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Specifications for a HealthLink Participating Provider File (Par File)**Introduction****PAR FILE Overview**

PAR FILES have become increasingly important for Payors, vendors and other clients in efforts to ensure members have the most current participation information (as a consumer protection) to meet the needs of Payors and consumer-driven health plans; and to meet the multi-purpose uses of par file data (directories, provider-finders continuation of care notices and setting Payors' claims systems). Starting on January 1, 2022, the government is mandating that Payors inform members of those providers that will provide Continuation of Care for 90 days after they terminate with HealthLink.

PAR FILES are data files of participating provider information for a network, set or sub-set of providers. HealthLink produces and transmits PAR FILES to Payors/clients weekly.

PAR FILES are used by Payors, Payors' directory vendors (or provider-finder vendors), Payors' claims system vendors (e.g. Bases Loaded), Self-funded/Self-administered Clients, Miscellaneous analytical purposes by consultants, etc.

PAR FILES are used for the following purposes:

- a. Setting and Updating Par Records for Insurers' or TPAs' Claims Systems (Par Providers are Priced at a Different Benefit Tiers)
- b. Producing directories for members/brokers/groups (produced by the Payor or Payor's vendor)
- c. Loading and maintaining provider-finder data for Payors' websites
- d. Analysis of network coverage, network comparisons
- e. Continuation of care for Members

Miscellaneous other purposes (e.g. for Affiliated Network Pricing) PAR FILES choices are:

- a. Full File or Change File
- b. Comma-Delimited (only type available after 01/01/2020).
- c. Fixed-Width Versions, or Fixed-Width Carriage Return (only available before 12/31/2019).
- d. Sent or picked up via Files Transfer Protocol (FTP).

PAR FILE Types

	<u>Provider Plan</u>	<u>Line Of Business</u>
HealthLink HMO	HL	HM2
HealthLink Workers' Comp	HL	WC1
HealthLink PPO	HL	PPO
HealthLink Open Access III (combined files)	HL	OA (PPO & HM2 combined)
HealthLink Open Access III (separate files)	HL	OA (PPO & HM2 separate)
HealthLink Open Access III & Nonpar	HL	MUL (PPO, HM2, NPAR)
HealthLink PPO Expansion (IL)	IL	PPO
UniCare	UniCare	OA (PPO & HM2 combined)
Anthem	Anthem	OA (PPO & HM2 combined)

This Specification Guide is designed to assist Payors and Payors' vendors in the set-up or updates of par data for multiple potential purposes. Par file specifications are located on the Payor pages of the network website (HealthLink.com).

Participation Status

- a. Those Payors using "par files" to mark their provider records for the correct participation status have the ability to automatically program their system to accept a full-file with a field for the NPI (the 10 digit numbers are placed in the NPI field). This will allow all file types to have consistent data elements starting at field 59.

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- b. Field 58 is a “P” or “G” indicator, to signify if the provider is contracted at the individual practitioner level (P) or the group level (G), the latter may be the contracting method for a PHO. Field 59 is the “line of business” which tells if the provider participates in the HMO or PPO, corresponding to the type of file.

Specialty Codes

Par files use HealthLink specialty codes to designate the provider’s specialty (such as acute care hospital or family practitioner). These specialty codes have been mapped to the national taxonomy codes. A cross-reference table is included as **Table 3**.

Payor Contact

The Payor Contact will work with each Payor or Payor’s vendor to:

- a. Ensure a FTP transmission method set-up is established (if not already done)
- b. The Payor is ready to test or receive the new file type(s)
- c. The use of the par files is well understood, to ensure correct file types are transmitted

Transmission Method

FTP (Preferred)

HealthLink prefers to send par files to designated Payors or Payors’ vendors via:

- a. FTP push to the Payor’s or vendor’s server.
- b. Place the file on our server in a Payor specific location, password secured, for the Payor or vendor to “pick up” monthly.

Transmission Overview

Par File Overview and Preferred Transmission Method

- a. Full Electronic File
- b. ASCII Format, Comma-Delimited, Fixed-Width or Fixed-Width Carriage Return Versions
- c. Preferred transmission method – FTP without Encryption (file contains no PHI); push to Payor or Payor’s Vendor.

File Transfer Protocol (FTP) – The Basics of FTP.

- a. The TCP/IP Protocol suite is a set of communication protocols that is used to connect computers and other devices on the Internet. One of these protocols is the File Transfer Protocol, commonly referred to as FTP.
- b. FTP is a fast and reliable method for transferring files between two remote computers using the Internet.
- c. A basic FTP connection consists of a remote computer (the client) calling an FTP server. FTP connections transmit information in two ways: the client may upload content from the server or download content to the server.
- d. FTP is an Internet standard, and most computers already have some type of FTP client installed. The most common type of FTP client used today is the multi-purpose web browser, such as Microsoft’s Internet Explorer. A strength of FTP is that for a basic connection, it doesn’t really matter what “client” is used.
- e. To make a connection, simply direct the “client” to connect to a specific FTP server. For example, to connect to the HealthLink FTP server using Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, type the following into the address bar: <ftp://ftp.healthlink.com/>.
- f. To transfer a file (upload or download) through FTP:
 1. Log in to a remote computer that has been configured as an FTP server.
 2. Enter a username and password to gain access to the remote system.
 3. Select the particular directory on the remote system, which contains the file you wish to download or upload.
 4. Transfer the file to or from the system in question.

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- g. To access the HealthLink FTP server, contact your Payor Relations Contact. A request form will be completed and will be forwarded to HealthLink's Information Technology department, who will work with the Payor's designated contact on the FTP implementation and testing processes.
- h. Once FTP transmission testing has been deemed successful, the new process may be placed into "production".
- i. FTP may be used to send eligibility to HealthLink, receive par files from HealthLink and/or receive and/or send claims electronically.

Frequently Asked Questions: File Transfer Protocol (FTP).**Q: *What is FTP and how does it work?***

A: FTP is a method of transferring files between two remote computers. Files are transmitted from one location to another using the Internet.

Q: *What types of files can be transmitted via FTP?*

A: Payors can **receive** participating provider files and electronic claims via FTP and **send** member eligibility files via FTP.

Payors **receive** electronic claims via FTP (standard process).

Misdirected claims from Payors may be sent to HealthLink using FTP (special process).

Q: *Is FTP a secure method to send and receive confidential data?*

A: Yes, transactions are encrypted to ensure protection of confidential data using PGP encryption.

Q: *What is needed to take advantage of the FTP capabilities?*

A: In order to use FTP, an FTP client is needed (i.e. Microsoft Internet Explorer), as well as a user name, a password, the directory to which data will be sent or received, and HealthLink's FTP server address.

Q: *What is needed to take advantage of the FTP capabilities?*

A: In order to use FTP, an FTP client is needed (i.e. Microsoft Internet Explorer), as well as a user name, a password, the directory to which data will be sent or received, and HealthLink's FTP server address.

Q: *Who should be contacted if your firm is ready to begin sending/receiving files via FTP now?*

A: To begin FTP transmissions or submissions, please contact your Payor Contact: Toni Moore (Toni.Moore@healthlink.com) or Tammy Lippmann (Tammy.Lippmann@healthlink.com) and they will initiate the Information Technology (IT) request for Payor clients.

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Comma-Delimited Provider Layout.**Comma – Delimited Layout.**

The following is the standard format for a HealthLink Participating Provider (Par) File.

