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Navigation of Machine Readable Files Resource

Machine Readable Files - Location

Navigate to website: **mrfdata.hmhs.com***

*Please note that this link will be activated July 1, 2022

Click on Region (based on Plan Code*)
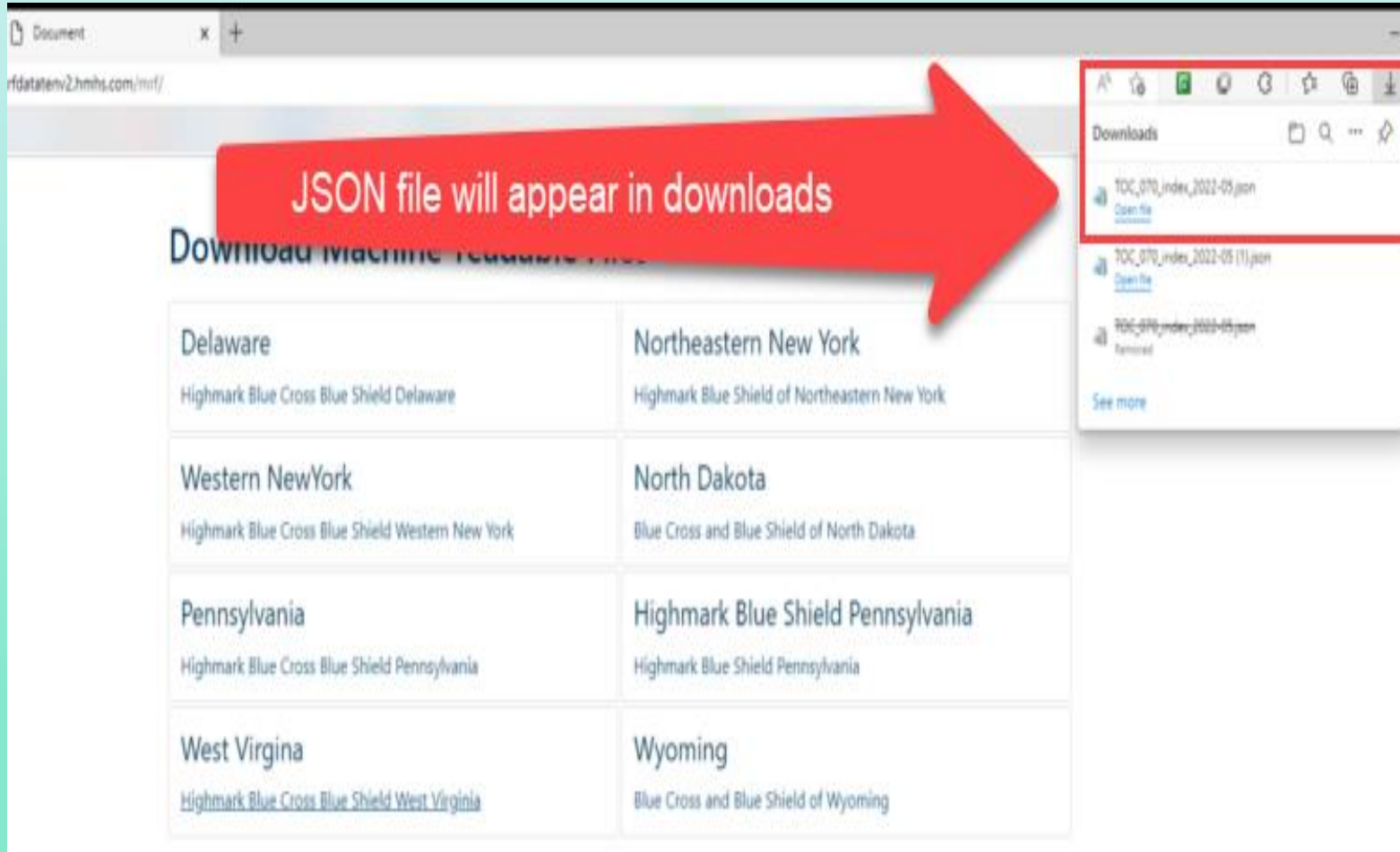
Download Machine-readable Files

Delaware — Plan Code: 070 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware	**Northeastern New York** — Plan Code: 800 Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York
Western NewYork — Plan Code: 301 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Western New York	**North Dakota** — Plan Code: N/A Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Dakota
Pennsylvania — Plan Code: 363 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Pennsylvania	**Highmark Blue Shield Pennsylvania** — Plan Code: 378 Highmark Blue Shield Pennsylvania
West Virginia — Plan Code: 443 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia	**Wyoming** — Plan Code: N/A Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Wyoming
Nebraska — Plan Code: 760/ 260 Blue Cross BlueShield of Nebraska	**IBC NA** — Plan Code: 862 Independence National Alliance Powered by Highmark
Arizona — Plan Code: 030 Blue Cross BlueShield of Arizona	**Idaho** — Plan Code: 110 Blue Cross of Idaho
Florida — Plan Code: 090 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida	**Minnesota** — Plan Code: 720 Blue Cross BlueShield of Minnesota
Louisiana. — Plan Code: 170 Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana	

*Please contact your Client Manager for Plan Code.

