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CHARGES & REVENUE

Total gross charges

The sum of “Gross fee-for-service charges” and “Gross charges for patients covered by capitation contracts.”

Total medical revenue

The sum of “Total net fee-for-service collections/revenue,” “Net capitation revenue,” and “Net other medical revenue.”

Total medical revenue after operating cost

The difference between “Total operating cost” and “Total medical revenue.”

Total medical revenue after operating and advanced practice provider cost

“Total operating cost” plus “Total medical revenue” minus “Total advanced practice provider cost”

Total net fee-for-service collections/revenue [4300-4330, 4350-4420]¹¹

The total technical and professional net fee-for-service revenue. If the practice used accrual basis accounting, “Total net fee-for-service collections/revenue” equals “Gross fee-for-service charges” minus “Adjustments to fee-for-service charges,” minus “Bad debts due to fee-for-service activity.”

Gross fee-for-service charges (excludes capitation charges) [4100-4130]¹¹

The full value, at the practice’s undiscounted rates, of all services provided to fee-for-service, discounted fee-for-service, and non-capitated patients for all payers.

Included:

- Professional services provided by physicians, advanced practice providers, and other physician extenders such as nurses and medical assistants;
- Both the professional and technical components (TC) of laboratory, radiology, medical diagnostic, and surgical procedures;
- Drug charges, including vaccinations, allergy injections, immunizations, and chemotherapy and anti-nausea drugs;
- Charges for supplies consumed during a patient encounter inside the practice’s facilities. Charges for supplies sold to patients for consumption outside the practice’s facilities are reported as a subset of “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services”;
- Facility fees. Examples of facility fees include fees for the operation of an ambulatory surgery unit or fees for the operation of a medical practice owned by a hospital where split billing for professional and facility services is utilized;
- Charges for fee-for-service services allowed under the terms of capitation contracts;
- Charges for professional services provided on a case-rate reimbursement basis; and
- Charges for purchased services for fee-for-service patients. Purchased services for fee-for-service patients are defined as services that are purchased by the practice from external providers and facilities on behalf of the practice’s fee-for-service patients.

For purchased services, note the following:

- The revenue for such services is included in “Total net fee-for-service collections/revenue”;
- The cost for such services is included, as appropriate, in “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging” or “Other ancillary services”; and
- The count of the number of purchased procedures for fee-for-service patients are included in Total Procedures

Not included:

- Charges for services provided to capitation patients. Such charges are included in “Gross charges for patients covered by capitation contracts”;
- Charges for pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment sold to patients primarily for use outside the practice. Examples include prescription drugs, hearing aids, optical goods, orthopedic supplies, etc. The revenue generated by such charges is included in “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services”; or
- Charges for any other activities that generate the revenue reported in “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services.”

Adjustments to fee-for-service charges (value of services performed for which payment is not expected) [4200-4240, 4500-4600]¹¹

The difference between “Gross fee-for-service charges” and the amount expected to be paid by or back to patients or third-party payers. This represents the value of services performed for which payment is not expected.

Included:

- Medicare/Medicaid charge restrictions (the difference between the practice’s full, undiscounted charge and the Medicare limiting charge);
- Third-party payer contractual adjustments (commercial insurance and/or managed care organization);
- Charitable, professional courtesy or employee adjustments; and
- The difference between a gross charge and the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) payment. This could be a positive or negative adjustment.
- Refunds for overpayments, duplicate payments or for amounts which should not have been collected.

Adjusted fee-for-service charges

The difference between “Gross fee-for-service charges” and “Adjustments to fee-for-service charges.”

Bad debts due to fee-for-service activity (accounts assigned to collection agencies) [6900-6920]¹¹

The difference between “Adjusted fee-for-service charges” and the amount collected.

Included:

- Losses on settlements for less than the billed amount;
- Accounts written off as not collectible;
- Accounts assigned to collection agencies; and
- In the case of accrual accounting, the provision for bad debts.

Net capitation revenue

The difference between “Purchased services for capitation patients” and “Gross capitation revenue.”

Gross charges for patients covered by capitation contracts [4170]¹¹

Also known as fee-for-service equivalent gross charges. The full value, at a practice’s undiscounted rates, of all covered services provided to patients covered by all capitation contracts, regardless of payer.

Included:

Fee-for-service equivalent gross charges for all services covered under the terms of the practice’s capitation contracts, such as:

- Professional services provided by physicians, advanced practice providers, and other physician extenders such as nurses and medical assistants;
- Both the professional and technical components (TC) of laboratory, radiology, medical diagnostic, and surgical procedures;
- Drug charges, including vaccinations, allergy injections, immunizations, and chemotherapy and anti-nausea drugs;
- Charges for supplies consumed during a patient encounter inside the practice’s facilities. Charges for supplies sold to patients for consumption outside the practice’s facilities are reported as a subset of “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services”; and
- Facility fees. Examples of facility fees include fees for the operation of an ambulatory surgery unit or fees for the operation of a medical practice owned by a hospital where split billing for professional and facility services is utilized.

Not included:

- Pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and equipment sold to patients primarily for use outside the practice. Examples include prescription drugs, hearing aids, optical goods, orthopedic supplies, etc. If such goods are not covered under the capitation contract, the revenue from these charges is included in “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services”;
- The value of purchased services from external providers and facilities on behalf of the practice’s capitation patients. The cost of these purchased services is included in “Purchased services for capitation patients”;
- Charges for fee-for-service activity allowed under the terms of capitation contracts. Such charges are reported as “Gross fee-for-service charges”; or
- Capitation revenue.

Gross capitation revenue (per member per month capitation payments, capitation patient copayments) [4700-4770]¹¹

Revenue received in a fixed per member payment, usually on a prospective and monthly basis, to pay for all covered goods and services due to capitation patients.

Included:

- Per member per month capitation payments including those received from an HMO, Medicare AAPCC (average annual per capita cost) payments, state capitation payments for Medicaid beneficiaries, and capitation payments from other medical groups;
- Portions of the capitation withholds returned to a practice as part of a risk-sharing arrangement;
- Bonuses and incentive payments paid to a practice for good capitation contract performance;
- Patient copayments or other direct payments made by capitation patients;
- Payments received due to a coordination of benefits and/or reinsurance recovery situation for capitation patients; and
- Payments made by other payers for care provided to capitation patients.

Not included:

- Payments paid to a practice by an HMO under the terms of a discounted fee-for-service managed care contract. Such payments are included in “Total net fee-for-service collections/revenue.”

Purchased services for capitation patients [7810-7828]¹¹

Fees paid to healthcare providers and organizations external to the practice for services provided to capitation patients under the terms of capitation contracts.

Included:

- Payments to providers outside the practice for physician professional, advanced practice professional, clinical laboratory, radiology and imaging, hospital inpatient and emergency, ambulance, out of area emergency and pharmacy services; and
- Accrued expenses for “incurred but not reported” (IBNR) claims for purchased services for capitation patients for which invoices have not been received.

Net other medical revenue

The difference between “Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities” and “Gross revenue from other medical activities.”

Gross revenue from other medical activities

The sum of “Incentive-based revenue,” “Other medical revenue” and “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services.”

Not included:

- Interest income, which is reported as “Nonmedical revenue”;
- Income from practice nonmedical property such as parking areas or commercial real estate, which is reported as “Nonmedical revenue”;
- Income from business ventures such as a billing service or parking lot, which is reported as “Nonmedical revenue”;
- One-time gains from the sale of equipment or property, which is reported as “Nonmedical revenue”; or
- Cash received from loans, which is not reported anywhere in this survey.

Incentive-based revenue [4800-4860]¹¹

Payments received from insurance companies and government agencies for incentive-based activities such as pay-for-performance, risk-sharing, shared savings, quality and technology.

Included:

- Pay-for-performance payments for reporting quality, efficiency, or patient satisfaction metrics for patients insured under feed-for-service payment contracts;
- Risk pool insurance;
- Shared savings payments (i.e. Accountable Care Organization (ACO)); and
- Incentive payments for adopting Certified EHR Technology and/or meeting quality standards (i.e. MACRA/MIPS).

Other medical revenue (research contract revenue, honoraria, teaching income) [4900-4950, 4970]¹¹

Other source of medical revenue such as grants, research/clinical studies, educational subsidies, donations, honoraria and more.

Included:

- Payments received for the reproduction of patient records;
- Medical directorship revenue received by the practice and not a specific individual for providing medical administration to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare organizations;
- Grant revenue from federal, state, or local government or private foundation grants for research, provision of patient care to the indigent, or case management of the frail and elderly;
- Research and clinical studies revenue from pharmaceutical studies, medical device studies, and other research activities conducted by the practice;
- Educational subsidies received by the practice for graduate medical education and training of medical, nursing and medical technician students;
- Any endowment or gift received by the organization;
- Revenue for medical-related activities such as honoraria, education seminars, expert witness testimonies;
- Payment to the practice for physicians working in a hospital emergency room; and
- Contract revenue from a school district for physician services in conducting physical examinations or other service.

