

**Abstract:** NCI has created a Mergers and Acquisitions file that includes information on associated provider numbers for a hospital. This file was created from the Provider of Service (POS) files released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which collect information on previous or associated provider numbers for a hospital. The Mergers and Acquisition file contains one observation per provider number (current or previous).

**Number of Records:** 13,448

<u>COL</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1	Provider Number ( <b>prov_num</b> )	6	Hospital Identification Number; encrypted to match the provider number (hospital ID) on the MEDPAR, Outpatient, HHA and Hospice Files.
7	Group ID ( <b>group_id</b> )	8	A unique identifier to all associated provider numbers identified across all years of the hospital file. Missing = no associated provider numbers