Machine Readable Files – How to Open Table of Contents

- The Table of Contents file will appear in the download section.

- The file will need to be opened via a webservice that supports JSON files.

Available webservices include:
- *Firefox*
- *Notepad (most commonly used but will not support large files)*
- *UltraEdit (Can support large files, more user-friendly), paid service*

Machine Readable Files – How Do Clients Find Their Information?

🔍 Search with Employer Identification Number (EIN) within the Table of Contents (Crtl + F). EIN will be displayed in the "Plan Id Type" field.

🔗 Select in-network or out-of-network URL *(Refer to the below examples)*

```
},
{
        "reporting_plans": [
                {
                        "plan_name": "363 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield:Highmark, Inc.",
                        "plan_id_type": "EIN",        ⟵ Employer Identification Number
                        "plan_id": "251293045",
                        "plan_market_type": "group"
                }
        ],
        "in_network_files": [
                {
                        "description": "in-network-rates file",
                        "location": "https://www.hmhs.com/files/2022-06-14_000002158_in-network-rates_1_Of_1.json"        ⟵ URL
                }
        ],
        "allowed_amount_file": {
                "description": "allowed-amount file",
                "location": "https://www.hmhs.com/files/2022-06-14_000002158_allowed-amount_1_Of_1.json"
        }
},
```

Machine Readable Files – How to Open MRFs

JSON file will appear in downloads
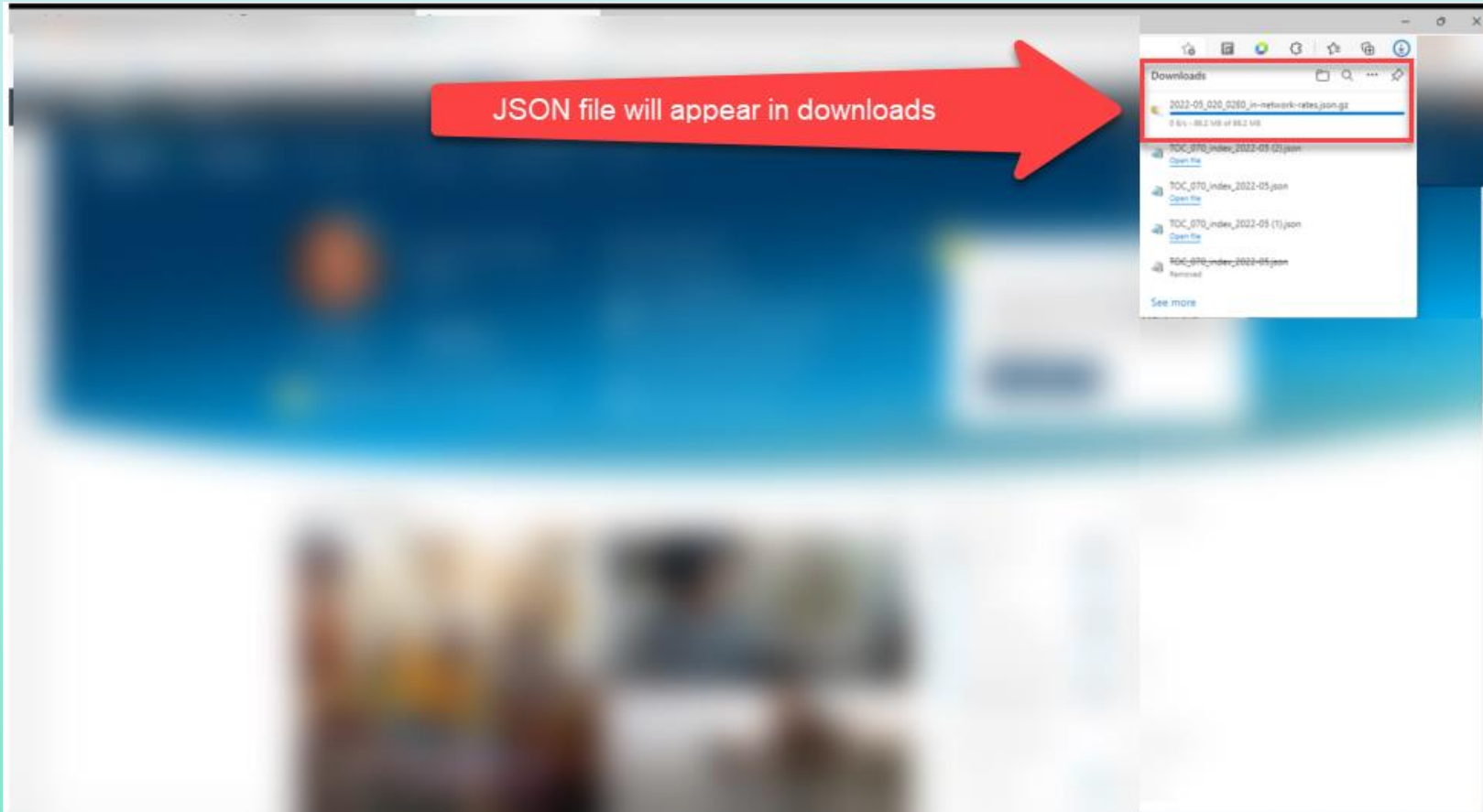
- When a URL is selected, a JSON file will appear in the download section.