Not included:

- Charges for the delivery of services made possible by subsidies or grants were included in “Gross fee-for-service charges” and/or “Gross charges for patients covered by capitation contracts”;
- Operating and nonoperating subsidies received from a parent organization such as a hospital, health system, PPMC, or MSO. Such items should be included in, “Financial support from parent organization (subsidies)”;
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness payment. Such items should be included in, “Extraordinary nonmedical revenue.”

Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services [4340-4349]¹¹

Income from the sale of medical products and revenue paid to the practice for professional services provided by practice physicians and staff members.

Included:

- Revenue from pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment sold to patients primarily for use outside the practice. This amount should be net of write-offs and discounts. Examples include prescription drugs, hearing aids, optical goods, orthopedic supplies, etc.;
- Compensation paid by a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or insurance company to a practice physician for services as a medical director;
- The hourly wages of physicians working in a hospital emergency room;
- Contract revenue from a hospital for physician services in staffing a hospital indigent care clinic or emergency room;
- Contract revenue from a school district for physician services in conducting physical exams for high school athletes;
- Revenue from the preparation of court depositions, expert testimony, postmortem reports, and other special reports; and
- Fees received from patients for the photocopying of patient medical records.

Not included:

- Capitation revenue used to pay for covered goods and services for capitation patients. Such revenue is included in “Gross capitation revenue.”

Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities [7900- 7919]¹¹

Cost of activities that generate revenue included in “Revenue from the sale of medical goods and services,” as long as this cost is not also included in “Total operating cost” or “Nonmedical cost.”

Included:

- Cost of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment sold to patients primarily for use outside the practice. Examples include prescription drugs, hearing aids, optical goods, and orthopedic supplies; and
- Any provider consultant cost(s).

Not included:

- Cost of drugs used in providing services including vaccinations, allergy injections, immunizations, chemotherapy, and anti-nausea drugs. Such cost is included in “Drug supply”; or
- Cost of medical/surgical supplies and instruments used in providing medical/surgical services. Such cost is included in “Medical and surgical supply.”

Net nonmedical income or loss

The sum of (“Nonmedical revenue,” “Extraordinary nonmedical revenue,” and “Financial support from parent organization”), minus (“Goodwill amortization,” “Nonmedical cost,” and “Extraordinary nonmedical cost”).

Nonmedical revenue (investment and rental revenue) [9100-9140, 9160-9170, 9190]¹¹**Included:**

- Interest and investment revenue such as interest, dividends, and/or capital gains earned on savings accounts, certificates of deposit, securities, stocks, bonds, and other short-term or long-term investments;
- Gross rental revenue such as rent, or lease income earned from practice-owned property not used in practice operations;
- Capital gains on the sale of practice real estate or equipment, etc.;
- Interest paid by insurance companies for failure to pay claims on time;
- Bounced check charges paid by patients; and
- Gross revenue from business ventures such as a billing service or parking lot. The direct costs of such ventures should be reported as “Nonmedical cost.”

Not included:

- Cash received from loans, which is not reported anywhere our survey.

Extraordinary nonmedical revenue [9150, 9700]¹¹

Revenue that is unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence.

Included:

- Legal settlement receipts;
- Environmental disaster recovery funds; and
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness payment.

Not included:

- Revenues included in “Nonmedical revenue.”

Financial support from parent organization (subsidiaries) [4960, 9180]¹¹

Medical practices may receive financial support from a parent organization such as a hospital, health system, PPMC or MSO.

Included:

- Operating subsidy income provided to the practice from a parent organization such as a hospital, health system, PPMC or MSO; and
- Nonoperating subsidy income received from parent organization such as a hospital, health system, PPMC or MSO. (i.e. Capitalization projects such as a facility construction).

Not Included:

- Payments received by the practice and not a specified individual for providing medical administration to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare organizations. Such items should be included in “Other Medical Revenue”.

Goodwill amortization [9250]¹¹

The annual amortization or impairment cost of goodwill. When an IDS, hospital, or PPMC purchases a medical practice, the purchase price can be thought of as having two components — the value of the tangible assets and the value of the goodwill. Goodwill is the premium paid in excess of the value of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets. If financial statements are maintained in accordance with the income tax basis of accounting, goodwill may be amortized over a period of time. If financial statements are reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, goodwill is periodically reviewed for impairment. The tangible and identifiable intangible assets are typically depreciated/amortized over a period of time.

Not included:

Depreciation of tangible or identifiable intangible assets such as the building or equipment. These depreciation costs are reported as a component of “Information technology” cost, “Building depreciation” cost, “Furniture and equipment depreciation” cost, “Clinical laboratory” cost, “Radiology and imaging” cost, and “Other ancillary services” cost.

Nonmedical cost (income taxes) [9200-9210, 9230-9240, 9260, 9300-9530]¹¹

Included:

- Income taxes based on net profit that is paid to federal, state, or local government. For cash basis accounting, income taxes equal the cash payment or refund for the most recent tax year paid or received in the most recent tax year plus, periodic withholding paid for those taxes. For accrual accounting, the income tax equals the total tax liability for the most recent tax year regardless of when the tax was paid, or refunds were received;
- All costs required to maintain the productivity of income producing rental property and parking lots;
- Losses on the sale of real estate or equipment and losses from the sale of marketable securities;

- Other nonmedical cost;
- All direct costs related to business ventures such as rental property, parking lots, or billing services, for which gross revenue is reported as “Nonmedical revenue”; and
- State taxes on medical revenue.

Extraordinary nonmedical cost [9220, 9600, 9800]¹¹

Cost that is unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence.

Included:

- Legal settlement cost; and
- Environmental disaster recovery cost.

Not included:

- Cost included in “Nonmedical cost.”

Net income, excluding financial support (all practices)

Also referred to as: Investment per physician, loss per physician

“Total medical revenue” minus “Operating cost” minus “Provider cost” plus “Net nonmedical income or loss” for all practices, regardless of whether they received financial support for operating costs or not.

Net income, practices with financial support

Also referred to as: Investment per physician, loss per physician

“Total medical revenue” minus “Operating cost” minus “Provider cost” plus “Net nonmedical income or loss” for all practices that reported a value for “Financial support for operating cost.”

Net income, practices without financial support

Also referred to as: Investment per physician, loss per physician

“Total medical revenue” minus “Operating cost” minus “Provider cost” plus “Net nonmedical income or loss” for all practices that did not report a value for “Financial support for operating cost.”

EXPENSES

Provider Expenses:

Advanced Practice Provider (APP)

Also referred to as: Advanced practice practitioners, nonphysician providers (NPPs), physician extenders, mid-levels, etc.

Advanced practice providers are specially trained and licensed providers who can provide medical care and billable services. Examples of advanced practice providers include audiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), dietitians/nutritionists, midwives, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, optometrists, physical therapists, physician assistants, psychologists, and surgeon’s assistants.

NOTE: Residents are not considered advanced practice providers in MGMA datasets

Provider

Both physician and advanced practice providers (APP) that provide medical care and billable services.

Included:

- Practice providers such as shareholders/partners, salaried associates, employed and contracted providers, and locum tenens;
- Residents and fellows working at the practice; and
- Only providers involved in clinical care.

Not included:

- Full-time provider administrators or the time that a provider devotes to medical director activities. The FTE and cost for such activities are included as "General administrative."

Total provider cost

The sum of "Total advanced practice provider" and "Total physician" costs.

Total physician cost

The sum of "Primary care physicians," "Nonsurgical specialty physicians," and "Surgical specialty physicians" costs.

Total physician compensation cost [8110-8116, 8119, 8210-8216, 8219, 8310-8316, 8319, 8610-8616, 8619]¹¹

The total compensation paid to physicians.

Included:

- Compensation for shareholders/partners, associates on salary, employed physicians, contract physicians, locum tenens, residents, and fellows;
- Compensation for full-time and part-time physicians;
- Provider wages reported as direct compensation in
 - Box 5 on the W2.
 - Box 7 on the 1099.
 - Box 1 plus Box 4 minus Box 12 minus Box 13 from the provider's K-1 form 1065.
 - Box 5 (Medicare wages and tips) from the providers W-2 plus Box 1 minus Box 11 minus Box 12 from the provider's K-1 form 1120S.
- Bonus and/or incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria, distribution of profits;
- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k), 403(b), or Section 12 plans; and
- Compensation attributable to activities related to revenue in "Nonmedical revenue."

