Variable Name	Variable Description	Variable Type	Range of Values	Value Description
PATIENT_ID	Linking ID	Char	.	This field is used to uniquely identify a person. This is a dummy number and is not the number used by the registry to identify the patient.
EPISODE_START_mon	Episode start month.	Num		
EPISODE_START_yr	Episode start year.	Num		
EPISODE_END_mon	Episode end month.	Num		End dates are estimated based on program-specific recertification windows. If an individual does not have another transaction for the program within the recertification window, the episode is assumed to end at the end of the recertification window (or death).
EPISODE_END_yr	Episode end year.	Num		End dates are estimated based on program-specific recertification windows. If an individual does not have another transaction for the program within the recertification window, the episode is assumed to end at the end of the recertification window (or death).
EPISODE_TIMING	Timing of the episode relative to diagnosis.	Num	1–3	1 = prior to diagnosis 2 = concurrent with diagnosis 3 = after diagnosis
EPISODE_PROGRAM	Program type for the episode.	Char		HCV = Housing Choice Voucher PH = Public Housing PBS8 = Section 8 Vouchers OTHER MF = Other Multifamily
EPISODE_IND	Index for the unique episode of housing assistance.	Num		This field is used to uniquely identify an episode of housing assistance at the patient-level. The values are in sequential order corresponding to episodes of assistance over time within an individual. This index can be used with the PATIENT_ID to link with the EPISODE_IND in the Temporal Alignment File and the Transaction Data file (only available upon special request).