

How do the administrative claims databases differ?

Selecting the appropriate data source can be a complex task, given the myriads of available options that often exhibit overlapping features, particularly within the domain of administrative claims data. To aid in distinguishing and understanding the key features and differences, we provide detailed insights into two of our most prominent datasets: Medicare and Medicaid T-MSIS.

Below, you will find a comparative table that outlines the distinct and shared characteristics of these datasets. If you have any questions or need further clarification, we encourage you to contact us. Our team is always ready to provide personalized support and discuss how our datasets can meet your specific needs.

Data Characteristic	Medicare	Medicaid T-MSIS
Number of covered lives	55M	Varies by state
Longitudinal linkage	✓	✓ (varies by state)
Dental claims	-	Varies
Demographics		
Date of Birth	✓	✓
Ages Covered	65+ or disabled	All ages, varies
Race	✓	✓
Employment Status	-	Varies
Additional Socio-Economic Info	-	Varies
Death Date	✓	Varies
Cause of Death	✓ (through 2016 only)	Varies
Geographic Information		
Census Region	✓	✓
State	✓	✓
County	✓	✓
ZIP Code	✓	✓
MSA	✓	✓ (varies by state)