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CHRONIC DISEASE REGISTRY DATA DICTIONARY

The Chronic Disease Registries (CDR) comprises key dates, such as Incidence dates for over 20 chronic diseases, and Active Healthcare Contact dates for those that are considered episodic (i.e., relapsing-remitting conditions, such as asthma, depressive disorders, and others – see Table below for a complete list). An Incidence date is the date when a client first qualified as having a chronic disease. An Active Healthcare Contact date is the date of the first re-occurrence of a relapsing-remitting condition in a particular fiscal-year period. The CDR data is published once a year, usually in the spring. The current version of the CDR contains refreshed information from previous years plus the last year's additions. CDR data contains cases captured as far back as fiscal year 1992/1993, however, the recommended reporting period for Incidence and Active Healthcare Contact dates is from 2001/02 onwards.

There are two categories of records with associated Record Types:
INCIDENCE: Available for all chronic diseases. Contains the Incidence date - the date when a client first qualified as having a chronic disease. One "INCIDENCE" record per disease per client.
ACTIVE HEALTHCARE CONTACT: Available only for Relapsing-Remitting Chronic diseases. In addition to the incidence dates, contains the Active Healthcare Contact dates - the date of the first re-occurrence of a relapsing-remitting condition in a particular fiscal-year period. One "ACTIVE HEALTHCARE CONTACT" record per disease per client per fiscal year.

The term "Case Date" is used to refer to either the Incidence date or the Active HealthCare Contact date depending on the Record Type.

Incidence and Active Healthcare Contact Data for Chronic Diseases

DATA FIELD	DEFINITION
Version	The version of the registry
Client Study ID	Project-specific anonymized client identification replacing PHN.
Case Date	This Field represents two different types of dates related to a Chronic Disease Cases based on the Record Type column. If the Record Type is "INCIDENCE", then the Case Date is the first time the client met all the conditions to be qualified as a case based on the Chronic Disease case definition. For example, if the disease requires 2+ practitioner claims, Case Date will be the date recorded on the second practitioner claim that contributed to the client meeting the case criteria. When the Record Type is "INCIDENCE", there is only one record per client per disease. If the Record Type is "ACTIVE_HEALTCARE_CONTACT" then the Case Date is the date of the client's first healthcare system contact regarding a re-occurrence of a relapsing-remitting condition in a particular fiscal year. When the Record Type is "ACTIVE_HEALTCARE_CONTACT", there is one record per client per relapsing-remitting disease for every fiscal year within the requested date range where there was contact with the healthcare system.
Disease	The chronic disease identified for the client.
Record type	Set to "INCIDENCE" to indicate the first occurrence of a new disease, or "ACTIVE_HEALTHCARE_CONTACT" to indicate a re-occurrence of a relapsing-remitting condition.