Table 1. Comma-Delimited Provider Layout

Field	Description	Type	Notes
1.	Action Code	A	1
2.	Blank	A	
3.	Client Specific Data	A	
4.	HealthLink Provider ID	A	
5.	Provider's Tax ID Number	N	
6.	Provider's Name (if Facility)	A	
7.	Provider's Individual Last Name	A	
8.	Provider's Individual First Name	A	
9.	Provider's Individual Middle Name	A	
10.	Provider's Effective Date (MMDDYYYY)	N	
11.	Provider's Actual Term Date (MMDDYYYY)	N	
12.	Provider's Billing Address (Line 1)	A	
13.	Provider's Billing Address (Line 2)	A	
14.	Provider's Billing City	A	
15.	Provider's Billing State	A	
16.	Blank	A	
17.	Provider's Billing/Vendor Zip	N	
18.	Location/Service Address (Line 1)	A	
19.	Location/Service Address (Line 2)	A	
20.	Location/Service City	A	
21.	Location/Service State	A	
22.	(Reserved for future use)	A	
23.	Location/Service Zip	N	
24.	Gender	A	24
25.	License State	A	
26.	License Number	A	
27.	UPIN Number	A	
28.	Hospital Affiliation 1	A	19
29.	Hospital Affiliation 2	A	19
30.	Hospital Affiliation 3	A	19
31.	Hospital Affiliation 4	A	19
32.	Specialty Code 1	A	8
33.	Board Status 1	A	9
34.	Specialty Code 2	A	8
35.	Board Status 2	A	9
36.	Specialty Code 3	A	8
37.	Board Status 3	A	9
38.	Specialty Code 4	A	8
39.	Board Status 4	A	9
40.	Specialty Code 5	A	8
41.	Board Status 5	A	9
42.	Provider Area Code	N	25

Specifications for a HealthLink Participating Provider File (Par File)

Field	Description	Type	Notes
43.	Provider Phone Number	N	25
44.	Open Practice Indicator	A	20
45.	Provider Title	N	
46.	Vendor's/Billing Name (if Facility)	A	5, 13
47.	Vendor's/Billing Last Name	A	5, 13
48.	Vendor's/Billing First Name	A	5, 13
49.	Vendor's/Billing Middle Name	A	5, 13
50.	SSN	N	4
51.	County Code	N	18
52.	Mail Code	N	10
53.	Generation	A	
54.	Vendor Title	A	
55.	Vendor Number	N	13
56.	DEA Number	A	
57.	Actual Provider Term Date (MMDDYYYY)	N	11,25
58.	Pricing Indicator	A	14
59.	LOB (Line of Business)	A	15, 17
60.	NPI (National Provider ID)	A	16
61.	(Reserved Field)	A	
62.	Termination Code	A	21
63.	Provider Plan Code	A	22
64.	Language Code 1	A	23
65.	Language Code 2	A	23
66.	Language Code 3	A	23
67.	Language Code 4	A	23
68.	Language Code 5	A	23
69.	Provider Cluster Code Desc 1	A	
70.	Provider Cluster Code Desc 2	A	
71.	Provider Cluster Code Desc 3	A	
72.	Provider Cluster Code Desc 4	A	

Layout Notes

The numbers of the notes below correspond with the numbers that are found in the Notes column (i.e. '7, 15') of the above provider layout table. All fields that are supposed to be null or blank are padded with a space. If Type is "N" the field will be numeric only, otherwise the field may include alpha and numeric data.

1. Action Code is (A)dd, (U)pdate or (T)erminate. A provider may show, on two different lines, the letters (A) and (T) both in the action code field. This would occur if the provider has been termed at one address, and added at another. In such a case the line with the (A)dd in the action code shows the corrected information.
2. Field is reserved for client specific data.
3. The Provider ID is based on our 6-digit system ID, followed by a 3-digit Provider Location Address Index and a 3-digit Provider Mailing Address Index.
4. Provider Tax ID Number (TIN) will always appear in Field #5. This holds true for both the Comma-Delimited and Fixed-Width formats.
5. Depending on whether Provider/Vendor is an individual or a facility, the name will be sent in only one (set of) field(s).
6. The date that this Provider (along with the Address Indices as noted in #3 above) became effective. Dates reflect Par Effective and Termination Dates, not Fee Schedule Effective and Termination Dates.

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7. This field is only sent if action code (#1 above) is (T)erminate. *Termination date includes continuation of care date per the provider agreement.
8. See **Table 3. Alpha-Specialty Category Listing** for a list of valid specialty codes. (the file can store up to five (5) specialty codes those not used will be BLANK).
9. Board Status Code is either "A" (board-certified) or "E" (board-eligible) or BLANK as information is stored in separate database.
10. See **Table 5. Mail Codes** for explanation and valid list of mail codes. (for WHCP and OHMP networks this value should always be "2")
11. All dates must be in 8-digit (MMDDYYYY) format. (For Comma-Delimited).
12. If the user selects the "C" format Option, the system will put a carriage return at the end of the record. (For Comma-Delimited).
13. These fields are optional and may be blank, depending on the settings of each file.
14. Pricing indicator will populate with a P (indicating individual Provider pricing) or G (indicating corporate Group pricing).
15. If the file has only one LOB, then this field will contain spaces. Otherwise it will contain the necessary LOB.
16. If NPI is not populated, then the field will contain 10 spaces.
17. If the file is not an Open Access III par file, then LOB will contain three spaces.
18. County codes are no longer used by Healthlink, so this field will be blank
19. There can be up to four (4) Hospital Affiliations, those not used will be BLANK.
20. If the Open Practice indicated is "O" or left blank, the practice is open and taking new patients. If the indicator is "C", the practice is not taking new patients.
21. See **Table 7. Provider Termination Codes** for list of Valid Termination Codes
22. See **Table 8. Provider Network Codes** for list of Valid Provider Network Codes
23. See **Table 9. Provider Language Codes** for list of Valid Language Codes (file contains up to five Language codes, those not used will be blank).
24. Some fields may be BLANK due to clients not providing data.
25. Actual Provider Term Date is the date that the Provider actually terminated with Healthlink and should be used as such.

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UniCare and Anthem Par File Layout.

Comma – Delimited Layout.

The following is the standard format for a UniCare and Anthem Participating Provider (Par) File.

Table 2. UniCare and Anthem Par File Layout

Field	Description	Type	Notes
1.	Action Code	A	1
2.	Blank	A	
3.	Client Specific Data	A	
4.	HealthLink Provider ID	A	
5.	Provider's Tax ID Number	N	
6.	Provider's Name (if Facility)	A	
7.	Provider's Individual Last Name	A	
8.	Provider's Individual First Name	A	
9.	Provider's Individual Middle Name	A	
10.	Provider's Effective Date (MMDDYYYY)	N	
11.	Provider's Actual Term Date (MMDDYYYY)	N	
12.	Provider's Billing Address (Line 1)	A	
13.	Provider's Billing Address (Line 2)	A	
14.	Provider's Billing City	A	
15.	Provider's Billing State	A	
16.	Blank	A	
17.	Provider's Billing Zip	N	
18.	Service Address (Line 1)	A	
19.	Service Address (Line 2)	A	
20.	Service City	A	
21.	Service State	A	
22.	Blank	A	
23.	Service Zip	N	
24.	Gender	A	
25.	License State	A	
26.	License Number	A	
27.	UPIN Number	A	
28.	Hospital Affiliation 1	A	
29.	Hospital Affiliation 2	A	
30.	Hospital Affiliation 3	A	
31.	Hospital Affiliation 4	A	
32.	Specialty Code 1	A	
33.	Board Status 1	A	
34.	Specialty Code 2	A	
35.	Board Status 2	A	
36.	Specialty Code 3	A	
37.	Board Status 3	A	
38.	Specialty Code 4	A	
39.	Board Status 4	A	
40.	Specialty Code 5	A	
41.	Board Status 5	A	

