



Prior to data year 2018, the Central Distributor SID, SASD, and SEDD for Maryland did not contain information on the patient's ZIP Code (HCUP data element ZIP). Year-specific skinny files containing the HCUP data elements ZIP, HOSPST, YEAR, and KEY were created for data years 2008 through 2017 at the request of the Maryland Partner.

The skinny ZIP Code files will be sent to all purchasers of the 2008–2017 Maryland Central Distributor databases (all data types). Purchasers can link the year-specific skinny ZIP Code files to the same year Core file by using data elements YEAR and KEY.

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