Not included:

- Amounts included in "Total physician benefit cost," Cost column;
- Provider consultant cost;
- Expense reimbursements;

- Fringe benefits paid by the medical practice (such as retirement plan contributions, life and health insurance, automobile allowances); or
- Any employer contributions to a 401(k), 403(b), or Keogh Plan.

Total physician benefit cost [8117-8118, 8120-8180, 8217-8218, 8220-8280, 8317-8318, 8320-8380, 8617-8618, 8620-8680]¹¹

The total benefits paid to physicians.

Included:

- Employer's share of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), payroll, and unemployment insurance taxes;
- Employer's share of health, disability, life, and workers' compensation insurance;
- Employer payments to defined benefit and contribution, 401(k), 403(b), and nonqualified retirement plans;
- Deferred compensation paid or expensed during the year;
- Dues and memberships in professional organizations, state, and local license fees;
- Allowances for education, professional meetings, travel, and automobile; and
- Entertainment, country/athletic club membership, and travel for spouse.

Not included:

- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k) and 403(b) plans; or
- Expense reimbursements.

Total advanced practice provider cost

The sum of the cost for full-time advanced practice providers and part-time advanced practice providers.

Advanced practice provider compensation cost [8410-8416, 8419, 8510-8516, 8519]¹¹

The number of FTE advanced practice providers in the practice. Advanced practice providers are specifically trained and licensed providers who can provide medical care and billable services. Examples of advanced practice providers include audiologist, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs), clinical social workers (CSWs), dietitians/nutritionists, midwives, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, optometrist, physical therapists, physician assistants, psychologists and surgeon assistants. The total compensation paid to advanced practice providers who comprise the count of "Total advanced practice provider," Cost column.

Included:

- Compensation for both employed and contracted advanced practice providers;
- Compensation for full-time and part-time advanced practice providers;

- Provider wages reported as direct compensation in
 - Box 5 on the W2.
 - Box 7 on the 1099.
 - Box 1 plus Box 4 minus Box 12 minus Box 13 from the provider's K-1 form 1065.
 - Box 5 (Medicare wages and tips) from the provider's W-2 plus Box 1 minus Box 11 minus Box 12 from the provider's K-1 form 1120S.
- Bonus and/or incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria, distribution of profits; and
- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k), 403(b), or Section 125 plans.

Not included:

- Amounts included in "Advanced practice provider benefit cost," Cost column;
- Expense reimbursements;
- Fringe benefits paid by the medical practice (such as retirement plan contributions, life and health insurance, automobile allowances); or
- Any employer contributions to a 401(k), 403(b), or Keogh Plan

Advanced practice provider benefit cost [8417-8418, 8420-8480, 8517-8518, 8520-8580]¹¹**Included:**

- Employer's share of FICA, payroll, and unemployment insurance taxes;
- Employer's share of health, disability, life, and workers' compensation insurance;
- Employer payments to defined benefit and contribution, 401(k), 403(b), and nonqualified retirement plans;
- Deferred compensation paid or expensed during the year;
- Dues and memberships in professional organizations, state, and local license fees;
- Allowances for education, professional meetings, travel, automobile; and
- Entertainment, country/athletic club membership, travel for spouse, etc.

Not included:

- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k) and 403(b) plans; or
- Expense reimbursements.

Staff Expenses:**Included:**

- Salaries, bonuses, incentive payments, honoraria, and profit distributions;
- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k), 403(b), or Section 125 plans;
- Compensation paid to the total FTE count;
- Compensation for all support staff employed by all the legal entities working in support of the medical practice represented on this survey;
- The allocated support staff cost where the practice consists of multiple legal entities; and
- Compensation for both full-time and part-time employed support staff.

Not included:

- Expense reimbursements; or
- Any benefits or the cost of contracted support staff who do not work for any of the legal entities that comprise the medical practice.

Total Support Staff Cost

The sum of “Total support staff cost,” “Total employed support staff cost” and “Total contracted support staff cost.”

Total Employed Support Staff Cost [5100, 5200]¹¹

The “Total employed support staff benefit cost” benchmark represents the total benefits of all employed support staff reported in “Total employed support staff” FTE.

Included:

- Employer’s share of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), payroll and unemployment insurance taxes;
- Employer’s share of health, disability, life, and workers’ compensation insurance;
- Employer payments to defined benefit and contribution, 401(k), 403(b), and nonqualified retirement plans;
- Deferred compensation paid or expensed during the year;
- Dues and memberships in professional organizations, state, and local license fees;
- Allowances for education, professional meetings, travel, and automobile; and
- Entertainment, country/athletic club membership, travel for spouse.

Not included:

- Voluntary employee salary deductions used as contributions to 401(k) and 403(b) plans; or
- Expense reimbursements.

Total Contracted Support Staff Cost (Temporary) [5500-5570]¹¹

Contracted support staff represents all the staff hired on a contract basis, not employed by any of the legal entities that comprise the medical practice. The utilization of contracted support staff occurs when the medical practice (including all the associated legal entities that comprise the medical practice) decides not to hire support staff as employees to conduct the ongoing support staff activities. Instead, the practice contracts to have these full-time and/or ongoing activities conducted by contracted staff.

One example of this type of cost would be purchased services for billing and collections activities. When a practice decides to hire a billing company to conduct billing activities that the practice employees, it is often not possible to track the hours that the billing company devotes to the given practice. Such cost is reported as “Billing and collections purchased services.”

Included:

- Temporary staff working for temporary agencies; and
- Traveling nurses.

Not included:

- The cost of support staff employed directly by the practice or any of the legal entities comprising the medical practice. Such related costs are included in the “Total Employed Support Staff” section; or
- The cost for legal, accounting, management, and/or other consultants for services performed on a one time or sporadic basis. The costs for these types of consultants are reported as “Legal fees,” “Consulting fees,” and/or “Outside professional fees.”

Total Business Operations Support Staff Cost

The sum of the costs for “General administrative,” “Patient accounting,” “General accounting,” “Managed care administrative,” “Information technology” and “Housekeeping, maintenance, security.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested below.

General Administrative Cost [5110-5111, 5117, 5210-5211, 5217]¹¹

Patient Accounting Cost [5112, 5212]¹¹

General Accounting Cost [5113, 5213]¹¹

Managed Care Administrative Cost [5114, 5214]¹¹

Information Technology Cost [5115, 5215]¹¹

Housekeeping, Maintenance, Security Cost [5116, 5216]¹¹

See Staffing section.

Total Front Office Support Staff Cost [5120, 5220]¹¹

A sum of the costs for “Medical receptionists,” “Medical secretaries, transcribers,” “Medical records” and “Other administrative support.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested in previous questions.

Medical Receptionists Cost [5121, 5221]¹¹

Medical Secretaries, Transcribers Cost [5122, 5222]¹¹

Medical Records Cost [5123, 5223]¹¹

Other Administrative Support Cost [5124, 5224]¹¹

See Staffing section.

Total Clinical Support Staff Cost [5130, 5230]¹¹

A sum of the costs for “Registered nurses,” “Licensed practical nurses” and “Medical assistants, nurse’s aides.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested in the previous questions.

Registered Nurses Cost [5131, 5231]¹¹

Licensed Practical Nurses Cost [5132, 5232]¹¹

Medical Assistances, Nurse’s Aides Cost [5133, 5134, 5233, 5234]¹¹

See Staffing section.

Total Ancillary Support Staff Cost [5140, 5240]¹¹

A sum of the costs for “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging” and “Other medical support services.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the variables requested in previous questions.

Clinical Laboratory Cost [5142,5242]¹¹

Radiology and Imaging Cost [5141, 5241]¹¹

Other Medical Support Services Cost [5143-5160, 5243-5260]¹¹

See Staffing section.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Not Included:

- “Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities”;
- Support staff cost, which is included in the Business Operations, Front Office, Clinical and Ancillary staff sections;
- Provider costs, which is included in the Providers section;
- Cost included in “Purchased services for capitation patients”; and
- Nonmedical cost.”

Total General Operating Cost

A sum of “Information technology” through “Cost allocated to medical practice from parent organization.”

Information Technology [6800-6860]¹¹

Cost of practice-wide data processing, computer, telephone, and telecommunications services.

Included:

- Cost of local and long-distance telephone, radio paging, and internet service providers;
- Rental and/or depreciation cost of major data processing, computer and telecommunications furniture, equipment, hardware, and software subject to capitalization;
- Hardware and software repair and maintenance contract cost;
- Cost of data processing services purchased from an outside service bureau;
- Cost of data processing supplies and minor software and equipment not subject to capitalization; and
- Cost of IT purchased services including maintaining of EHRs and patient portals.

Not included:

- Cost of specialized information services equipment dedicated for exclusive use in the departments of clinical laboratory, radiology, and imaging, or other ancillary services departments. Such cost is included in “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging,” and “Other ancillary services”; or
- Cost of contract programmers, which is included in “Total contracted support staff”.

