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Health Data Nova Scotia

## **Eligibility Group**

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# Summary of the ELIG GROUP Datasets

**Purpose:**

**Data Years:**

**Source Agency:**

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**Type:** Annual administrative records

**Target Population:**

**Security & Access:** [Apply for access](#)

**Legality:** Custodian:  
Use of data for research purposes must be [PHIA](#) and [PIPEDA](#) Compliant

**Variable Summary:**

## Dataset Details

The datasets are named such that *nn* represents the last two digits of the fiscal year the dataset records. E.g. ELIG14 contains eligibility group information for the fiscal year 2014.

### **ELIGGROUP $nn$**

## Definitions

### **SAS Date Format:**

Variables representing dates are stored in the SAS date format. This format is a value that represents the number of days between January 1, 1960, and the specified date. Dates before January 1, 1960, are negative numbers; dates after are positive numbers. SAS dates account for all leap year days, and can reliably tell you what day of the week a particular day was going back to Sept. 1752.

SAS dates can be formatted by HDNS to appear as human-readable dates for research projects.

# Variables in the Group Eligibility Datasets

## Individual Group Code

<b>Variable Name</b>	grpcode
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Unique group identifier
<b>Data Type</b>	CHAR
<b>Data Element Length</b>	3
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	

## Individual Group Name

<b>Variable Name</b>	grpname
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Contains the name of the group.
<b>Data Type</b>	CHAR
<b>Data Element Length</b>	30
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	

## Individual Group Type

<b>Variable Name</b>	grptype
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Indicates which type of group (nursing homes, veterans, etc.)
<b>Data Type</b>	NUM
<b>Data Element Length</b>	5
<b>Field Values</b>	1 = Nursing Home
<b>Additional Information</b>	Currently, HDNS only has access to eligibility group records for nursing homes in the province. However, we are hoping to access other groups such as the veteran's records in the future.
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	



## Health Card Number

<b>Variable Name</b>	msi
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Unique MSI individual identifier
<b>Data Type</b>	CHAR
<b>Data Element Length</b>	24
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	

## Effective From Date

<b>Variable Name</b>	fromdate
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Indicates when the individual started being part of the group.
<b>Data Type</b>	NUM
<b>Data Element Length</b>	8
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	

**Effective To Date**

<b>Variable Name</b>	todate
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Indicates when the individual ended being part of the group.
<b>Data Type</b>	NUM
<b>Data Element Length</b>	8
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	

## Fully Funded Indicator

<b>Variable Name</b>	full_fund
<b>Label</b>	
<b>Definition</b>	Indicates if the individual is publically funded.
<b>Data Type</b>	CHAR
<b>Data Element Length</b>	1
<b>Field Values</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Dates Available</b>	
<b>History</b>	