

NHATS-CMS Linked Files External File Request Form

List additional files that you plan to bring into the enclave (their purpose/contents should be described and justified in your research plan). **Files must be non-identifiable.** Below, for each file listed, provide the following:

- a) source and brief description of contents in the file
- b) how you will link (e.g. CCN, etc.)

An example is provided below.

| Filename | Source and Brief Description of Contents | Linkage Variable |
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| Example: CMS Provider of Services (POS) File | The POS files provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) contain provider certification, termination, accreditation, ownership, and other characteristics. Location, name, and other identifiable information will be dropped before linking to NHATS-CMS files. | CMS Certification number (CCN) |
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