Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I report a problem, or make a suggestion about the Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard?
A: To report a problem or submit feedback, please use the Submit Feedback link found at the bottom of the Dashboard Page.

Q: Why do I have to scroll to see the Dashboard?
A: The dashboard was designed to be displayed with 1280 X 800 resolution, and tested on Internet Explorer 8. For best results, you may wish to enable Full Screen mode on your Internet browser.

Q: Why can't I see IPPS data for the state of Maryland?
A: Maryland and U.S. Territories other than Puerto Rico do not participate in IPPS and therefore, no data is available.

Q: Are there any plans to include any future CMS data sets (Medicaid utilization, Medicare fee-for-service stats, etc.) into a dashboard format?
A: Currently, Part B Physician/Supplier, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, and Medicare Enrollment Dashboards are available at http://www.cms.gov/Dashboard/. There are future plans to release dashboards focusing on Medicare Spending, Total BENE, Fraud & Abuse, etc. Be sure to check the website periodically for new releases.

Q: Am I able to lookup volume figures for a specific Hospital?
A: The Medicare Hospital Inpatient Dashboard is designed to show Top Hospitals by DRG, and it is not intended to display individual information on all facilities. To see information for a specific hospital, visit the Hospital Compare website at http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/. Select the 'For Consumers' tab.

Q: How can I see the data that is used in the Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard?
A: You can download the data used in the Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard. To do so, go to the Downloads section of the View Dashboard or Part A Dashboard page, and right-click on **Accessibility Files**. Select **Save As…** to save the files to your computer.

Q: Are the states in the Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard Beneficiary or Provider States?
A: The states in the dashboard are Provider States.

Q: How frequently will the data be updated in the Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard?
A: The Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard data are updated in March on an annual basis. The Part A Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) claim includes discharges, for Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) acute care hospital care **only**, that occurred during a federal fiscal year (FFY). The FFY begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year.

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