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Field	Description	Type	Notes
42.	Provider Area Code	N	
43.	Provider Phone Number	N	
44.	Open Practice Indicator	A	
45.	Provider Title	N	
46.	Vendor's Name (if Facility)	A	
47.	Vendor's Last Name	A	
48.	Vendor's First Name	A	
49.	Vendor's Middle Name	A	
50.	SSN	N	
51.	County Code	N	
52.	Mail Code	N	
53.	Generation	A	
54.	Vendor Title	A	
55.	Vendor Number	N	
56.	DEA Number	A	
57.	DEA Exp Date	N	
58.	Pricing Indicator	A	
59.	LOB (Line of Business)	A	2
60.	NPI (National Provider ID)	A	
61.	(Reserved Field)	A	
62.	Network	A	3
63.	Date Changed	N	
64.	Duplicate Flag	A	
65.	Duplicate Key	A	
66.	Term Code	A	4,7
67.	COC Date	A	5,7
68.	Contract Code	A	6,7

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1. Action Code is "A" for Active, "T" for Terminated.
2. LOB is "HMO" or "PPO".
3. Network is "Anthem" or "UniCare".
4. Term Codes (UniCare-only)
 - 04 – PROV RETIRED
 - 05 – WENT OUT OF BUS
 - 06 – PROV LEFT STATE
 - 11 – PRV NOT W/TAXID
 - 13 – PRV HAS NEW TAX
 - 41 – OTHER
 - 60 – PROV DECEASED
5. COC Date - Actual Term date + 90 days for COC Run Out.
6. Contract Code values:
 - PPO - IL3000, IL3001, IL3002
 - PPO - IL3D00
 - HMO - IL300
 - HMO - UHC
7. These are UniCare-only fields.

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Listing – HealthLink, UniCare & Anthem Specialty Categories.
Alpha Specialty Category Listing

Table 3. Alpha Specialty Category Listing

ALPHA Specialty Description	Specialty Code	Taxonomy Code	Category
ACUPUNCTURE	156	171100000X	Ancillary
ADDICTION MEDICINE	166	207RA0401X	Specialist
ADOLESCENT MEDICINE	120	207RA0000X	Specialist
AEROSPACE MEDICINE	130	2083A0100X	Specialist
ALLERGY IMMUNOLOGY	004	207K00000X	Specialist
ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE	115	175L00000X	Ancillary
AMBULANCE	070	341600000X	Ancillary
AMBULATORY SURGICAL SUITE	300	261QA1903X	Specialist
ANATOMIC PATH AND LAB MED	188	207ZP0101X.	Specialist
ANDROLOGY	189	208800000X	Specialist
ANESTHESIOLOGY	001	207L00000X	Specialist
ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSISTANT	180	367H00000X	Specialist
ASSISTANT BEHAVIORAL ANALYST (BCABA)	162	106E00000X	Specialist
ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN (MD'S)	215	208D00000X	PCP
AUDIOLOGY	098	231H00000X	Ancillary
AUTISM	190	2080P0008X	Specialist
BARIATRIC SURGERY	207	207QB0002X	Specialist
BEHAVIORAL ANALYST (BCBA)	161	103K00000X	Specialist
BIRTHING CENTER	177	261QB0400X	Specialist
BLOOD TRANSFUSION	191	207ZB0001X	Specialist
BREAST PROSTHESIS & SUPPLIES	127	332B00000X	Ancillary
BREAST SURGERY	182	2086S0122X	Specialist
CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	099	207RC0001X	Specialist
CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	076	208G00000X	Specialist
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	006	207RC0000X	Specialist
CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY	113	208G00000X	Specialist
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	091	261QR0405X	Specialist
CHIROPRACTIC	333	111N00000X	Ancillary
CLINIC	090	261Q00000X	Ancillary
CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	149	2084N0600X	Specialist
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST	155	364S00000X	Specialist
CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY	167	208U00000X	Specialist
COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	080	208C00000X	Specialist
COMMUNITY MEDICINE	170	208D00000X	Specialist
CRITICAL CARE	117	207RC0200X	Specialist
CRNA - CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIOLOGIST	143	367500000X	Ancillary
DENTAL SLEEP MEDICINE	212	207QS1201X	Specialist
DENTIST	087	122300000X	Specialist
DERMATOLOGIC IMMUNOLOGY	192	207NI0002X	Specialist
DERMATOLOGY	007	207N00000X	Specialist

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ALPHA Specialty Description	Specialty Code	Taxonomy Code	Category
DERMATOPATHOLOGY	122	207ZD0900X	Specialist
DIABETIC SUPPLIES	184	332B00000X	Ancillary
DIAGNOSTIC FREE-STANDING	036	261Q00000X	Ancillary
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE	052	2085R0202X	Specialist
DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY	114	2085R0202X	Specialist
DIALYSIS	035	261QE0700X	Ancillary
DIETITIAN	101	133V00000X	Ancillary
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	084	332B00000X	Ancillary
EATING DISORDERS	193	207RE0101X	Specialist
ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	110	246X00000X	Specialist
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	081	207P00000X	Specialist
ENDOCRINOLOGY	008	207RE0101X	Specialist
ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES, & METABOLISM	163	207RE0101X	Specialist
ENDOSCOPY CENTER	178	261QE0800X	Specialist
FAMILY PRACTICE	002	207Q00000X	PCP
FEMALE PELVIC MED & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	187	207VF0040X	Specialist
FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	164	2084F0202X	Specialist
GASTROENTEROLOGY	009	207RG0100X	Specialist
GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	047	208600000X	Specialist
GENERAL & VASCULAR SURGERY	024	2086S0129X	Specialist
GENERAL PRACTICE	075	208D00000X	PCP
GENERAL SURGERY	044	208600000X	Specialist
GENETICS	059	207SG0201X	Specialist
GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	145	2084P0805X	Specialist
GERIATRIC SURGERY	074	208600000X	Specialist
GERIATRICS	049	207RG0300X	Specialist
GLAUCOMA SPECIALIST	046	207W00000X	Specialist
GROUP PRACTICE	038	208D00000X	Other
GYNECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY	096	207VX0201X	Specialist
GYNECOLOGY	077	207VG0400X	Specialist
GYNECOLOGY INFERTILITY	092	207VE0102X	Specialist
HAND SURGERY	045	2086S0105X	Specialist
HEAD & NECK SURGERY	102	207YX0007X	Specialist
HEARING AID SUPPLIER	217	332S00000X	Ancillary
HEMATOLOGY	010	207RH0000X	Specialist
HEPATOLOGY	205	207RI0008X	Specialist
HOME HEALTH	041	251E00000X	Ancillary
HOME INFUSION	088	251F00000X	Ancillary
HOSPICE CARE	094	251G00000X	Ancillary
HOSPITAL - ACUTE	000	282N00000X	Hospital
HOSPITAL - LONG TERM ACUTE	888	282E00000X	Hospital
HOSPITAL - MENTAL HEALTH	777	283Q00000X	Hospital
HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN CHARGES	998	282N00000X	Hospital
HOSPITALIST	133	208M00000X	Specialist