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Machine Readable Files – What Will the MRFs Look Like?

In-Network Negotiated Rates

```
1   {
2       "reporting_entity_name": "          ",
3       "reporting_entity_type": "          ",
4       "plan_name": "r        ",
5       "plan_id_type": "HIOS",
6       "plan_id": "12345XX9876543",
7       "plan_market_type": "individual",
8       "last_updated_on": "2020-08-27",
9       "in_network": [{
10          "negotiation_arrangement": "bundle",
11          "name": "Total Knee Replacement",
12          "billing_code_type": "ICD",
13          "billing_code_type_version": "9",
14          "billing_code": "81.54",
15          "description": "Total Knee Replacement",
16          "negotiated_rates": [{
17              "providers": ["1111111111", "2222222222", "3333333333", "4444444444", "5555555555"],
18              "tin": "11-1111111",
19              "negotiated_price": {
20                  "negotiated_type": "negotiated",
21                  "negotiated_rate": 20000.00,
22                  "expiration_date": "2022-01-01"
23              }
24          },{
25              "providers": ["6666666666", "7777777777", "8888888888", "9999999999"],
26              "tin": "22-2222222",
27              "negotiated_price": {
28                  "negotiated_type": "negotiated",
29                  "negotiated_rate": 25000.00,
30                  "expiration_date": "2022-01-01"
31              }
32          }],
33          "bundled_codes": [{
34              "billing_code_type": "CPT",
35              "billing_code_type_version": "2020",
36              "billing_code": "27447",
37              "description": "Under Repair, Revision, and/or Reconstruction Procedures on the Femur (Thigh Region) and Knee Joint"
38          },{
39              "billing_code_type": "CPT",
40              "billing_code_type_version": "2020",
41              "billing_code": "27446",
42              "description": "Under Repair, Revision, and/or Reconstruction Procedures on the Femur (Thigh Region) and Knee Joint"
43          }]
44      }]
45  }
```

Out-of-Network Allowed Amount File

```
1   {
2       "reporting_entity_name": "       ",
3       "reporting_entity_type": "       ",
4       "plan_name": "       ",
5       "plan_id_type": "HIOS",
6       "plan_id": "12345XX9876543",
7       "plan_market_type": "individual",
8       "last_updated_on": "2020-08-27",
9       "out_of_network":[{
10          "name": "Established Patient Office or Other Outpatient Services",
11          "billing_code_type": "CPT",
12          "billing_code_type_version": "2020",
13          "billing_code": "99214",
14          "description": "office or other outpatient visits for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a
15          "allowed_amounts": [{
16              "tin": "1234567890",
17              "service_code": "01",
18              "payments": [{
19                  "allowed_amount": 25.00,
20                  "providers": [{
21                      "billed_amount": 50.00,
22                      "npi": [1234567891,1234567892,1234567893,1234567893]
23                  },{
24                      "billed_amount": 60.00,
25                      "npi": [1111111111]
26                  },{
27                      "billed_amount": 70.00,
28                      "npi": [2222222222,3333333333,4444444444,5555555555]
29                  }]
30              }]
31          }]
32      }]
33  }
```

Machine Readable Files – Will Clients be Compliant?

Data Integrity Validation

Files in JSON format

Publicly Available website

Updated Monthly

Follows V.1.0.0 Schema

REMINDER: MRFs will be large in size and are not consumer friendly since the CMS approved schema is targeted for machine ingestion rather than consumer download.

If members are looking for the best and most affordable care, we encourage the utilization of our cost estimator tool.