Drug Supply [7210-7213]¹¹

Cost of drugs purchased for general practice use.

Included:

- Cost of medical/surgical supplies and instruments used in providing medical/surgical services; and
- Cost of laundry and linens.

Not included:

- Cost of specialized supplies dedicated for exclusive use in the departments of clinical laboratory, radiology and imaging, or other ancillary services departments. Such cost is included in “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging,” and “Other ancillary services”;
- Cost of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment sold to patients primarily for use outside the practice and not used in providing medical/surgical services. Examples include prescription drugs, hearing aids, optical goods, and orthopedic supplies. Such cost is included in “Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities”; or
- The cost of any equipment subject to depreciation. Such cost is reported as a subset in “Information technology,” “Furniture and equipment,” “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging,” and “Other ancillary services.”

Building and Occupancy [6100, 6120-6190]¹¹

Cost of general operation of buildings and grounds.

Included:

- Rental, operating lease, and leasehold improvements for buildings and grounds;
- Interest paid on loans for real estate used in practice operations;
- Cost of utilities such as water, electric power, space heating fuels, etc.;
- Cost of supplies and materials used in housekeeping and maintenance; and
- Other costs such as building repairs and security systems.

Not included:

- Interest paid on short-term loans, which is included in “Miscellaneous operating cost”;
- Interest paid on loans for real estate not used in practice operations, such as nonmedical office space in practice-owned properties. Such interest is included in “Nonmedical cost”;
- Cost of producing revenue from sources such as parking lots or leased office space from practice owned properties. Such cost is included in “Nonmedical cost”; or
- Depreciation costs.

Building Depreciation [6110-6113]¹¹

Depreciation cost for buildings and grounds.

Not included:

- Interest paid on short-term loans, which is included in “Miscellaneous operating cost”;
- Interest paid on loans for real estate not used in operations such as nonmedical office space in practice-owned properties;

- Rental, operating lease, and leasehold improvements for buildings and grounds;
- Interest paid on loans for real estate used in ASC operations;
- Cost of utilities such as water, electric power, and space heating fuels;
- Cost of supplies and materials used in housekeeping and maintenance; or
- Other costs such as building repairs and security systems.

Furniture and Equipment [6200,6220-6230,7100, 7120, 7130, 7710, 7712-7713]¹¹

Cost of furniture and equipment in general use in the practice.

Included:

- Rental cost of furniture and equipment used in reception areas, patient treatment/exam rooms, physician offices, and administrative areas; and
- Other costs related to clinic furniture and equipment, such as maintenance cost.

Not included:

- Cost of specialized furniture and equipment dedicated for exclusive use in the information technology, clinical laboratory, radiology and imaging, or other ancillary services departments. Such cost is reported as a subset in “Information technology,” “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging,” and “Other ancillary services” ;or
- Depreciation costs.

Furniture and Equipment Depreciation [6210, 7110, 7711]¹¹

Depreciation cost of furniture and equipment in general use in the practice.

Included:

- Depreciation cost of furniture and equipment used in reception areas, patient treatment/ exam rooms, physician offices, and administrative areas.

Not included:

- Cost of specialized furniture and equipment dedicated for exclusive use in the information technology, clinical laboratory, radiology and imaging, or other ancillary services departments. Such cost is included in “Information technology,” “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging,” and “Other ancillary services”; or
- Other costs related to clinic furniture and equipment such as maintenance cost.

Administrative Supplies and Services [6300-6336, 6346, 6350-6353, 6356, 6358, 6361, 6161-6524, 7230-7240 7730]¹¹

Cost of printing, postage, books, subscriptions, administrative and medical forms, stationery, payroll services, practice regulatory, licensure and accreditation, employee relations dinners, picnics, entertainment, practice uniforms, business vehicle/ transportation, recruiting, job position classified advertising, moving costs and other administrative supplies and services

Included:

- Purchased medical transcription services; and
- Purchased answering services.

Professional Liability Insurance Premiums [6270-6726]¹¹

Also referred to as: Malpractice insurance

Premiums paid or self-insurance cost for malpractice and professional liability insurance for practice physicians, advanced practice providers, and employees.

Other Insurance Premiums [6700-6718]¹¹

Cost of other policies such as cyber insurance, fire, flood, theft, casualty, general liability, officers' and directors' liability, and reinsurance.

Legal Fees [6342]¹¹

Fees for professional legal services performed on a one-time or sporadic basis and are not employees of the organization.

Included:

- Fees related to legal services paid to attorneys who are not employees of the organization.

Consulting Fees [6345]¹¹

Fees for professional consulting services performed on a one-time or sporadic basis.

Included:

- Fees for management, financial, and other outside consulting services.

Outside Professional Fees [6340-6341, 6343-5344, 7830-7839]¹¹

Fees for professional services performed on a one time or sporadic basis.

Included:

- Fees for accounting services; and
- Fees for actuarial consultants, and other professional fees not listed.

Not included:

- Information services, architectural and public relations consultant fees. Such costs are included in "Information technology," "Building and occupancy," and "Promotion and marketing";
- Cost for contracted support staff, which is reported as "Total contracted support staff"; or
- Cost for contracted physicians and locum tenens, which is reported as "Total physician" FTE and Cost.

Clinical Laboratory [7400-7440]¹¹

Cost of clinical laboratory and pathology procedures defined by CPT codes 80047-89398, 36415, and 36416 00100-01999, 10021-36410 and 99100-99140.

Included:

- Rental and/or depreciation cost of major furniture and equipment subject to capitalization;
- Repair and maintenance contract cost;

- Cost of supplies and minor equipment not subject to capitalization;
- Other costs unique to the clinical laboratory; and
- Cost of purchased laboratory technical services for fee-for-service patients.

Not included:

- Cost of purchased laboratory technical services for capitation patients. Such cost is reported as “Purchased services for capitation patients.”

Radiology and Imaging [7300-7340]¹¹

Cost of diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures defined by diagnostic radiology CPT codes 70010-764, diagnostic ultrasound CPT codes 76506-76999, diagnostic nuclear medicine CPT codes 78012-78999, echocardiography CPT codes 93303- 93355, noninvasive vascular diagnostic studies CPT codes 93880-93998, and electrocardiography CPT codes 93000-93042.

Included:

- Rental and/or depreciation cost of major furniture and equipment subject to capitalization;
- Repair and maintenance contract cost;
- Cost of radiological diagnostics (isotopes);
- Cost of supplies and minor equipment not subject to capitalization. This amount is the net after subtracting the revenue from silver recovery from X-ray film and processing fixer;
- Other costs unique to the radiology and imaging department; and
- Cost of purchased radiology technical services for fee-for-service patients.

Not included:

- Cost of purchased radiology technical services for capitation patients. Such costs are reported as “Purchased services for capitation patients”; or
- Cost of procedures for radiation oncology CPT codes 77261-77799 or therapeutic nuclear medicine CPT codes 79005-79999. Such costs are included in “Other ancillary services.”

Promotion and Marketing [6600]¹¹

Cost of promotion, advertising and marketing activities, including patient newsletters, information booklets, flyers, brochures, yellow page listings, and public relations consultants.

Other Ancillary Services [7500-7640]¹¹

Operating costs for all ancillary services departments except clinical laboratory and radiology and imaging.

Included:

- Operating costs for departments such as physical therapy, optical, ambulatory surgery, radiation oncology, therapeutic nuclear medicine, etc.;
- Rental and/or depreciation cost of major furniture and equipment subject to capitalization;
- Repair and maintenance cost;
- Cost of supplies and minor equipment not subject to capitalization;
- Other costs unique to the ancillary services departments; and
- Cost of purchased “other ancillary” technical services for fee-for-service patients.

Not included:

- Cost of purchased “other ancillary” technical services for capitation patients. Such costs are reported as “Purchased services for capitation patients”;
- Cost of physical therapy and orthopedic items, such as crutches and braces, sold to patients. Such cost is included in “Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities”; or
- Cost of optical items, such as eyeglasses and contact lenses, sold to patients. Such cost is included in “Cost of sales and/or cost of other medical activities.”

Billing and Collections Purchased Services [6354-6355, 6357, 6930]¹¹

When a medical practice decides to purchase billing and collections services from an outside organization as opposed to hiring and developing its own employed staff to conduct billing and collections activities, the cost for such purchased services is considered “Billing and collections purchased services.”

Included:

- Claims clearinghouse cost.

Management Fees Paid to an MSO or PPMC [6360, 6362]¹¹

Medical practices may receive management or other services from an MSO, PPMC, hospital or other parent organization in return for a fee. The fee could be a contracted fixed amount, a percentage of collections or any other mutually agreed upon arrangement.