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ALPHA Specialty Description	Specialty Code	Taxonomy Code	Category
HYPERBARIC MEDICINE	135	2083P0011X	Specialist
INFECTIOUS DISEASES	011	207RI0200X	Specialist
INTENSIVE OP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY PHP	700	261QM0801X	PCP
INTERNAL MEDICINE	003	207R00000X	PCP
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	142	207RI0011X	Specialist
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	214	2085R0204X	Specialist
LABORATORY - REFERENCE	042	291U00000X	Ancillary
MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE	121	204D00000X	Ancillary
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPIST	141	106H00000X	Ancillary
MASSAGE THERAPY	176	225700000X	Specialist
MATERNAL/FETAL MEDICINE	112	207VM0101X	Specialist
MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLY	034	332B00000X	Ancillary
MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	171	207SG0202X	Specialist
MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY	126	2083T0002X	Specialist
METABOLISM	051	207RE0101X	Specialist
MISCELLANEOUS PROVIDER	999	174400000X	Ancillary
MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICES	125	261QR0208X	Ancillary
MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY	172	207SM0001X	Specialist
NATUROPPATHIC MEDICINE	186	175F00000X	Specialist
NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE	060	2080N0001X	Specialist
NEONATOLOGY	062	2080N0001X	Specialist
NEPHROLOGY	012	207RN0300X	Specialist
NETWORKS	666	208D00000X	Other
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	055	2080P0006X	Specialist
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	025	207T00000X	Specialist
NEUROLOGY	013	2084N0400X	Specialist
NEUROMUSKULOSKELETAL MEDICINE	139	204C00000X	Specialist
NEUROPSYCHIATRY	158	2084P0800X	Specialist
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	159	103G00000X	Specialist
NEURORADIOLOGY	147	2085N0700X	Specialist
NEUROTOLOGY	146	207YX0901X	Specialist
NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY	173	207UN0901X	Ancillary
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	050	207U00000X	Specialist
NURSE MIDWIFE	137	367A00000X	Ancillary
NURSE PRACTITIONER	132	363L00000X	Ancillary
NURSING	093	163W00000X	Ancillary
NURSING HOME	108	313M00000X	Ancillary
NUTRITION	208	133N00000X	Specialist
OB-GYN	015	207V00000X	Specialist
OBSTETRICS	194	207VX0000X	Specialist
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	103	2083X0100X	Specialist
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	209	225X00000X	Specialist
ONCOLOGY	119	207RX0202X	Specialist
OPHTHALMOLOGY	016	207W00000X	Specialist
OPTOMETRIST	086	152W00000X	Ancillary

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ORAL SURGERY	026	204E00000X	Specialist
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	027	207X00000X	Specialist
ORTHOTICS/PROSTHETICS	124	335E00000X	Ancillary
OSTEOPATHY	195	207Q00000X	Specialist
OTHER NON-SPECIFIC	039	208D00000X	Ancillary
OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	017	207Y00000X	Specialist
OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER (Billing on UB/92)	043	261QA1903X	Ancillary
PAIN MANAGEMENT	031	208VP0000X	Specialist
PALLIATIVE MEDICINE	210	207QH0002X	Specialist
PATHOLOGY	018	207ZP0105X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC ALLERGY IMMUNOLOGY	053	2080P0201X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA	196	207LP3000X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATOLOGY	116	2080P0216X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	054	2080P0202X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	069	2086S0120X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC CHILD ABUSE	160	2080C0008X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE	118	2080P0203X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY	213	1223P0221X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	165	207NP0225X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL	148	2080P0006X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	056	2080P0204X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	057	2080P0205X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	058	2080P0206X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC GYNECOLOGY	197	363LX0001X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY	082	2080P0207X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE	061	2080P0208X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	063	2080P0210X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	064	2084N0402X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	198	2084N0600X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	199	103G00000X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY	136	207T00000X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	048	207W00000X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	071	207XP3100X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY	065	207YP0228X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY	201	207ZP0213X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION	150	2051P0010X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	066	2084P0804X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC PULMONARY DISEASE	079	2080P0214X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY	202	2085P0229X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	109	2080P0216X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC SURGERY	068	2086S0120X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY	203	2080T0004X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC UROLOGY	073	2088P0231X	Specialist
PEDIATRIC UTI & LEAD POISONING	067	208000000X	Specialist
PEDIATRICS	019	208000000X	PCP

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PERFUSION	185	242T00000X	Specialist
PERINATOLOGY	095	2080N0001X	Specialist
PERIODONTICS	020	1223P0300X	Specialist
PHARMACY	111	333600000X	Ancillary
PHO	555	208D00000X	Other
PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION	021	208100000X	Specialist
PHYSICAL THERAPY	085	261QP2000X	Ancillary
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PA/PAC	129	363A00000X	Ancillary
PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	028	2086S0122X	Specialist
PODIATRY	040	213E00000X	Specialist
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	106	2083P0500X	Specialist
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	131	101Y00000X	Ancillary
PSYCHIATRY	022	2084P0800X	Specialist
PSYCHOLOGY	032	103T00000X	Ancillary
PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE	168	2084P0015X	Specialist
PULMONARY	014	207RP1001X	Specialist
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	083	2085R0001X	Specialist
RADIOLOGY	023	2085R0202X	Specialist
REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSE	104	163WP0808X	Ancillary
REGISTERED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST	151	246ZS0400X	Ancillary
REHABILITATION	037	261QR0400X	Ancillary
REHABILITATION HOSPITAL	444	283X00000X	Hospital
REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY	105	207VE0102X	Specialist
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER	175	320600000X	Ancillary
RESPIRATORY THERAPY	152	227800000X	Ancillary
RESPIROLOGY	169	207RP1001X	Specialist
RETAIL HEALTH CLINIC	154	261Q00000X	Specialist
RHEUMATOLOGY	005	207RR0500X	Specialist
RNF - REGISTERED NURSE FIRST ASSISTANT	181	163WR0006X	Specialist
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY	107	314000000X	Ancillary
SLEEP MEDICINE	134	207RS0012X	Ancillary
SLEEP MEDICINE CENTER	144	261QS1200X	Ancillary
SOCIAL WORKER	100	104100000X	Ancillary
SPECIAL MATERNITY CARE	200	251E00000X	Specialist
SPECIALTY LABORATORIES	123	291U00000X	Ancillary
SPEECH THERAPY	089	235Z00000X	Ancillary
SPORTS MEDICINE	140	207RS0010X	Specialist
SURGERY, FACIAL PLASTIC	072	2086S0122X	Specialist
SURGERY-CRITICAL CARE	138	2086S0102X	Specialist
TELEMEDICINE	174	193400000X	Ancillary
THORACIC SURGERY	029	208G00000X	Specialist
TRANSPLANT SURGERY	204	204F00000X	Specialist
URGENT CARE	222	261QU0200X	Ancillary
UROLOGICAL SURGERY	078	208600000X	Ancillary
UROLOGY	030	208800000X	Specialist

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ALPHA Specialty Description	Specialty Code	Taxonomy Code	Category
VASCULAR & INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	216	2085R0204X	Specialist
VASCULAR MEDICINE	211	2086S0129X	Specialist
VASCULAR NEUROLOGY	157	2084V0102X	Specialist
VASCULAR SURGERY	097	2086S0129X	Specialist
WOUND CARE	206	163WW0000X	Specialist

