



1. Fields

1.1 Year (year): calendar years 2017 through 2021.

1.2 CBSA Code (cbsa): Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) code; a CBSA is a U.S. geographic region determined by the Office of Management and Budget.

1.3 CBSA Title (cbsa_title): name(s) of the main urban area(s) in each CBSA.

1.4 State (state): abbreviations for state names.

1.5 Geographic Level (geo_level): the level of geographic specification (CBSA, values reported at the CBSA level, or state, values reported at the state level).

1.6 Metric Type (metric_type): the level at which services prices are measured.

1.6.1 Index: refers to a service basket.

1.6 Moment (moment): the statistical distribution value reported.

1.6.2 Mean

1.7 Category of Services (service_category): high level category of services; we calculate price measures separately for a set of common services within four high level categories:

1.7.1 Inpatient: services rendered to patients who are kept in a health care facility overnight for treatment but not for observation.

1.7.2 Outpatient: services rendered to patients by sections of a hospital that provide medical services not requiring an overnight stay or hospitalization (e.g., emergency room, outpatient surgery, observation room).

1.7.3 Professional: services rendered to patients by a health care professional. Service claims with no valid revenue code are assumed to be professional services (e.g., office and preventative visits, administered drugs).

1.7.4 All three categories of services combined (overall)

1.8 Index Name (index_name): For each metric, the measure to which that metric refers. We calculate each metric for each of the following measures:

1.8.1 Price: for each category of services, the weighted price per service among our common set of services in a CBSA.

1.8.2 Use: for each category of services, the weighted number of services used per capita per service among our common set of services in a CBSA.

1.8.3 Mix: for each category of services, the difference between the spending index and the product of the price and use indices per service among our common set of services in a CBSA.

1.8.4 Spending: for each category of services, the weighted total spending per capita per service among our common set of services in a CBSA.

1.8.5 Concentration: refers to the Inpatient Hospital Market Concentration

2. Metrics

2.1 Index Value (index_value): for each index, the reported indices as deviations from the national median.

2.2 Index Change (index_change): for each index, the cumulative percent change from 2017; computed as the weighted index (as indicated by index name) per service in a CBSA in a year divided by the weighted index (as indicated by index name) per service in the same CBSA in 2017.

2.3 Index Median (index_median): for each index, the weighted index (as indicated by index name) per service among our common set of services in a CBSA in a year.

2.4 Index Category (index_category): the categorization of concentration, using the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index, for each member CBSA and year combination at the hospital level.

2.4.1 Highly Concentrated

2.4.2 Moderately Concentrated

2.4.3 Unconcentrated

2.4.4 Very Highly Concentrated