

Data Dictionary for the Quarterly Dialysis Facility Care Compare Downloadable Database

Preview Period: February 1 – 15, 2022

This document provides the name, length, label, and type for each variable included in the downloadable database available on the DialysisData.org website.

The measures are calculated using the methodology described in the *Guide to the Quarterly Dialysis Facility Care Compare Report* available for download from the “DFC METHODS” tab of the Dialysis Data website (<https://dialysisdata.org/content/dfcmethodology>).

The comma separated values (CSV) file opens in Microsoft Excel with the variable names in the first row.

In the data dictionary below:

CMS = Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Facility Identification Variables

Variable Name	Type	Length	Description
DFC	Num	8	Facility in DFCC File (1=Yes, 0=No)
PROVFS	Char	6	CMS Certification Number (CCN)
PROVNAME	Char	77	CMS Provider Name
STATE	Char	2	State
NETWORK	Char	2	Network

Preview Table

Variable Name	Type	Length	Description
DATE_CAHPS	Char	19	Lists The Combined Data Collection Periods for The ICH CAHPS Survey
NEPHCOMM_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
QUALITY_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists the Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
INFO_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Yes” – Providing Information to Patients (FACILITY)
NEPHRATE_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
STAFFRATE_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
FACRATE_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 9 Or 10

			on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_NEPHRCOMM_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_QUALITY_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_INFO_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Providing Information to Patients (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_NEPHRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Rating of The Nephrologist (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_STAFFRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Rating of The Dialysis Center Staff (FACILITY)
STAR_RATING_FACRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Rating of The Dialysis Facility (FACILITY)
OVERALL_STAR_RATING_F	Num	8	ICH CAHPS Overall Star Rating (FACILITY)

Table 1: Patient Reported Outcomes based on ICH-CAHPS

Variable Name	Type	Length	Description
DATE_CAHPS	Char	19	Lists The Combined Data Collection Periods for The ICH CAHPS Survey
COMPLETED_SURVEYS_F	Num	8	Lists The Number of Completed ICH CAHPS Surveys for The Facility
COMPLETED_SURVEYS_S	Num	8	Lists The Number of Completed ICH CAHPS Surveys for The State
COMPLETED_SURVEYS_U	Num	8	Lists The Number of Completed ICH CAHPS Surveys for the Nation
RESPONSE_RATE_F	Num	8	Lists The ICH CAHPS Survey Response Rate for The Facility
RESPONSE_RATE_S	Num	8	Lists The ICH CAHPS Survey Response Rate for The State
RESPONSE_RATE_U	Num	8	Lists The ICH CAHPS Survey Response Rate for The Nation
NEPHCOMM_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” Or “Never” – Nephrologists’

			Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
NEPHCOMM_MID_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
NEPHCOMM_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
NEPHCOMM_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” Or “Never” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (STATE)
NEPHCOMM_MID_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (STATE)
NEPHCOMM_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (STATE)
NEPHCOMM_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” Or “Never” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (US)
NEPHCOMM_MID_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (US)
NEPHCOMM_TOP_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (US)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRCOMM_F	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRCOMM_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (STATE)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRCOMM_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (US)
STAR_RATING_NEPHRCOMM_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Nephrologists’ Communication and Caring (FACILITY)
QUALITY_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists the Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” or “Never” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)

QUALITY_MID_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
QUALITY_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists the Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
QUALITY_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” Or “Never” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (STATE)
QUALITY_MID_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (STATE)
QUALITY_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (STATE)
QUALITY_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Sometimes” Or “Never” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (US)
QUALITY_MID_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Usually” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (US)
QUALITY_TOP_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Always” – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (US)
LINEARIZED_QUALITY_F	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
LINEARIZED_QUALITY_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (STATE)
LINEARIZED_QUALITY_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (US)
STAR_RATING_QUALITY_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (FACILITY)
INFO_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “No” – Providing Information to Patients (FACILITY)
INFO_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Yes” – Providing Information to Patients

			(FACILITY)
INFO_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “No” – Providing Information to Patients (STATE)
INFO_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Yes” – Providing Information to Patients (STATE)
INFO_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “No” – Providing Information to Patients (US)
INFO_TOP_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Reported “Yes” – Providing Information to Patients (US)
LINEARIZED_INFO_F	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Providing Information to Patients (FACILITY)
LINEARIZED_INFO_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Providing Information to Patients (STATE)
LINEARIZED_INFO_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Providing Information to Patients (US)
STAR_RATING_INFO_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Providing Information to Patients (FACILITY)
NEPHRATE_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
NEPHRATE_MID_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
NEPHRATE_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
NEPHRATE_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologists a Rate of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
NEPHRATE_MID_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)

NEPHRATE_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
NEPHRATE_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist A Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
NEPHRATE_MID_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
NEPHRATE_TOP_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Nephrologist a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Nephrologist (FACILITY)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRATE_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Nephrologist (STATE)
LINEARIZED_NEPHRATE_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Nephrologist (US)
STAR_RATING_NEPHRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Rating of The Nephrologist (FACILITY)
STAFFRATE_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
STAFFRATE_MID_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
STAFFRATE_TOP_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
STAFFRATE_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
STAFFRATE_MID_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest)

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STAFFRATE_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
STAFFRATE_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
STAFFRATE_MID_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
STAFFRATE_TOP_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Center Staff a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
LINEARIZED_STAFFRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Dialysis Center Staff (FACILITY)
LINEARIZED_STAFFRATE_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Dialysis Center Staff (STATE)
LINEARIZED_STAFFRATE_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Dialysis Center Staff (US)
STAR_RATING_STAFFRATE_F	Num	8	Lists The Star Rating Score – Rating of The Dialysis Center Staff (FACILITY)
FACRATE_BOT_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
FACRATE_MID_F	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (FACILITY)
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FACRATE_BOT_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)

FACRATE_MID_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
FACRATE_TOP_S	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 9 Or 10 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (STATE)
FACRATE_BOT_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 6 Or Lower on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
FACRATE_MID_U	Num	8	Lists The Percent of Patients Who Gave Their Dialysis Facility a Rating of 7 Or 8 on a Scale of 0 (Lowest) to 10 (Highest) (US)
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LINEARIZED_FACRATE_S	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Dialysis Facility (STATE)
LINEARIZED_FACRATE_U	Num	8	Lists The Linearized Score – Rating of The Dialysis Facility (US)
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