Numerical Specialty Category Listing

Table 4. Numerical Specialty Category Listing

Specialty Code	NUMERIC Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code	Category
000	HOSPITAL - ACUTE	282N00000X	Hospital
001	ANESTHESIOLOGY	207L00000X	Specialist
002	FAMILY PRACTICE	207Q00000X	PCP
003	INTERNAL MEDICINE	207R00000X	PCP
004	ALLERGY IMMUNOLOGY	207K00000X	Specialist
005	RHEUMATOLOGY	207RR0500X	Specialist
006	CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	207RC0000X	Specialist
007	DERMATOLOGY	207N00000X	Specialist
008	ENDOCRINOLOGY	207RE0101X	Specialist
009	GASTROENTEROLOGY	207RG0100X	Specialist
010	HEMATOLOGY	207RH0000X	Specialist
011	INFECTIOUS DISEASES	207RI0200X	Specialist
012	NEPHROLOGY	207RN0300X	Specialist
013	NEUROLOGY	2084N0400X	Specialist
014	PULMONARY	207RP1001X	Specialist
015	OB-GYN	207V00000X	Specialist
016	OPHTHALMOLOGY	207W00000X	Specialist
017	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	207Y00000X	Specialist
018	PATHOLOGY	207ZP0105X	Specialist
019	PEDIATRICS	208000000X	PCP
020	PERIODONTICS	1223P0300X	Specialist
021	PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION	208100000X	Specialist
022	PSYCHIATRY	2084P0800X	Specialist
023	RADIOLOGY	2085R0202X	Specialist
024	GENERAL & VASCULAR SURGERY	2086S0129X	Specialist
025	NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	207T00000X	Specialist
026	ORAL SURGERY	204E00000X	Specialist
027	ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	207X00000X	Specialist
028	PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	2086S0122X	Specialist
029	THORACIC SURGERY	208G00000X	Specialist
030	UROLOGY	208800000X	Specialist
031	PAIN MANAGEMENT	208VP0000X	Specialist
032	PSYCHOLOGY	103T00000X	Ancillary
034	MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLY	332B00000X	Ancillary

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Specialty Code	NUMERIC Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code	Category
035	DIALYSIS	261QE0700X	Ancillary
036	DIAGNOSTIC FREE-STANDING	261Q00000X	Ancillary
037	REHABILITATION	261QR0400X	Ancillary
038	GROUP PRACTICE	208D00000X	Other
039	OTHER NON-SPECIFIC	208D00000X	Ancillary
040	PODIATRY	213E00000X	Specialist
041	HOME HEALTH	251E00000X	Ancillary
042	LABORATORY - REFERENCE	291U00000X	Ancillary
043	OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER (Billing on UB/92)	261QA1903X	Ancillary
044	GENERAL SURGERY	208600000X	Specialist
045	HAND SURGERY	2086S0105X	Specialist
046	GLAUCOMA SPECIALIST	207W00000X	Specialist
047	GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	208600000X	Specialist
048	PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	207W00000X	Specialist
049	GERIATRICS	207RG0300X	Specialist
050	NUCLEAR MEDICINE	207U00000X	Specialist
051	METABOLISM	207RE0101X	Specialist
052	DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE	2085R0202X	Specialist
053	PEDIATRIC ALLERGY IMMUNOLOGY	2080P0201X	Specialist
054	PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	2080P0202X	Specialist
055	NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	2080P0006X	Specialist
056	PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	2080P0204X	Specialist
057	PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	2080P0205X	Specialist
058	PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	2080P0206X	Specialist
059	GENETICS	207SG0201X	Specialist
060	NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE	2080N0001X	Specialist
061	PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE	2080P0208X	Specialist
062	NEONATOLOGY	2080N0001X	Specialist
063	PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	2080P0210X	Specialist
064	PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	2084N0402X	Specialist
065	PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY	207YP0228X	Specialist
066	PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	2084P0804X	Specialist
067	PEDIATRIC UTI & LEAD POISONING	208000000X	Specialist
068	PEDIATRIC SURGERY	2086S0120X	Specialist
069	PEDIATRIC CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	2086S0120X	Specialist
070	AMBULANCE	341600000X	Ancillary
071	PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	207XP3100X	Specialist
072	SURGERY, FACIAL PLASTIC	2086S0122X	Specialist
073	PEDIATRIC UROLOGY	2088P0231X	Specialist
074	GERIATRIC SURGERY	208600000X	Specialist
075	GENERAL PRACTICE	208D00000X	PCP
076	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	208G00000X	Specialist
077	GYNECOLOGY	207VG0400X	Specialist
078	UROLOGICAL SURGERY	208600000X	Ancillary
079	PEDIATRIC PULMONARY DISEASE	2080P0214X	Specialist

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Specialty Code	NUMERIC Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code	Category
080	COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	208C00000X	Specialist
081	EMERGENCY MEDICINE	207P00000X	Specialist
082	PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY	2080P0207X	Specialist
083	RADIATION ONCOLOGY	2085R0001X	Specialist
084	DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	332B00000X	Ancillary
085	PHYSICAL THERAPY	261QP2000X	Ancillary
086	OPTOMETRIST	152W00000X	Ancillary
087	DENTIST	122300000X	Specialist
088	HOME INFUSION	251F00000X	Ancillary
089	SPEECH THERAPY	235Z00000X	Ancillary
090	CLINIC	261Q00000X	Ancillary
091	CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	261QR0405X	Specialist
092	GYNECOLOGY INFERTILITY	207VE0102X	Specialist
093	NURSING	163W00000X	Ancillary
094	HOSPICE CARE	251G00000X	Ancillary
095	PERINATOLOGY	2080N0001X	Specialist
096	GYNECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY	207VX0201X	Specialist
097	VASCULAR SURGERY	2086S0129X	Specialist
098	AUDIOLOGY	231H00000X	Ancillary
099	CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	207RC0001X	Specialist
100	SOCIAL WORKER	104100000X	Ancillary
101	DIETITIAN	133V00000X	Ancillary
102	HEAD & NECK SURGERY	207YX0007X	Specialist
103	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	2083X0100X	Specialist
104	REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSE	163WP0808X	Ancillary
105	REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY	207VE0102X	Specialist
106	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	2083P0500X	Specialist
107	SKILLED NURSING FACILITY	314000000X	Ancillary
108	NURSING HOME	313M00000X	Ancillary
109	PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	2080P0216X	Specialist
110	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	246X00000X	Specialist
111	PHARMACY	333600000X	Ancillary
112	MATERNAL/FETAL MEDICINE	207VM0101X	Specialist
113	CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY	208G00000X	Specialist
114	DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY	2085R0202X	Specialist
115	ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE	175L00000X	Ancillary
116	PEDIATRIC ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATOLOGY	2080P0216X	Specialist
117	CRITICAL CARE	207RC0200X	Specialist
118	PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE	2080P0203X	Specialist
119	ONCOLOGY	207RX0202X	Specialist
120	ADOLESCENT MEDICINE	207RA0000X	Specialist
121	MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE	204D00000X	Ancillary
122	DERMATOPATHOLOGY	207ZD0900X	Specialist
123	SPECIALTY LABORATORIES	291U00000X	Ancillary
124	ORTHOTICS/PROSTHETICS	335E00000X	Ancillary

