MBSClassification.csv Field Descriptions
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MBSClassifications.csv provides text descriptions (DESCRIPTION field below) for the "Category", "Group", "Subgroup" and "SubHeading" fields of the MBS data files.

Fields are delimited by commas. The text qualifier is double quote marks.

Fields in MBSClassifications.csv are as follows:

CLASSN_ID	A unique identifier.
CODE	These are the codes provided in the ASCII and XML files in the Category, Group, Subgroup and Subheading fields.
HEADER	The text heading used in the printed book. The HEADER field is not set in legislation. It is included in the printed Medicare Benefits Schedule as a navigation aid.
DESCRIPTION	The text classification description. The DESCRIPTION field for CLASSN_TYPEs 1, 2, and 3 is provided by legislation. The DESCRIPTION field for CLASSN_TYPE 4 is not set in legislation. It is included in the printed Medicare Benefits Schedule as a navigation aid.
CLASSN_TYPE	The level in the classification hierarchy where: 1 = Category 2 = Group 3 = SubGroup 4 = SubHeading
CATEGORY	The CODE of the ultimate parent Category item.
CLASSN_CLASSN_ID	The CLASSN_ID of the next-level parent in the classification hierarchy. This field is empty for items with CLASSN_TYPE =1 (Category). Note that the next-level parent may skip levels in the CLASSN_TYPE hierarchy.