

County-Level FFS Data for Shared Savings Program Benchmark PUF Data Dictionary

Term Name	Variable Name	Definition	Footnotes	Applicable File Year(s)
Year	Year	Calendar year for which per capita expenditures, average risk scores, and person-years are calculated.	NA	2018 - 2020
State name	State_Name	State name.	NA	2018 - 2020
County name	County_Name	County name.	NA	2018 - 2020
State ID	State_ID	SSA state code. Note that this code should always include two numeric characters, though leading zeros may be dropped when opening the files in some programs (e.g. a value of "01" may appear as "1").	NA	2018 - 2020
County ID	County_ID	SSA county code. Note that this code should always include three numeric characters, though leading zeros may be dropped when opening the files in some programs (e.g. a value of "001" may appear as "1").	NA	2018 - 2020
Per capita ESRD expenditures	Per_Capita_Exp_ESRD	Annualized, truncated, weighted mean total expenditures per ESRD assignable beneficiary person year in the county. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Average ESRD HCC risk score	Avg_Risk_Score_ESRD	Final, mean prospective CMS-HCC risk score for assignable beneficiaries in ESRD enrollment type in the county, based on the applicable risk adjustment model for that year, renormalized so that the mean national FFS risk score for the assignable ESRD population equals 1.0. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
ESRD person-years	Person_Years_ESRD	Number of assignable beneficiaries with ESRD enrollment type in the county, adjusted for the total number of months that each beneficiary was classified as ESRD and was enrolled in Part A and Part B and was not enrolled in a Medicare Group Health Plan. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Per capita DISABLED expenditures	Per_Capita_Exp_DIS	Annualized, truncated, weighted mean total expenditures per DISABLED assignable beneficiary person year in the county. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Average DISABLED HCC risk score	Avg_Risk_Score_DIS	Final, mean prospective CMS-HCC risk score for assignable beneficiaries in DISABLED enrollment type in the county, based on the applicable risk adjustment model for that year, renormalized so that the mean national FFS risk score for the assignable DISABLED population equals 1.0. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020

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DISABLED person-years	Person_Years_DIS	Number of assignable beneficiaries with DISABLED enrollment type in the county, adjusted for the total number of months that each beneficiary was classified as DISABLED and was enrolled in Part A and Part B and was not enrolled in a Medicare Group Health Plan. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Per capita AGED/DUAL expenditures	Per_Capita_Exp_AGDU	Annualized, truncated, weighted mean total expenditures per AGED/DUAL assignable beneficiary person year in the county. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Average AGED/DUAL HCC risk score	Avg_Risk_Score_AGDU	Final, mean prospective CMS-HCC risk score for assignable beneficiaries in AGED/DUAL enrollment type in the county, based on the applicable risk adjustment model for that year, renormalized so that the mean national FFS risk score for the assignable AGED/DUAL population equals 1.0. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
AGED/DUAL person-years	Person_Years_AGDU	Number of assignable beneficiaries with AGED/DUAL enrollment type in the county, adjusted for the total number of months that each beneficiary was classified as AGED/DUAL and was enrolled in Part A and Part B and was not enrolled in a Medicare Group Health Plan. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Per capita AGED/NON-DUAL expenditures	Per_Capita_Exp_AGND	Annualized, truncated, weighted mean total expenditures per AGED/NON-DUAL assignable beneficiary person year in the county. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
Average AGED/NON-DUAL HCC risk score	Avg_Risk_Score_AGND	Final, mean prospective CMS-HCC risk score for assignable beneficiaries in AGED/NON-DUAL enrollment type in the county, based on the applicable risk adjustment model for that year, renormalized so that the mean national FFS risk score for the assignable AGED/NON-DUAL population equals 1.0. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020
AGED/NON-DUAL person-years	Person_Years_AGND	Number of assignable beneficiaries with AGED/NON-DUAL enrollment type in the county, adjusted for the total number of months that each beneficiary was classified as AGED/DUAL and was enrolled in Part A and Part B and was not enrolled in a Medicare Group Health Plan. See parameters and notes for further details.	(.) = Missing (county has no assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type) (*) = Suppressed (county has between 1 and 10 assignable beneficiaries with this enrollment type)	2018 - 2020

Parameters

File year	File name	Assignment window (period over which assignable beneficiaries for county-level values identified)	Report period (period over which expenditures, risk scores, and person years are calculated)	Performance year upon which assignment methodology is based	Claims run-out	Completion factor
2020	ACO.SSP.PROSP.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2020.csv	October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019	January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020	PY 2021	3 months	1.013
2019	ACO.SSP.PROSP.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2019.csv	October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018	January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019	PY 2021	3 months	1.013
2018	ACO.SSP.PROSP.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2018.csv	October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017	January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018	PY 2021	3 months	1.013
2020	ACO.SSP.RETRO.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2020.csv	January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020	January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020	PY 2021	3 months	1.013
2019	ACO.SSP.RETRO.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2019.csv	January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019	January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019	PY 2021	3 months	1.013
2018	ACO.SSP.RETRO.COUNTYRATE.PUF.PY21.2018.csv	January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018	January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018	PY 2021	3 months	1.013

Expenditure Truncation Thresholds (based on assignable beneficiaries identified in calendar year assignment window; used for both prospective and retrospective files)

File year	ESRD	DISABLED	AGED/DUAL	AGED/NON-DUAL
2020	\$436,782.96	\$152,996.98	\$205,783.75	\$132,413.22
2019	\$430,634.88	\$148,364.88	\$201,073.29	\$133,340.05
2018	\$426,476.04	\$140,147.02	\$191,857.92	\$128,926.74

National Assignable FFS Mean CMS-HCC Risk Scores Used to Renormalize CMS-HCC Risk Scores (based on assignable beneficiaries identified in calendar year assignment window; used for both prospective and retrospective files)

File year	ESRD	DISABLED	AGED/DUAL	AGED/NON-DUAL
2020	1.04803	1.27488	1.81883	1.06392
2019	1.06498	1.28268	1.82560	1.06370
2018	1.10718	1.28769	1.81619	1.06046

Notes

1. For definition of assignable beneficiary, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Statutes & Regulations](#)
2. For definitions of primary care services, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Statutes & Regulations](#)
3. For definitions of providers, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Statutes & Regulations](#)
4. For information on computing expenditures, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Guidance & Specifications](#)
5. For information on prospective CMS-HCC risk scores and renormalization, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Guidance & Specifications](#)
6. For information on computing person years, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Guidance & Specifications](#)
7. Per capita expenditure, average risk score, and person year for 2020 file have been adjusted to exclude months associated with episodes of care for treatment of COVID-19. For more information on these adjustments, see:
[Medicare Shared Savings Program Guidance & Specifications](#)