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Specialty Code	NUMERIC Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code	Category
125	MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICES	261QR0208X	Ancillary
126	MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY	2083T0002X	Specialist
127	BREAST PROSTHESIS & SUPPLIES	332B00000X	Ancillary
129	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PA/PAC	363A00000X	Ancillary
130	AEROSPACE MEDICINE	2083A0100X	Specialist
131	PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	101Y00000X	Ancillary
132	NURSE PRACTITIONER	363L00000X	Ancillary
133	HOSPITALIST	208M00000X	Specialist
134	SLEEP MEDICINE	207RS0012X	Ancillary
135	HYPERBARIC MEDICINE	2083P0011X	Specialist
136	PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY	207T00000X	Specialist
137	NURSE MIDWIFE	367A00000X	Ancillary
138	SURGERY-CRITICAL CARE	2086S0102X	Specialist
139	NEUROMUSKULOSKELETAL MEDICINE	204C00000X	Specialist
140	SPORTS MEDICINE	207RS0010X	Specialist
141	MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPIST	106H00000X	Ancillary
142	INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	207RI0011X	Specialist
143	CRNA - CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIOLOGIST	367500000X	Ancillary
144	SLEEP MEDICINE CENTER	261QS1200X	Ancillary
145	GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	2084P0805X	Specialist
146	NEUROLOGY	207YX0901X	Specialist
147	NEURORADIOLOGY	2085N0700X	Specialist
148	PEDIATRIC DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL	2080P0006X	Specialist
149	CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	2084N0600X	Specialist
150	PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION	2051P0010X	Specialist
151	REGISTERED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST	246ZS0400X	Ancillary
152	RESPIRATORY THERAPY	227800000X	Ancillary
154	RETAIL HEALTH CLINIC	261Q00000X	Specialist
155	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST	364S00000X	Specialist
156	ACUPUNCTURE	171100000X	Ancillary
157	VASCULAR NEUROLOGY	2084V0102X	Specialist
158	NEUROPSYCHIATRY	2084P0800X	Specialist
159	NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	103G00000X	Specialist
160	PEDIATRIC CHILD ABUSE	2080C0008X	Specialist
161	BEHAVIORAL ANALYST (BCBA)	103K00000X	Specialist
162	ASSISTANT BEHAVIORAL ANALYST (BCABA)	106E00000X	Specialist
163	ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES, & METABOLISM	207RE0101X	Specialist
164	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	2084F0202X	Specialist
165	PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	207NP0225X	Specialist
166	ADDICTION MEDICINE	207RA0401X	Specialist
167	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY	208U00000X	Specialist
168	PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE	2084P0015X	Specialist
169	RESPIROLOGY	207RP1001X	Specialist
170	COMMUNITY MEDICINE	208D00000X	Specialist

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171	MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	207SG0202X	Specialist
172	MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY	207SM0001X	Specialist
173	NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY	207UN0901X	Ancillary
174	TELEMEDICINE	193400000X	Ancillary
175	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER	320600000X	Ancillary
176	MASSAGE THERAPY	225700000X	Specialist
177	BIRTHING CENTER	261QB0400X	Specialist
178	ENDOSCOPY CENTER	261QE0800X	Specialist
180	ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSISTANT	367H00000X	Specialist
181	RNF - REGISTERED NURSE FIRST ASSISTANT	163WR0006X	Specialist
182	BREAST SURGERY	2086S0122X	Specialist
184	DIABETIC SUPPLIES	332B00000X	Ancillary
185	PERFUSION	242T00000X	Specialist
186	NATUROPPATHIC MEDICINE	175F00000X	Specialist
187	FEMALE PELVIC MED & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	207VF0040X	Specialist
188	ANATOMIC PATH AND LAB MED	207ZP0101X	Specialist
189	ANDROLOGY	208800000X	Specialist
190	AUTISM	2080P0008X	Specialist
191	BLOOD TRANSFUSION	207ZB0001X	Specialist
192	DERMATOLOGIC IMMUNOLOGY	207NI0002X	Specialist
193	EATING DISORDERS	207RE0101X	Specialist
194	OBSTETRICS	207VX0000X	Specialist
195	OSTEOPATHY	207Q00000X	Specialist
196	PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA	207LP3000X	Specialist
197	PEDIATRIC GYNECOLOGY	363LX0001X	Specialist
198	PEDIATRIC NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	2084N0600X	Specialist
199	PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	103G00000X	Specialist
200	SPECIAL MATERNITY CARE	251E00000X	Specialist
201	PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY	207ZP0213X	Specialist
202	PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY	2085P0229X	Specialist
203	PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY	2080T0004X	Specialist
204	TRANSPLANT SURGERY	204F00000X	Specialist
205	HEPATOLOGY	207RI0008X	Specialist
206	WOUND CARE	163WW0000X	Specialist
207	BARIATRIC SURGERY	207QB0002X	Specialist
208	NUTRITION	133N00000X	Specialist
209	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	225X00000X	Specialist
210	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE	207QH0002X	Specialist
211	VASCULAR MEDICINE	2086S0129X	Specialist
212	DENTAL SLEEP MEDICINE	207QS1201X	Specialist
213	PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY	1223P0221X	Specialist
214	INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	2085R0204X	Specialist
215	ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN (MD'S)	208D00000X	PCP
216	VASCULAR & INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	2085R0204X	Specialist

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Specialty Code	NUMERIC Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code	Category
217	HEARING AID SUPPLIER	332S00000X	Ancillary
222	URGENT CARE	261QU0200X	Ancillary
300	AMBULATORY SURGICAL SUITE	261QA1903X	Specialist
333	CHIROPRACTIC	111N00000X	Ancillary
444	REHABILITATION HOSPITAL	283X00000X	Hospital
555	PHO	208D00000X	Other
666	NETWORKS	208D00000X	Other
700	INTENSIVE OP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY PHP	261QM0801X	PCP
777	HOSPITAL - MENTAL HEALTH	283Q00000X	Hospital
888	HOSPITAL - LONG TERM ACUTE	282E00000X	Hospital
998	HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN CHARGES	282N00000X	Hospital
999	MISCELLANEOUS PROVIDER	174400000X	Ancillary

Listing – Mail Codes**Mail Codes for Provider Addresses**

Table 5. Mail Codes

Mail Code	Description
1	Primary office location, receives mail, included in directories
2	Any office location, receives mail, not included in directories.
3	Additional office location, receives mail, included in directories.
4	Any office location, cannot receive mail, not included in directories.
5	Any office location, cannot receive mail, included in directories.
9	Letter of Agreement with HealthLink. Provider is not included in directories.
10	Agreement with HealthLink, provider in Credentialing, not included in directories.

Specifications for a HealthLink Participating Provider File (Par File)

Add/Change/Terminate Files/Reports.

HealthLink, upon Payor request produces special “add/change/terminate” files or reports for Payors. Sometimes these types of files are called “Change Files”.

These files list only:

- a. Par provider additions since the last monthly file
- b. Provider record changes since the last monthly file (except fee schedule changes, which are transparent for par files)
- c. Terminated provider records since the last par file, with termination dates associated with specific provider service locations

Note: Full provider files do not have terminated records, and therefore the “add, change, term” file is supplied to better manage terminated provider records.

Note: the Add/Change/Terminate Files/Reports is for HealthLink only. UniCare & Anthem only have Full files.