Included:

- Fees paid to an MSO/PPMC, hospital or parent organization for management services including management, administrative, and/or related support services; and
- The cost of support staff employed by the MSO/PPMC, if these costs were not reported separately in the Staff section.

Not included:

- The cost of support staff employed by the MSO/PPMC, if these costs were reported in the “Staff” section.

Miscellaneous Operating Cost [7740]¹¹

Operating cost not included previously.

Not Included:

- Federal or state income taxes, which are included in “Nonmedical cost;” or
- Principal paid on loans, which is not reported anywhere in this dataset.

Cost Allocated to Medical Practice from Parent Organization

When a medical practice is owned by a hospital, integrated delivery system, or other entity, the parent organization often allocates indirect costs to the medical practice. These indirect costs may have different names depending on the situation. Examples of alternative names are “shared services costs” or “uncontrollable costs.” These costs may be arbitrarily assigned to the medical

practice may be the result of negotiations between the practice and the parent organization, or the result of some sort of cost accounting system. Often, these indirect costs include a portion of the salaries of the senior management team of the parent organization, a portion of corporate human resources costs, or a portion of corporate marketing costs.

Depending on the type of cost, the cost may be allocated to the medical practice as a function of the ratio of medical practice FTE to total system FTE, the ratio of medical practice square footage to total system square footage, or the ratio of medical practice gross charges to total system gross charges. Depending on the culture of the integrated system, these indirect costs may or may not even show up on the financial statements of the medical practice.

Not included:

- Cash loans made to subsidiaries. Cash for loans does not appear anywhere in this dataset.

Total Operating Cost

Also referred to as: Overhead

The sum of “Total support staff cost” and “Total general operating cost.”

Total Operating and Advanced Practice Provider Cost

The sum of “Total operating cost,” and “Total advanced practice provider cost.”

Total Cost

The sum of “Total operating cost,” “Total physician cost,” and “Total advanced practice provider cost.”

STAFFING

Provider Staffing FTE:

The number of full-time (1.0 FTE) providers to the FTE count for the part-time providers in their practice. A full-time provider works whatever number of hours the practice considers to be the minimum for a normal workweek, which could be 37.5, 40, 50 hours, or some other standard. A provider working 30 hours compared to a normal workweek of 40 hours would be 0.75 FTE (30 hours divided by 40 hours). A provider working full-time for three months during a year would be 0.25 FTE (3 months divided by 12 months). A provider cannot be counted as more than 1.0 FTE regardless of the number of hours worked.

Included:

- Practice physicians such as shareholders/partners, salaried associates, employed and contracted physicians, and locum tenens;
- Residents and fellows working at the practice; and
- Only physicians involved in clinical care.

Not included:

- Full-time physician administrators or the time that a physician devotes to medical director activities. The FTE and cost for such activities are included as “General administrative.”

Advanced Practice Provider (APP)

Also referred to as: Advanced practice practitioners, nonphysician providers (NPPs), physician extenders, mid-levels, etc.

Advanced practice providers are specially trained and licensed providers who can provide medical care and billable services. Examples of advanced practice providers include audiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), dietitians/nutritionists, midwives, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, optometrists, physical therapists, physician assistants, psychologists, and surgeon's assistants.

NOTE: Residents are not considered advanced practice providers in MGMA datasets

Provider

Both physician and advanced practice providers (APP) that provide medical care and billable services.

Included:

- Practice providers such as shareholders/partners, salaried associates, employed and contracted providers, and locum tenens;
- Residents and fellows working at the practice; and
- Only providers involved in clinical care.

Not included:

- Full-time provider administrators or the time that a provider devotes to medical director activities. The FTE and cost for such activities are included as "General administrative."

Total Providers

The sum of "Total advanced practice providers" and "Total physicians" FTE and costs.

Total Physicians

The sum of "Primary care physicians," "Nonsurgical specialty physicians," and "Surgical specialty physicians" FTE and costs.

Primary Care Physicians

Included:

- Family Medicine (with OB)
- Family Medicine (without OB)
- Family Medicine: Ambulatory Only (No Inpatient Work)
- Family Medicine: Sports Medicine
- Geriatrics
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Hospitalist: Family Medicine
- Hospitalist: Internal Medicine
- Hospitalist: Nocturnist
- Hospitalist: OB/GYN

- Internal Medicine: General
- Internal Medicine: Ambulatory Only (No Inpatient Work)
- Obstetrics/Gynecology: General
- OB/GYN: Gynecology (Only)
- Pediatrics: General
- Pediatrics: Adolescent Medicine
- Pediatrics: Hospitalist
- Pediatrics: Hospitalist-Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics: Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics: Sports Medicine
- Pediatrics: Urgent Care
- Urgent Care

Nonsurgical Specialty Physicians

Included:

- Allergy/Immunology
- Bariatrics (Nonsurgical)/Obesity Medicine
- Cardiology: Electrophysiology
- Cardiology: Invasive
- Cardiology: Invasive-Interventional
- Cardiology: Noninvasive
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Critical Care: Intensivist
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Dermatology: Dermatopathology
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology/Metabolism
- Gastroenterology
- Gastroenterology: Hepatology
- Genetics
- Hematology/Oncology
- Hematology/Oncology: Oncology (Only)
- Hyperbaric Medicine/Wound Care
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Nephrology: Transplant
- Neurology
- Neurology: Epilepsy/EEG
- Neurology: Neurocritical Care
- Neurology: Neuromuscular
- Neurology: Stroke Medicine
- OB/GYN: Gynecological Oncology

- OB/GYN: Maternal and Fetal Medicine
- OB/GYN: Reproductive Endocrinology
- OB/GYN: Urogynecology
- Occupational Medicine
- Orthopedics (Nonsurgical)
- Pain Management: Nonanesthesia
- Pathology: Anatomic and Clinical
- Pathology: Anatomic
- Pathology: Anatomic-Autopsy
- Pathology: Anatomic-Cytopathology
- Pathology: Anatomic-Neuropathology
- Pathology: Anatomic-Renal
- Pathology: Clinical
- Pathology: Clinical-Hematopathology
- Pathology: Clinical-Transfusion Medicine
- Pediatrics: Allergy/Immunology
- Pediatrics: Anesthesiology
- Pediatrics: Bone Marrow Transplant
- Pediatrics: Cardiology
- Pediatrics: Child Development
- Pediatrics: Clinical and Lab Immunology
- Pediatrics: Critical Care/Intensivist
- Pediatrics: Dermatology
- Pediatrics: Emergency Medicine
- Pediatrics: Endocrinology
- Pediatrics: Gastroenterology
- Pediatrics: Genetics
- Pediatrics: Hematology/Oncology
- Pediatrics: Infectious Disease
- Pediatrics: Neonatal Medicine
- Pediatrics: Nephrology
- Pediatrics: Neurology
- Pediatrics: Pulmonology
- Pediatrics: Radiology
- Pediatrics: Rheumatology
- Physiatry (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)
- Podiatry: General
- Psychiatry: General
- Psychiatry: Addiction Medicine
- Psychiatry: Chemical Dependency
- Psychiatry: Child and Adolescent
- Psychiatry: Forensic
- Psychiatry: Geriatric
- Pulmonary Medicine: General
- Pulmonary Medicine: Critical Care

- Pulmonary Medicine: General and Critical Care
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology: Interventional
- Radiology: Diagnostic
- Radiology: Neurological
- Radiology: Nuclear Medicine
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine

Surgical Specialty Physicians

Included:

- Anesthesiology
- Anesthesiology: Cardiology
- Anesthesiology: Pain Management
- Dermatology: Mohs Surgery
- OB/GYN: Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Ophthalmology: Corneal and Refractive Surgery
- Ophthalmology: Glaucoma
- Ophthalmology: Neurology
- Ophthalmology: Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Ophthalmology: Retina
- Orthopedic Surgery: General
- Orthopedic Surgery: Foot and Ankle
- Orthopedic Surgery: Hand
- Orthopedic Surgery: Hip and Joint
- Orthopedic Surgery: Oncology
- Orthopedic Surgery: Shoulder/Elbow
- Orthopedic Surgery: Spine
- Orthopedic Surgery: Sports Medicine
- Orthopedic Surgery: Trauma
- Orthopedic Surgery: Sports Medicine
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pathology: Surgical
- Pediatrics: Cardiovascular Surgery
- Pediatrics: Neurosurgery
- Pediatrics: Ophthalmology
- Pediatrics: Orthopedic Surgery
- Pediatrics: Otorhinolaryngology
- Pediatrics: Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery
- Pediatrics: Surgery
- Pediatrics: Urology
- Podiatry: Surgery-Foot and Ankle
- Podiatry: Surgery-Forefoot Only

- Surgery: General
- Surgery: Bariatric
- Surgery: Breast
- Surgery: Cardiovascular
- Surgery: Colon and Rectal
- Surgery: Endocrine
- Surgery: Endovascular (Primary)
- Surgery: Neurological
- Surgery: Oncology
- Surgery: Oral
- Surgery: Plastic and Reconstruction
- Surgery: Plastic and Reconstruction-Hand
- Surgery: Thoracic (Primary)
- Surgery: Transplant
- Surgery: Transplant-Heart
- Surgery: Transplant-Heart/Lung
- Surgery: Transplant-Kidney
- Surgery: Transplant-Liver
- Surgery: Trauma
- Surgery: Trauma-Burn
- Surgery: Vascular (Primary)
- Urology

Support Staff FTE:

The total full-time equivalent (FTE) support staff to the nearest tenth FTE. For “Total business operations support staff,” “Total front office support staff,” “Total clinical support staff,” “Total ancillary support staff,” and “Total support staff.” Participants provided the total if the breakout components were not available.

