variable indicates the sex of the beneficiary.

SHORT NAME: GNDR_CD

LONG NAME: GNDR_CD

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Aligned Beneficiary Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: 1 = Male
2 = Female

COMMENT: —

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IND_NPI

LABEL: NPI for Practitioner

DESCRIPTION: The National Provider Identifier (NPI) for a participating individual (in the case of a record for a professional) or organization (in the case of a record for an institution).

SHORT NAME: IND_NPI

LONG NAME: IND_NPI

TYPE: NUM

LENGTH: 10

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: —

COMMENT: —

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LAST_NAME

LABEL: Last Name of Provider Associated with the NPI

DESCRIPTION: The last name of the provider associated with the National Provider Identifier (NPI).

SHORT NAME: LAST_NAME

LONG NAME: LAST_NAME

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 25

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: —

COMMENT: —

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1 = Alignment-eligible**COMMENT:** —[^ Back to TOC ^](#)

ORG_CCN

LABEL: CMS Certification Number

DESCRIPTION: The CMS Certification Number (CCN) of a participating institutional provider (when applicable and available).

SHORT NAME: ORG_CCN

LONG NAME: ORN_CCN

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 6

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: —

COMMENT: —

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ORG_NAME

LABEL: Name of the TIN

DESCRIPTION: Legal Business Name Associated with the ACO Participant TIN.

SHORT NAME: ORG_NAME

LONG NAME: ORG_NAME

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 70

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: —

COMMENT: Null values indicates that the ACO did not submit a TIN name. The TIN number is in the field called ORG_TIN.

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ORG_TIN

LABEL:	Billing TIN of ACO Participant
DESCRIPTION:	The taxpayer identification number (TIN) of the participating provider, generally an employer identification number (EIN) but may be (in the case of professionals) a Social Security number (SSN).
SHORT NAME:	ORG_TIN
LONG NAME:	ORG_TIN
TYPE:	NUM
LENGTH:	9
SOURCE:	CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF
VALUES:	—
COMMENT:	The legal name associated with the TIN is in the field called TIN_NAME.

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PCP_FLAG

LABEL: Primary Care Practitioner Indicator

DESCRIPTION: An indicator of whether the participating provider was considered a primary care specialist for purposes of applying exclusivity rules.

SHORT NAME: PCP_FLAG

LONG NAME: PCP_FLAG

TYPE: CHAR

LENGTH: 1

SOURCE: CMS Participating Provider Pioneer ACO RIF

VALUES: N = non-primary care specialist
Y = primary care specialist

COMMENT: The primary care specialist flag is not set for Performance Year 1 (PY1) providers. The primary care specialist flag is used solely to apply rules governing whether a provider may be listed as a participating provider by more than one Pioneer ACO.

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PRVDR_ACO_YEAR

LABEL:	Year of Provider ACO Source Record
DESCRIPTION:	This field is the year of the provider ACO source record; it corresponds with the calendar year (CY) of claims.
SHORT NAME:	PRVDR_ACO_YEAR
LONG NAME:	PRVDR_ACO_YEAR
TYPE:	NUM
LENGTH:	4
SOURCE:	—
VALUES:	2015, 2016
COMMENT:	—

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