

Public Data File Overview

Introduction

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is publishing an aggregated Apple Health data product available to the public, like how the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services shares aggregated Medicare data. HCA anticipates publishing files on an annual basis covering services performed in the previous calendar year.

[Download the public data files as a ZIP file.](#)

This publication is part of [HCA's data strategy \(2021–2025\)](#). This strategy is crucial for HCA's role in transforming the state's health system by leveraging data as a core asset. It emphasizes the importance of using reliable, timely, and accurate data to enhance decision-making capabilities and ensure all Washingtonians have access to the care they need.

Content

These files include data for Apple Health services in 2024, including professional and behavioral health services, hospital admissions, and prescriptions. Included populations represent adults with and without disabilities, children, pregnant people, and people in or formerly in foster care. There are some exclusions for sensitive data; for more detail, please refer to the data guide.

The data layout primarily focuses on client demographic and benefit stratification across groups of services, such as high-level diagnosis categories, procedure groupings, and national drug codes. This data product includes five public use files, covering inpatient, long-term care, pharmacy, dental, and outpatient (including outpatient hospital, professional, and other) services.

These data files include counts of services, total units paid, and counts of distinct clients grouped by:

- Diagnosis category
- Procedure information
- Drug information
- Eligibility and enrollment categories
- Client demographic information
- Provider taxonomy
- Place of service

Use

Below are some generic examples of health care-related questions that can be answered using these data:

- How many days did clients enrolled in managed care stay in an inpatient hospital?
- How many primary care visits did clients with type 2 diabetes have in Spokane County?
- How many allergy nasal sprays were prescribed to women annually?

Additional information

A data guide and data dictionary are included with the package of data files to further describe the public data files and how it can be used.

Again, the package of documents is available for [download as a ZIP file](#).

Any questions, please reach out to [HCA's Data Acquisition, Transformation, and Analytics \(DATA\)](#).