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Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS)

Hospital Inpatient and Observation Dataset:

**File Information**

Dear Data User

***For full or quarter year data requests, the zipped file will contain CSV (Comma Separated Values) formatted files.***

For **CSV** files, there are commas to separate the data fields, the title is in the first row and quotes are used around text data. Please refer to the file layout information for more information

The data file names are assigned as listed below, followed by the year of discharge (e.g. Limited2022.csv)

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| **Inpatient Discharges** | **File name** | |
| **Contents** | **Through 2021** | **2022 forward** |
| Clinical\* | limited | Limited |
| Diagnosis | CDIAG | DIAG |
| External Cause Codes | CECODE | ECODE |
| Procedures | CPPROC | PPROC |
| Revenue | CRev | REV |

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| **Observation Stays** | **File Name** | |
| **Contents** | **Through 2021** | **2022 forward** |
| Clinical\* | limitedo | Limitedo |
| Diagnosis | CDIAGo | DIAGO |
| External Cause Codes | CECODEo | ECODEO |
| Procedures | CPPROCo | PPROCO |
| Revenue | CPREVo | REVO |

\* **Clinical** files contain primarily **Demographic** and **Clinical** data

The whole dataset (observational or inpatient file set), is compressed or zipped into one folder. The file does not need a unzip program as they are self-extracting folders. You will uncompress from your hard drive. Use **Windows Explorer**, click on the folder and the folder will open. Note that there is a substantial difference between the compressed and uncompressed file size.

Other files available via our website:

[**Standard Reports**](https://doh.wa.gov/data-statistical-reports/healthcare-washington/hospital-and-patient-data/hospital-discharge-data-chars/chars-reports)

HospitalCensusandCharges.xlsx

HospitalCensusandChargesbyPayer.xlsx

HospitalCensusandChargesbyDRG.csv

\*Note: 2013-2021 files use the MS-DRG grouping structure. Files from 2022 forward use the APR-DRG grouping structure.

HospitalCensusandChargesbyPatientZipCode.xlsx

[**CHARS Public Use Files**](https://doh.wa.gov/data-statistical-reports/healthcare-washington/hospital-and-patient-data/hospital-discharge-data-chars/chars-reports)

[**CHARS Limited Files Data Dictionary**](https://doh.wa.gov/data-statistical-reports/health-statistics/data-file-dictionaries)

Dictionary-CHARS-Limited.xlsx

To request CHARS data, the online data ordering form is available on our [website](https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthStatistics). This features a credit card by phone option for payment through VitalChek.

General inquiries about ordering data send email to: [CHS.DataRequests@DOH.WA.GOV](mailto:CHS.DataRequests@DOH.WA.GOV)

For other CHARS questions, please email [danielle.legeai@doh.wa.gov](mailto:danielle.legeai@doh.wa.gov).