Included:

- The full-time equivalent (FTE) for all support staff employed by all the legal entities working in support of the medical practice represented on this survey;
- A full-time support staff employee works whatever number of hours the practice considers to be the minimum for a normal work week, which could be 37.5, 40, 50 hours or some other standard. An employee working 30 hours compared to a normal workweek of 40 hours would be 0.75 FTE (30 divided by 40 hours). An employee working full-time for three months during a year would be 0.25 FTE (3 divided by 12 months). A support staff employee cannot be counted as more than 1.0 FTE regardless of the number of hours worked; and
- The allocated FTE where the practice consists of multiple legal entities.

Not included:

- The FTE of contracted support staff

Total Support Staff

The sum of “Total employed support staff” and “Total contracted support staff.”

Total Employed Support Staff FTE

The sum of “Total business operations support staff,” “Total front office support staff,” “Total clinical support staff,” and “Total ancillary support staff.”

Total Contracted Support Staff FTE (Temporary)

The sum of all total temporary/contracted support staff.

Total Business Operations Support Staff FTE

The sum of “General administrative,” “Patient accounting,” “General accounting,” “Managed care administrative,” “Information technology” and “Housekeeping, maintenance, security.”

Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested below.

General Administrative

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Associate/Assistant Medical Director
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
- Medical Director
- Physician Chief Executive Officer (CEO/President)
- Administrator
- Chief Department Administrator (CDA)
- Associate/Assistant Department Administrator
- Contracts/Grants Department Administrator
- Division/Section Administrator
- Assistant Administrator
- Chief Compliance Officer
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Executive Director
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Department Financial Officer
- Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Chief Nursing/Clinical Officer (CNO)
- Chief Operating Officer (COO)
- Chief Legal Counsel
- Chief Strategy Officer
- Human Resources Executive
- Marketing Executive
- MSO Administrator/Executive Director
- Patient Care Executive
- Ambulatory/Clinical Services Director
- Ancillary Services Director
- Branch/Satellite Clinic Director
- Building and Grounds Director

- Business Services Director
- Clinical Research Director
- Compliance Director
- Contracting Director
- Development Director
- Education and Training Director
- Finance Director
- Health Plan Director
- Human Resources Director
- Information Systems Director
- Laboratory Services Director
- Managed Care Director
- Marketing and Sales Director
- Materials Management Director
- Medical Records Director
- Nursing Services Director
- Operations Director
- Pharmacy Services Director
- Physician Recruitment Director
- Physician Relations Director
- Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Director
- Radiology Services Director
- Reimbursement Director
- Revenue Cycle Director
- Strategy/Business Planning Director
- Branch/Satellite Clinic Manager
- Business Office Manager
- Call Center Manager
- Clinical Department Manager
- Clinical Practice Manager
- Compliance Manager
- Front Office Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Materials Management Manager
- Office Manager
- Operations Manager
- Training/Education Manager
- Human Resources Specialist
- Marketing/Communications Specialist
- Recruiter
- Business Office Supervisor
- Clinic Supervisor
- Front Office Supervisor
- Administrative Assistant

- Administrative Secretary
- Business Office Assistant Manager
- Business Office Staff
- Data Analyst
- Executive Assistant
- Human Resources Generalist

Patient Accounting

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Billing Manager
- Coding Manager
- Credit/Collections Manager
- Insurance Manager
- Patient Accounting Manager
- Reimbursement/Collections Manager
- Authorization Specialist
- Billing Specialist
- Coding Specialist
- Billing Staff
- Cashier
- Coder
- Collections Staff
- Insurance Clerk
- Patient Accounts Representative

General Accounting

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Benefits Manager
- General Accounting Manager
- Accountant
- Benefits/Payroll Specialist
- Accounting Staff
- Bookkeeper
- Financial Analyst
- Workers Compensation Liaison

Managed Care Administrative

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Utilization Review Manager
- Credentialing Specialist
- Care Coordinator
- Care/Case Manager
- Managed Care Coordinator
- QA/QI Coordinator
- QA/UR Nurse
- Referral Coordinator

Information Technology

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- IS Manager/Network Administrator
- Information Systems Manager
- IT Implementation Specialist
- IT Programming Staff
- IT Support Technician

Housekeeping, Maintenance, Security

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Building and Grounds Manager
- Housekeeping Supervisor
- Building Engineer/Maintenance
- Housekeeper

Total Front Office Support Staff FTE

The sum of “Medical receptionists,” “Medical secretaries, transcribers,” “Medical records” and “Other administrative support.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested in previous questions.

Medical Receptionists

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Appointment Secretary
- Front Desk Staff
- Patient Service Coordinator
- Receptionist
- Scheduling Staff (excluding Surgical Scheduler)
- Surgical Scheduler
- Switchboard Operator

Medical Secretaries, Transcribers

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Medical Transcription Manager
- Transcription Manager
- Medical Scribe
- Medical Secretary
- Transcriptionist

Medical Records

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Medical Records Manager
- Clinical Documentation Specialist
- Medical Records Staff

Other Administrative Support

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Courier

Total Clinical Support Staff FTE

The sum of “Registered nurses,” “Licensed practical nurses” and “Medical assistants, nurse’s aides.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the values requested in the previous questions.

**Categorize based on credentials*

Registered Nurses

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Infusion Nurse
- Nursing Manager
- Nursing Supervisor*
- Registered Nurse
- Triage Nurse

Licensed Practical Nurses

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Nursing Supervisor*
- Licensed Practical Nurse

Medical Assistants, Nurse’s Aides

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Nursing Supervisor*
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Patient Care Assistant

Total Ancillary Support Staff FTE

The sum of “Clinical laboratory,” “Radiology and imaging” and “Other medical support services.” Participants were required to provide this total even if they were unable to provide all the variables requested in previous questions.

Clinical Laboratory

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Laboratory Services Manager
- Lab Section Supervisor
- Histotechnologist
- Laboratory Assistant
- Medical Lab Technician
- Medical Technologist
- Phlebotomist

Radiology and Imaging

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Radiology Services Manager
- EEG Lab Supervisor
- EKG Lab Supervisor
- CAT Scan Technician
- Echocardiographer/Echo Tech
- EEG Technician
- EKG Technician
- Mammography Technician
- MRI Tech
- Radiology Technologist
- Ultrasound Technician

Other Medical Support Services

Position Titles Included (but not limited to):

- Aesthetician
- Athletic Trainer
- Cardiovascular Technologist
- Clinic Research Manager
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- DME Technician
- Dosimetrist
- Endoscopy Technician
- Health Coach
- Massage Therapist
- Medical Interpreter
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Ophthalmic Assistant
- Ophthalmic Technician
- Optical Shop Supervisor
- Optician
- Orthopedic/Cast Technician
- Paramedic
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapist Aide
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Physicist
- Polysomnographic/Sleep Technician
- PT Education Coordinator
- Radiation Therapist

- Respiratory Therapist
- Social Worker (non-clinical)
- Speech Therapist
- Surgical Technologist
- Sterile Processing Technician
- Therapist/Counselor

A/R, COLLECTIONS, PAYER MIX

Accounts Receivable

The age of a practice's accounts receivable (to the nearest whole dollar). Accounts that had are assigned to collection agencies are not included.

Current to 30 Days

Amounts owed to the practice by patients, third-party payers, employer groups, and unions for fee-for-service activities before adjustments for anticipated payment reductions, allowances for adjustments, or bad debts. Amounts assigned to “Accounts receivable” are due to “Gross fee-for-service charges.” Assigning a charge into “Accounts receivable” initiates at the time a practice submits an invoice to the payer or patient for payment. For example, if an obstetrics practice establishes an open account for accumulation of charges when a patient is accepted into a prenatal program and the account will not be invoiced until after delivery, then “Accounts receivable” will not reflect these charges until the creation of an invoice. Deletion of charges from “Accounts receivable” is done when the practice receives payment, turns over debt to a collection agency, or writes off the account as bad debt. This is the net amount owed after patient refunds.

