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Navigating Healthcare Identifiers: HIN Assignments and Updates

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The HIN® System Data Standards

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Health Industry Number (HIN) Overview

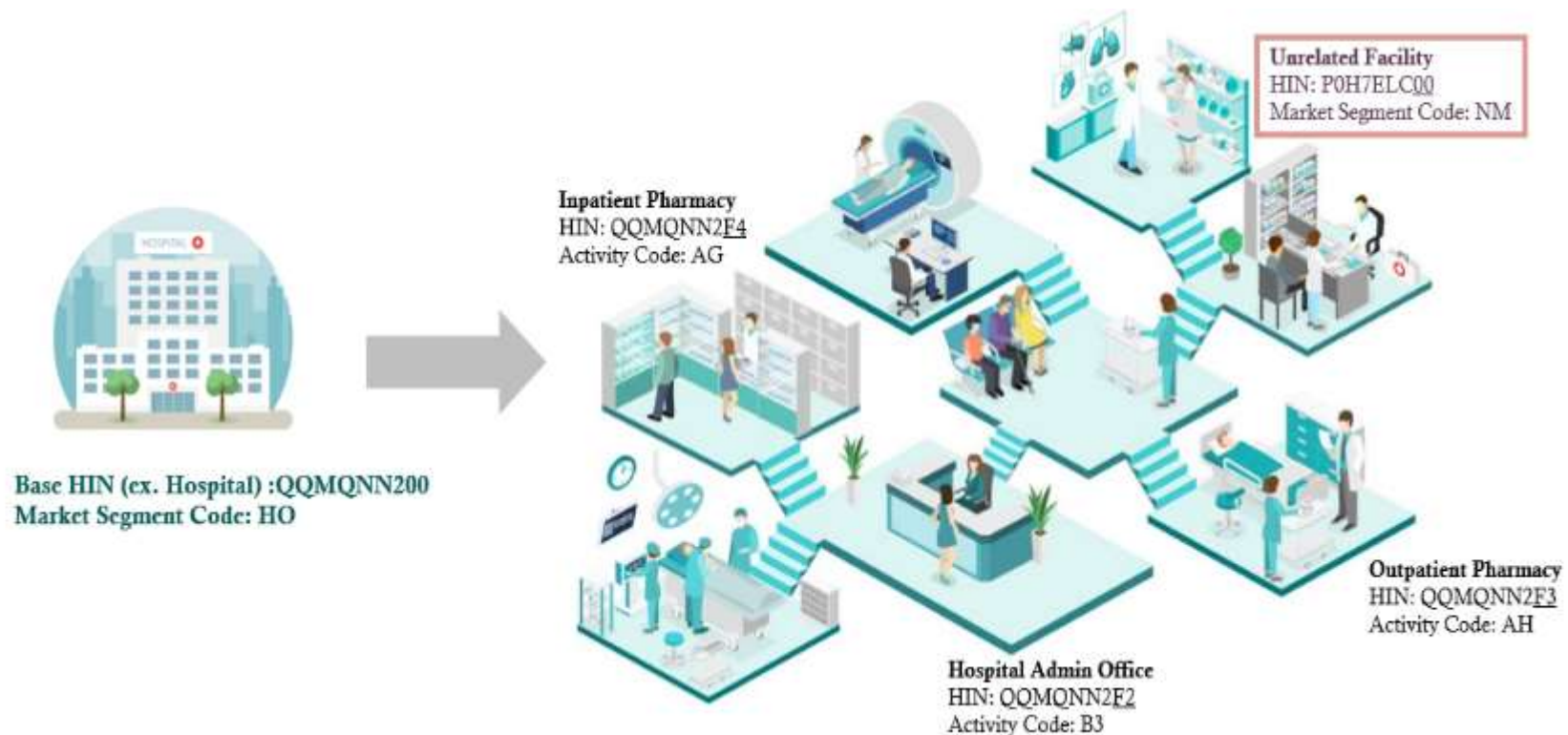
- A unique, universally accepted nine-character alphanumeric standard location identifier
- Addresses the need for a centralized standard for customer location identifiers and class of trade assignments
- Allows for easy cross-referencing of customer data among trading partners
- Helps facilitates chargebacks/rebates processing

Licensing the HIN System

- Full HIN System License required to use/receive HIN data (includes receiving HINs from customers)
- Licenses do not convey between subsidiaries/divisions
- All consultants, data handlers, and other third parties working on behalf of a licensee must also be licensed to use HIN data
- Licensees are responsible for ensuring an entity is licensed prior to sharing HIN data

Health Industry Number (HIN) Enumeration

HINs provide a consistent method for identifying services and locations from the top-level to the most granular. A single facility may be assigned with multiple HINs to identify the different functions that take place in the same location.



HIN Enumeration Process

HIN Licensee



Customer Data
sent to HIBCC

HIBCC

- ✓ Verify
- ✓ Validate
- ✓ Standardize

HIN

HIN Assigned by
HIBCC

Access the HIN Data via:

iHIN Web-Based Portal



or

HINAPI Service



HIN Enumeration Best Practices

- HINs can be assigned to a facility or practitioner
- Submit requests with complete facility name and physical address (no acronyms)
- Always include practitioner's credentials, if applicable
- PO box, rural routes, or cross-streets are not accepted
- Address must be valid per USPS
- Provide customer contact for verification
- Inform customers that HIBCC will be contacting them to verify HIN requests submitted

Health Industry Number (HIN) used in 340B Program

The HIN is utilized to identify covered entities and contracted pharmacies in the PHS Drug Pricing Program.

A HIN can be assigned to each eligible covered entity in the HRSA 340B database, which is then linked to its contracted pharmacy HIN and shipping address HIN for easy cross-referencing.



Accessing HIN Data

- iHIN Portal, www.hibcchin.org
- HIN API Service

For more information, visit our [HIN Resource Center](#) or contact us at info@hibcc.org.



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