Demographics Data Structure

One record per person within the defined health plan population; file should include 1 record for every member of the health plan, regardless of healthcare utilization. Few plans have complete information for Race or Hispanic origin.

Standard name: DEMO			
Variable name	**Variable Type and Length**	**Values**	**Definition and Comments**
MRN	Char (?)	Character. Unique to each health plan	Identifier unique to an individual. Used to link across files
Birth_Date	Numeric (4)	SAS Date	
Gender	Char (1)	M = Male F = Female O = Other T = Transsexual U = Unknown	Based on SEER gender categories
Race1 **Race2** **Race3** **Race4** **Race5**	Char (2)	'01' = "White" '02' = "Black" '03' = "American Indian, Aleutian, or Eskimo" '04' = "Chinese" '05' = "Japanese" '06' = "Filipino" '07' = "Hawaiian" '08' = "Korean" '09' = "Asian Indian, Pakistani" '10' = "Vietnamese" '11' = "Laotian" '12' = " Hmong " '13' = "Kampuchean" '14' = "Thai" '20' = "Micronesian, NOS" '21' = " Chamorran " '22' = " Guamanian , NOS" '25' = "Polynesian, NOS" '26' = "Tahitian" '27' = "Samoan" '28' = "Tongan"	

		'30' = "Melanesian, NOS" '31' = "Fiji Islander" '32' = "New Guinean" '96' = "Other Asian, incl. Asian, NOS and Oriental, NOS" '97' = "Pacific Islander, NOS" '98' = "Other" '99' = "Unknown"	
Hispanic	Char (1)	'Y' = Yes 'N' = No ' ' = Unknown	Hispanic origin (ethnicity)

Race coding based on SEER: http://www.seer.cancer.gov/tools/codingmanuals/race_code_pages.pdf. Please follow these coding guidelines:

If a person's race is recorded as white and any other race, code to the appropriate other race first then code to white in the next field.
If a person's race is recorded as a combination of Hawaiian and any other races, code Race1 as Hawaiian then code race 2-5. Otherwise, code Race1 to the first stated non-white race ('02' – '98')
If a specific Asian code is available do not use '96' Asian NOS
If Race1 is unknown '99', then Race2-5 must also be '99'
If only 1 race is reported for the person use code '88' for the remaining fields
If race information is found in multiple sources, use the source considered to be most reliable.