

MedRIC Data Fee Structure and Data Distribution Process for Survey-linked Medicare Data

MedRIC currently distributes survey-linked Medicare data files to approved survey data users. Users are required to pay a licensing fee to acquire and retain the data. The purpose of this document is to provide information on the fee structure and distribution process for the survey-linked Medicare data. Specifically, the remainder of this document presents the licensing fee schedule and provides the steps in the data distribution process.

Fee Schedule

Each user (defined here as an individual CMS DUA) will pay a fixed fee of \$1,000 per year (or fraction of a year) that they hold an active CMS DUA. The \$1,000 fee applies to each year or partial year. MedRIC will invoice for the full amount of the user fee at the initiation of the request. This fee covers requests for new files, updated files (as they are made available to users), and user support.

At the end of the use period, a user will be required to a) submit documentation that the data have been destroyed; or b) pay an additional year of the licensing fee. Acumen will maintain records of this destruction of the data, and of all ongoing users.

MedRIC Data Distribution Process

The section outlines the steps in the MedRIC data distribution process. The process begins when MedRIC has been notified by HRS that a requestor has been approved to receive the survey-linked data files.

1. Notification from HRS that requestor has been authorized to receive survey-linked Medicare data.
2. MedRIC verifies files, years, and data custodian approved on the DUA with CMS directly.
 - a. MedRIC must ship data files to the data custodian as listed on the approved CMS DUA.
 - b. A DUA modification is required for adding a data custodian to DUA.
3. MedRIC emails payment invoice and licensing agreement to be signed by requestor.
4. Requestor mails the payment in the form of check (see mailing address below) and either mails or emails the signed licensing agreement to MedRIC.
5. After payment is received and processed, MedRIC will ship data files on encrypted media and email the shipment tracking number and decryption password to the data custodian.

MedRIC Mailing Address:

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