

# Synthetic Healthcare Data for Research (SyH-DR) Known Data Issue: Removal of Synthetic Drug ID

If you downloaded the SyH-DR data files before January 2024, you will see a variable called **Synthetic Drug ID** (SYNTHETIC\_DRUG\_ID), which does not contain any values (i.e., it is 100% missing). As of the SyH-DR data file update in January 2024, the **Synthetic Drug ID** (SYNTHETIC\_DRUG\_ID) variable no longer appears in the SyH-DR data files. No records are affected by this change. This change only affects the following:

- Pharmacy data files (.csv, .sas7bdat, and .dta)
  - syhdr\_commercial\_pharmacy\_2016
  - syhdr\_medicaid\_pharmacy\_2016
  - syhdr\_medicare\_pharmacy\_2016
- Import programs (6 in total: 3 SAS import programs and 3 Stata import programs)
  - SyHDR\_Commercial\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_SAS.sas
  - SyHDR\_Medicaid\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_SAS.sas
  - SyHDR\_Medicare\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_SAS.sas
  - SyHDR\_Commercial\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_Stata.do
  - SyHDR\_Medicaid\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_Stata.do
  - SyHDR\_Medicare\_Pharmacy\_2016\_Import\_Stata.do

If you downloaded SyH-DR data before January 2024 and would like a copy of the updated files, email the team at [DataInnovations@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:DataInnovations@ahrq.hhs.gov).