Not included:

- Capitation payments owed to the practice by HMOs.

31 to 60 Days – See Current to 30 Days

61 to 90 Days – See Current to 30 Days

91 to 120 Days – See Current to 30 Days

Over 120 Days – See Current to 30 Days

Re-Aged and Not Re-Aged Accounts Receivable

We asked participants to answer “Yes” or “No” if accounts receivable were re-aged when a second insurance company or the patient was billed after the first insurance company refused to pay the entire billed amount.

Months of gross fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

(Total accounts receivable)

(Gross FFS charges) x (1/12)

Months of adjusted fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

(Total accounts receivable)
 (Adjusted FFS charges) x (1/12)

Days of gross fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

(Total accounts receivable)
 (Gross FFS charges) x (1/365)

Days of adjusted fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

(Total accounts receivable)
 (Adjusted FFS charges) x (1/365)

Gross fee-for-service collection percentage:

(Net FFS revenue) x 100
 (Gross FFS charges)

Adjusted fee-for-service collection percentage:

(Net FFS revenue) x 100
 (Adjusted FFS charges)

Payer Mix

The percentage of a practice's "Total gross charges" by type of payer. The sum of the percentages for Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial, Workers' compensation, Charity care, Self-pay, and other federal government payers must have added to 100 percent.

Medicare

The sum of all fee-for-service, managed care fee-for-service and capitated charges for all services provided to Medicare patients.

Medicaid

The sum of all fee-for-service, managed care fee-for-service and capitated charges for all services provided to Medicaid or similar state healthcare program patients.

Commercial

The sum of all fee-for-service, managed care fee-for-service and capitated charges for all services provided patients under a commercial capitated contact.

Workers' Compensation

Fee-for-service gross charges, at the practice's undiscounted rates, for all services provided to patients covered by workers' compensation insurance.

Not included:

- Charges for Medicare patients;
- Charges for Medicaid patients;
- Charges for charity or professional courtesy patients; or
- Charges for self-pay patients.

Charity Care

Fee-for-service gross charges, at the practice's undiscounted rates, for all services provided to charity patients. Charity patients are patients not covered by either commercial insurance or federal, state, or local governmental healthcare programs and who do not have the resources to pay for services. Charity patients must be identified at the time that service is provided so that a bill for service is not prepared.

Self-Pay

Fee-for-service gross charges, at the practice's undiscounted rates, for all services provided to patients who pay the medical practice directly. Note that these patients may or may not have insurance.

Included:

- Charges for patients who have no insurance but do have the resources to pay for their own care and do so; and
- Charges for patients who have insurance but choose to pay for their own care and submit claims to their insurance company directly. Since the practice may or may not be aware of this situation, all charges paid directly by the patient should be considered as self-pay.

Other Federal Government Payers

Fee-for-service gross charges, at the practice's undiscounted rates, for all services provided to patients who are covered by other federal government payers other than Medicare.

Included:

- Charges for TRICARE patients.

Not included:

- Charges for Medicare and Medicaid patients.

PRODUCTIVITY**Total Procedures**

The sum of "Medical procedures conducted inside the practice," "Medical procedures conducted outside the practice," "Surgery/anesthesia procedures conducted inside the practice," "Surgery/anesthesia procedures conducted outside the practice," "Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures," and "Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures."

Patients

The total number of individual patients who received services from the practice during a 12-month reporting period.

Included:

- Fee-for-service and capitation patients. A patient is simply a person who received at least one service from the practice during the 12-month reporting period, regardless of the number of encounters or procedures received by that person. If a person was a patient during the most recent fiscal year but did not receive any services at all during that fiscal year, that person would not be counted as a patient. A patient is not the same as a covered life. The number of capitated patients, for example, could be less than the number of capitated covered lives if a subset of the covered lives did not utilize any services during the 12-month reporting period.

Relative Value Units (RVUs)

Relative value units (RVUs), are measured by the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS), not weighted by a conversion factor, and are attributed to all professional services. An RVU is a nonmonetary standard unit of measure that indicates the value of services provided by physicians, advanced practice providers, and other healthcare professionals.

- The total RVUs for a given procedure consist of three components:
 - Physician work RVUs;
 - Practice expense (PE) RVUs; and
 - Malpractice RVUs.

Thus, total RVUs = physician work RVUs + practice expense RVUs + malpractice RVUs. For the current year, there are two different types of practice expense RVUs: 1. Fully implemented nonfacility practice expense RVUs; and 2. Fully implemented facility practice expense RVUs.

“Facility” refers to RVUs associated with a hospital affiliated medical practice that utilizes a split billing fee schedule where facility (hospital) charges and professional charges are billed separately. “Facility” also refers to services performed in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or ambulatory surgery center. Total RVUs that are a function of “facility” practice expense RVUs are not reported.

“Non-facility” refers to RVUs associated with a medical practice that is not affiliated with a hospital and does not utilize a split billing system that itemizes facility (hospital) charges and professional charges. “Non-facility” also applies to services performed in settings other than a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or ambulatory surgery center.

Total RVUs

Included:

- RVUs for the “physician work RVUs,” “practice expense,” and “malpractice RVUs,” including any adjustments made as a result of modifier usage;
- RVUs for all professional medical and surgical services performed by physicians, advanced practice providers, and other physician extenders such as nurses and medical assistants;

- RVUs for the professional component of laboratory, radiology, medical diagnostic, and surgical procedures;
- For procedures with either no listed CPT code or with an RVU value of zero, RVUs can be estimated by dividing the total gross charges for the unlisted or unvalued procedures by the practice's known average charge per RVU for all procedures that are listed and valued;
- RVUs for procedures for both fee-for-service and capitation patients; and
- RVUs for all payers, not just Medicare.

Not included:

- RVUs for other scales such as McGraw-Hill, California;
- The technical component (TC) associated with any medical diagnostic, laboratory, radiology, or surgical procedure; or
- RVUs where the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) equals any value other than one. The GPCI must be set to 1.000 (neutral).

Work RVUs

Included:

- RVUs for the “physician work RVUs” only; including any adjustments made as a result of modifier usage;
- Work RVUs for all professional medical and surgical services performed by providers;
- Work RVUs for the professional component of laboratory, radiology, medical diagnostic, and surgical procedures;
- Work RVUs for all procedures performed by the medical practice. For procedures with either no listed CPT code or with an RVU value of zero, RVUs can be estimated by dividing the total gross charges for the unlisted or unvalued procedures by the practice's known average charge per RVU for all procedures that are listed and valued;
- Work RVUs for procedures for both fee-for-service and capitation patients;
- Work RVUs for all payers, not just Medicare;
- Work RVUs for purchased procedures from external providers on behalf of the practice's fee-for-service patients;
- Anesthesia practices should provide the physician work component of the RVU for flat fee procedures only such as lines, blocks, critical care visits, intubations, and post-operative management care;
- All RVUs associated with professional charges, including both medically necessary and cosmetic RVU; and
- Work RVUs produced from physician-administered chemotherapy drugs.

Not included:

- RVUs for “malpractice RVUs”;
- RVUs for other scales, such as McGraw-Hill, California;
- RVUs for purchased procedures from external providers on behalf of the practice's capitation patients;
- RVUs where the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) equals any value other than one. The GPCI must be set to 1.000 (neutral),or
- Work RVUs produced from the administration of chemotherapy drugs by someone other than the physician (i.e. nurses, techs, etc.).

Total ASA Units <Anesthesiology Practices Only>

Anesthesiology practices report American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) units. The ASA units for a given procedure consist of three components:

- Base unit;
- Time in 15-minute increments; and
- Risk factors.

Total Encounters

A documented interaction, regardless of setting (including tele-visits and e-visits), between a patient and healthcare provider(s) for the purpose of providing medical services, assessing illness or injury, and determining the patient's health status. If a patient sees two different providers on the same day for one diagnosis, it is one encounter. If a patient sees two different providers on the same day for two unrelated issues, then it is considered two encounters. Encounters are procedures from the evaluation and management chapter (CPT codes 99202-99499) or the medicine chapter (CPT codes 90281-99607) of the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition, copyrighted by the American Medical Association (AMA).

Included:

- Pre- and post-operative visits and other visits associated with a global charge;
- Visits that resulted in a coded procedure;
- The total number of procedures or reads for diagnostic radiologists and pathologists, regardless of place of service;
- For obstetrics care, where a single CPT-4 code is used for a global service, each is counted as a separate ambulatory encounter (e.g., each prenatal visit and postnatal visit is one encounter). A delivery is a single encounter; and
- Encounters that include procedures from the surgery chapter (CPT codes 10021-69990) or anesthesia chapter (CPT codes 00100-01999).