Add/Change/Terminate File Naming Conventions.

FTP File

prov_20190317_1_ntw190317_ppo.zip

1. The first set of characters identifies the type of file from HealthLink. The “prov” identifies the file as containing provider data.
2. The next eight characters identify the date produced in YYYYMMDD (year, month, day) format. The “2019” corresponds to the year 2019, the “03” corresponds to the third month of the year (March), and the “17” corresponds to the seventeenth day of the month.
3. The next character “1” is a single character that uniquely identifies the file, used in the event subsequent files are produced on the same date.
4. The next set of characters identifies the Provider Plan (network) associated with this file and the month/day produced.
5. The last three characters identify the provider line of business associated with the file.
6. The file extension will be .zip (denoting a zipped file).

Change File

1234_20190420_1_ntw.zip

1. The first set of characters identifies the four-digit Client ID that HealthLink uses to uniquely identify Trading Partners.
2. The next eight characters identify the date produced in YYYYMMDD (year, month, day) format. The **2019** corresponds to the year 2019, the **04** corresponds to the fourth month of the year (April), and the **20** corresponds to the twentieth day of the month.
3. The next character (**1**) is a single character that uniquely identifies the file, used in the event subsequent files are produced on the same date.
4. The next set of characters identifies the network associated with this file.
5. The file extension will either be **.txt** (denoting a text file) or **.zip** (denoting a zipped file).
6. Add, change, termination record files are used mainly by Payors and Payors’ vendors who manage network changes for their claim systems by receiving a full file first and change files for manual updates thereafter.
7. The change file is not recommended as a “best practice” as if one change file is missed or entered out of sequence the integrity of the participating provider records is compromised.

Specifications for a HealthLink Participating Provider File (Par File)**File Naming Conventions.**

HealthLink prefers to send Par Files via FTP (file transfer protocol). FTP par files do not require encryption (no PHI data are included on par files). The naming convention is important so Payors do not confuse files with EDI claim files.

Naming Convention – Files sent via FTP.

The following is an example of the naming convention for par files, with details describing aspects of the naming convention.

Example: PROV_20191116_1_HL061116PPO.zip

1. The first set of characters, "PROV", indicates the FTP process that this is a par provider file from HealthLink.
2. The next 8 characters identify the date produced in YYYYMMDD (year, month, day) format.
3. The next position is the sequence number of the file. If there are multiple files sent on the same date this sequence designation is important. In most cases the sequence is set at a value of "1".
4. The next set of characters identifies the Provider Plan associated with this file. "HL" identifies the file as containing HealthLink par providers. If the file is Anthem, this value will be "antlinkipfwanoa", for example "PROV_20250204_1_anthlinkipfwanoa.zip". If the file is UniCare, this value will be "unihlinkipfoa", for example "PROV_20250204_1_unihlinkipfoa.zip"
5. The next six characters identify the date in YYMMDD (year, month, day) format. The "06" corresponds to the year 2006, the "11" corresponds to the eleventh month of the year (November), and the "16" corresponds to the sixteenth day of the month.
6. The last characters identify the line of business
 - a) PPO – PPO
 - b) HM2 – HMO
 - c) OA – PPO & HMO (combined file)
 - d) WC1 – Workers' Comp
 - e) DUO – PPO & HMO (separate files)
 - f) MUL – PPO, HMO and Non-Par
 - g) OA – UniCare
 - h) OA - Anthem
7. The file extension will be **.zip** (denoting a zipped file).

Naming Convention – Files sent via Email.

The following is an example of the naming convention for par files, with details describing aspect of the naming convention.

Example: HL190427_PPO.zip

1. The first set of characters identifies the Provider Plan associated with this file.
2. The next six characters identify the date produced in YYMMDD (year, month, day) format. The "19" corresponds to the year 2019 the "04" corresponds to the fourth month of the year (April), and the "27" corresponds to the twenty-seventh day of the month.
3. The last characters identify the line of business
 - a) PO – PPO
 - b) HM2 – HMO
 - c) OA3 – PPO & HMO (combined file)
 - d) WC1 – Workers' Comp
 - e) DUO – PPO & HMO (separate files)
 - f) MUL – PPO, HMO and Non-Par
 - g) OA – UniCare
 - h) OA - Anthem
4. The file extension will either be **.txt** (denoting a text file) or **.zip** (denoting a zipped file).

Naming Convention – Optional Naming Additions.

To further identify a par file as being a change or a full file, **_chg_** or **_full_** may be added to the name at a Payor or Payor Vendor's request. The files will be named as follows:

Examples: hl190521_full_ppo.zip or hl190521_chg_oa3.zip

Files being transferred via FTP will be named as follows:

Examples:

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PROV_20191116_1_HL191116_FULL_PPO.ZIP or PROV_20191116_1_HL191116_CHG_OA3.ZIP

Other Sources of Par Data

Participating provider data (par data) is also available through web based provider finders at healthlink.com. Data is updated each business day, contains the most accurate information, and lists can be customized and printed. Additional special data files and special electronic directories with par data can be made available upon request.

Troubleshooting / Par File Queries

Par files are designed to include participating provider records, usually provided weekly, for multiple uses and for use by many different Payors and their vendors.

- Par files do not contain fee schedule data or references, but instead;
- Provider demographics
- Provider billing (“pay to”) information
- Provider data for directory purposes
- Provider data for web based provider-finder tools (consumer protections).

For other par file questions, use this helpful guide to know where to call to get expedient answers to your questions. The following is a simple troubleshooting guide for par file management. This guide is designed to best address the most common par file issues or queries.

Table 6. Troubleshooting Guide

Par File Issue	Fix
New Network or Network Product-Need New Par File	Email: Toni Moore (Toni.Moore@healthlink.com) Tammy Lippmann (Tammy.Lippmann@healthlink.com)
Need Description of Par File Fields	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)
Trying to Merge Par Files	Par files cannot be merged, multiple files should be maintained.
Provider Records Seem to be Missing	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)
Is a Certain Provider Par?	Call HealthLink Customer Service at 800-624-2356 and specify network or product <u>or</u> example member

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Termination Codes

Provider par records are updated with termination codes (listed in the table below) to indicate the reason for the provider's termination. When a provider terminates and continuation of care qualifies per the provider's HealthLink Agreement a Termination Code with "Mandate" is used.

