



Prior to data year 2022, the Central Distributor SID for West Virginia did not contain information on expected payer as provided by the data source. For data years starting 2009 through 2021 at the request of the West Virginia Partner Year-specific skinny files containing the HCUP data elements PAY1_X, PAY2_X, PAY3_X, PAYER1_X, PAYER2_X, PAYER3_X, YEAR, and KEY were created. In data years 2009-2016, data for PAYER3_X is unavailable, and the field is blank.

These skinny files will be provided with the West Virginia SID for years 2009-2021 in all future purchases. Users who previously purchased these files can request the skinny files free of charge by emailing HCUP User Support. The load programs for using these skinny files will be included with the data provided.

Purchasers can link the year-specific skinny files to the Core file in the same data year by using data elements YEAR and KEY. Although the 2015 West Virginia SID data files are split by coding system (January-September [Q1-Q3] for ICD-9-CM and October-December [Q4] for ICD-10-CM/PCS), there is only one skinny file for 2015 that includes the records for the full year.

If you have any questions, please contact HCUP User Support at HCUP@ahrq.gov.