Table 7. Provider Termination Codes

Termination Code	Termination Description	CoC Needed Codes
V01	Dissatisfied	Mandate
V02	LOB Term	
V04	Left GRP Contract	
V05	Delegate Advising of Term	
V07	Affiliate / Network Term	
V08	Sabbatical	
V09	Voluntary Address Change	
V10	Practice Closing	Mandate
V11	Voluntary Unknown	
V12	Solo to Group	
V14	Letter of Agreement Term	
V15	Illinois Admin Term	Mandate
V16	Tax ID Term	
V18	Group to Solo	
V19	Group to Group	
V20	Commercial Ins No Longer Accepted	Mandate
I01	Death	
I02	Retirement	Mandate
I03	Moving out of Area	
I04	Suspended Provider	
I06	2005 Prov Cleanup	
I07	Involuntary Recredentialing	
I08	Involuntary Database Cleanup	
I10	Sactioned Provider Term	
04	PROV RETIRED (UniCare-only)	
05	WENT OUT OF BUS (UniCare-only)	
06	PROV LEFT STATE (UniCare-only)	
11	PRV NOT W/TAXID (UniCare-only)	
13	PRV HAS NEW TAX (UniCare-only)	
41	OTHER (UniCare-only)	
60	PROV DECEASED (UniCare-only)	

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Provider Network Codes

Table 8. Provider Network Codes

Network Code	Network Name
HL	HealthLink
HLN	HealthLink Northern Illinois
OHMP	Health Choice – Workers' Compensation Only
WHCP	Health Choice – Workers' Compensation Only
UNICARE	UniCare
ANTHEM	Anthem

Language Codes

Table 9. Provider Language Codes

Language Code	Language
ABK	Abkhaz
AFAN	Afan Oromo
AFAR	Afar
AFG	AFGHANI-FARSI
AFR	Afrikaans
AKA	AKAN
AKK	Akkadian
ALB	Albanian
AMH	Amharic
ANU	ANUAK
ARAB	Arabic
ARA	ARABIC-SUDANESE
ARAM	Aramaic
ARM	Armenian
ASA	ASANTI
ASS	Assamese
ASSY	ASSYRIAN NEO-AR
AZE	Azerbaijani
BALI	BALI
BAL	Baluchi
BAN	Bangla
BAR	BARI
BASH	Bashkir
BASQ	Basque
BAS	BASSA
BEL	Belarusian
BEM	BEMBA
BEN	Bengali
BIH	Bihari
BIK	Bikol
BIS	Bislama
BOS	Bosnian
BRE	Breton
BUL	Bulgarian

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Language Code	Language
BUR	Burmese
BYE	Byelorussian
CAM	Cambodian
CAN	Cantonese
CAT	Catalan
CEB	Cebuano
CHI	Chinese
COR	Corsican
CRE	Creole (any)
CRI	Crimean Tatar
CRO	Croatian
CUT	Cutchi
CZE	Czech
DAN1	DAN
DAN	Danish
DIN	DINKA
DUT	Dutch
DZO	Dzongkha
EFI	EFIK
ENG	English
ESP	Esperanto
EST	Estonian
ETH	ETHIOPIAN
EWE	EWE
FARO	Faroese
FAR	Farsi
FIJ	Fijian
FIL	Filipino
FIN	Finnish
FLU	FLUANI
FRE	French
FRI	Frisian
FUK	Fukien Chinese
GA	GA
GAE	Gaelic
GAL	Galician
GEO	Georgian
GER	German
GIK	Gikarati
GIL	Gilaki
GON	Gondi
GRE	Greek
GREN	Greenlandic
GUA	Guarani
GUJ	Gujarati
HAR	HARARI

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Language Code	Language
HAU	Hausa
HEB	Hebrew
HIN	Hindi
HMO	Hmong
HUN	Hungarian
HUNM	Hungarian (Magyar)
IBI	IBIBIO
IBO	Ibo
ICE	Icelandic
IGB	Igbo
ILO	Ilocano
INDI	Indian
INDO	Indonesian
INT	Interlingua
INU	Inuktitut
INU	Inupiaq
IRA	IRANIAN
IRI	Irish
ISL	Islamic
ITA	Italian
JAP	Japanese
JAV	Javanese
KAL	Kalatlisut
KAN	Kannada
KAR	KAREN
KAS	Kashmiri
KAZ	Kazakh
KHM	Khmer
KIN	Kinyarwanda
KIS	KISI
KON	KONKANI
KOR	Korean
KPE	KPELLE
KRA	KRAHN
KRE	KREOL
KRI	KRIO
KUR	Kurdish
KYR	Kyrgyz
LAB	LABO
LAO	Laotian
LAOT	LAOTIAN
LAT	Latin
LATV	Latvian
LEB	LEBANESE-SYRIAN
LIN	Lingala
LIT	Lithuanian

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Language Code	Language
LOR	LORMA
LUO	LUO
LUR	Luri
MAC	Macedonian
MAD	MADI
MAI	Maithili
MAL1	Malagasy
MAL2	Malay
MAL3	Malayalam
MAL4	Malaysian
MAL5	Maltese
MAN	Mandarin
MAND	MANDINGO
MAO	Maori
MAR	Marathi
MARW	MARWADI
MIE	Mienh
MIN	MINA
MOL	Moldavian
MON	Mongolian
NAT	Native American (any)
NAU	Nauru
NEP1	Nepali
NEP2	Nepalise
NET	Netherlandish
NEW	NEW EGYPTIAN
NIG	Nigerian
NOR	Norwegian
NUE	NUER
NYA	NYANJA
OCC	Occitan
OJI	OJIBWA
ORI	Oriya
ORO	OROMO
PAK	Pakistani
PAS	Pashto
PASS	PASSAMAQUODDY
PER	Persian
PHI	Philipino
POI	POISUN
POL	Polish
POR	Portuguese
PRA	Pranjab
PTU	Ptujarati
PUN	Punjabi
PUS	Pushto

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QUE	Quechua
RAE	Raeto-Romance
ROM	Romanian
RUN	Rundi
RUS	Russian
SAM	Samoan
SAN	SANGHO
SANG	Sango (Ubangi Creole)
SANS	Sanskrit
SANT	Santali
SCH	SCHWYZERDUTSCH
SCO	Scottish Gaelic
SER	SERAIKI
SER1	Serbian
SER2	Serbo-Croatian
SET	Setwana
SHA	Shan
SHAN	SHANGZHAI
SHO	Shona
SIGN	SIGN LA TACTILE
SIG	Sign Language
SIND	Sindhi
SING	Singhalese
SIN	SINHALA
SLA	SLAVIC
SLO1	Slovak
SLO2	Slovenian
SOL	Solomon Island Pijin
SOM	Somali
SOT	Sotho
SPA	Spanish
SRI	SRILANKAN
SUN	Sundanese
SWAH	Swahili
SWAZ	Swazi
SWE	Swedish
SYR	Syrian
TAG	Tagalog
TAI	Taiwanese
TAJ	Tajik
TAM	Tamil
TAT	Tatar
TEL	Telugu
THA	Thai
TIB	Tibetan
TIG1	TIGRE

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TIGR	TIGRIGNA
TIG	Tigrinya
TON	Tongan
TSO	Tsonga
TSW	Tswana
TURK	Turkish
TURM	Turkmen
TWI	Twi
UIG	Uighur
UKR	Ukrainian
UNK	Unknown
URA	Urartian
URD	Urdu
UZB	Uzbek
VIE	Vietnamese
VOL	Volapuk
WEL	Welsh
WOL	Wolof
XHO	Xhosa
YID	Yiddish
YOR	Yoruba
YUE	YUE
YUG	YUGOSLAVIAN
ZHU	Zhuang
ZUL	Zulu

Par File Contact List

Table 10. Par File Contact List

Par File Questions About	Contact
Is a specific provider "par"?	Call HealthLink Customer Service at (800) 624-2356, and specify network or product or provide example member
My company needs (another type) of (or initial) par file.	Email: Toni Moore (Toni.Moore@healthlink.com) Tammy Lippmann (Tammy.Lippmann@healthlink.com)
Something seems wrong with the par file transmission or the password routing has changed.	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)
Something seems wrong with the number of provider records on our par file.	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)
Cannot locate the weekly par file.	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)
Want to change to FTP transmission methods for par file receipt and/or the new file format.	Email: HealthLink IT mailbox (HLK_IT@healthlink.com)

Note: Fee schedule designations and fees are proprietary information and therefore not disclosed.

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