Not included:

- Encounters with direct provider to patient interaction for the specialties of pathology or diagnostic radiology (see #3 above under "Include");
- Visits where there is not an identifiable contact between a patient and a physician or advance practice provider (i.e., patient comes into the practice solely for an injection, vein puncture, EKGs, EEGs, etc. administered by an RN or technician);
- Administration of chemotherapy drugs; or
- Administration of immunizations.

Panel Size <Cardiology and Primary Care Practices Only>

The “set of patients cared for by a physician” as the number of individual, unique patients that have been seen by any provider within the practice over the past 18 months. The following methodologies are used to calculate panel size:

- If a patient has only seen one physician in the practice, assign the patient to that physician.
- If a patient has seen more than one physician in the practice, assign the patient to the physician seen most frequently.
- If a patient has seen more than one physician in the practice the same number of times, assign the patient to the physician who did the patient's last physical.
- If a patient has not had a physical, assign him/her to the physician seen most recently.

Number of Exam/Treatment Rooms

The number of exam/treatment rooms located in the practice.

- This is available for per FTE Physician and per FTE Provider data cut selections only.

Square Footage

The total number of finished and occupied square feet within outside walls for all the facilities (both administrative and clinical) that comprise the practice. Hallways, closets, elevators, stairways and other such spaces are included. For anesthesia practices, any leased or rented administrative office space are included, regardless of whether it is inside or outside the hospital setting.

COST ALLOCATION

Cost Allocation

In a prospective pay and managed care environment, identifying and controlling costs per covered life is crucial for medical practices. To control costs per covered life, a practice management professional must understand the costs of its healthcare services.

The first step in achieving this objective is for practices to understand what activities they perform (outputs) and what resources (inputs) go into performing these activities. Examples of outputs include surgical and radiology procedures; inputs include support staff labor, physician labor, supplies, rent, and insurance. Input costs can allocate to one or more activities to determine cost per activity or procedure. Evaluation at this level helps practices benchmark cost performance and budget and analyze payer contracts.

Using input and output data collected in the survey, Data Solutions developed an activity-based cost allocation model that allocates medical practice input costs to medical practice outputs. The model calculates operating cost, provider cost, and total cost per procedure. We collected the procedure and charge data for the six types of medical practice activities listed in Table 1: Outputs, Procedures, and Charges.

Cost data fell into two categories: operating cost and provider cost, as shown in Table 2: Inputs, Costs, and Allocation Patterns. These data provided the framework for the model.

Due to the complexity of the model, a case study best illustrates the model's structure, how costs allocate to activities, and the method used to determine cost per procedure. The medical practice in the example is a multispecialty practice with 40 FTE physicians. Tables 1 and 2 show the case study data. This case study only calculates total cost per procedure. We applied the same logic to generate the operating cost per procedure and provider cost per procedure data that appear in the Cost and Revenue Survey tables.

Step 1: Identify the procedure(s) to receive cost allocations. Data Solutions staff analyzed each cost in Table 2 to determine which procedure or procedures should receive an allocation of the cost. We considered the type of procedure and whether the procedure took place inside or outside the practice. Depending on the costs' characteristics, we allocated costs to one or multiple types of procedures. For instance, general administrative support staff cost and total physician cost allocate to all six types of procedures (A through F), while registered nurses' support staff costs allocate only to medical and surgical procedures that took place within the practice (A and C). Clinical laboratory costs allocate only to laboratory procedures (E). In Table 2, the Cost Allocation Pattern column shows the allocation pattern for each cost.

The following summary outlines the cost allocation patterns in Table 2, where the letters refer to the procedure types described in Table 1:

ABCDEF – All procedures

ACEF– Medical and surgical procedures that occur inside the practice's facilities and the ancillary procedures of laboratory and radiology

AC – Medical and surgical procedures that occur inside the practice's facilities but not ancillary procedures

E – Laboratory procedures only

F – Radiology procedures only

Step 2: Determine the total cost associated with each cost allocation pattern. Using the last column in Table 2 to identify the cost allocation pattern, sum the associated costs for each pattern. For example, the first five cost rows listed in Table 2 would all be added to the total for pattern ABCDEF, and so on. The second column of Table 8: Total Cost per Procedure Worksheet lists total costs for each pattern. This column sums to \$21,780,000, which is equal to total cost listed on the bottom row of Table 2.

Table 1: Outputs, Procedures, and Charges

Procedure Type	Procedure (Activity) Name	Number of Procedures	Total Gross Charges
A	Medical procedures inside the practice	200,000	200,000
B	Medical procedures outside the practice	30,000	30,000
C	Surgery and anesthesia procedures inside the practice	10,000	10,000
D	Surgery and anesthesia procedures outside the practice	10,000	10,000
E	Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures	135,000	135,000
F	Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures	25,000	25,000
Totals		410,000	\$38,600,000

Table 2a: Inputs, Costs, and Allocation Patters (APP as a Provider Cost)

Inputs (Type of Cost)	Cost	Cost Allocation Pattern
General administrative	\$400,000	ABCDEF
Patient accounting	\$400,000	ABCDEF
General accounting	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Managed care administrative	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Information technology	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Housekeeping, maintenance, security	\$20,000	ACEF
Medical receptionists	\$500,000	ACEF
Medical secretaries, transcribers	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Medical records	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Other administrative support	\$30,000	ACEF
Registered Nurses	\$100,000	AC
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$500,000	AC
Medical assistants, nurse's aides	\$600,000	AC
Clinical laboratory	\$300,000	E
Radiology and imaging	\$200,000	F
Other medical support services	\$250,000	ACEF
Total employed support staff benefits	\$800,000	ABCDEF
Total contracted support staff	\$300,000	ABCDEF
Total operating cost, support staff	\$5,200,000	
Information technology	\$225,000	ABCDEF
Drug supply	\$500,000	AC
Medical and surgical supply	\$275,000	AC
Building and occupancy	\$1,000,000	ACEF
Building depreciation	\$350,000	ACEF
Furniture and equipment	\$300,000	AC
Furniture and equipment depreciation	\$175,000	AC
Administrative supplies and services	\$300,000	ABCDEF
Professional liability insurance	\$450,000	ABCDEF
Other insurance premiums	\$10,000	ABCDEF
Legal fees	\$15,000	ABCDEF
Consulting fees	\$10,000	ABCDEF
Outside professional fees	\$60,000	ABCDEF
Promotion and marketing	\$35,000	ABCDEF

Clinical laboratory	\$700,000	E
Radiology and imaging	\$300,000	F
Other ancillary services	\$150,000	ACEF
Billing and collections purchased services	\$0	ABCDEF
Management fees paid to MSO or PPMC	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Miscellaneous operating cost	\$1,375,000	ABCDEF
Cost allocated to practice from parent organization	\$0	ABCDEF
Total operating cost, general	\$6,330,000	
Total operating cost	\$11,530,000	
Total nonphysician provider cost	\$250,000	AC
Total physician cost	\$10,000,000	ABCDEF
Total provider cost	\$10,250,000	
Total cost	\$21,780,000	

Table 2B: Inputs, Costs, and Allocation Patters (APP as an Operating Cost)

Inputs (Type of Cost)	Cost	Cost Allocation Pattern
General administrative	\$400,000	ABCDEF
Patient accounting	\$400,000	ABCDEF
General accounting	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Managed care administrative	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Information technology	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Housekeeping, maintenance, security	\$20,000	ACEF
Medical receptionists	\$500,000	ACEF
Medical secretaries, transcribers	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Medical records	\$200,000	ABCDEF
Other administrative support	\$30,000	ACEF
Registered Nurses	\$100,000	AC
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$500,000	AC
Medical assistants, nurse's aides	\$600,000	AC
Clinical laboratory	\$300,000	E
Radiology and imaging	\$200,000	F
Other medical support services	\$250,000	ACEF
Total employed support staff benefits	\$800,000	ABCDEF
Total contracted support staff	\$300,000	ABCDEF
Total operating cost, support staff	\$5,200,000	
Information technology	\$225,000	ABCDEF
Drug supply	\$500,000	AC
Medical and surgical supply	\$275,000	AC
Building and occupancy	\$1,000,000	ACEF
Building depreciation	\$350,000	ACEF
Furniture and equipment	\$300,000	AC
Furniture and equipment depreciation	\$175,000	AC
Administrative supplies and services	\$300,000	ABCDEF
Professional liability insurance	\$450,000	ABCDEF
Other insurance premiums	\$10,000	ABCDEF
Legal fees	\$15,000	ABCDEF
Consulting fees	\$10,000	ABCDEF
Outside professional fees	\$60,000	ABCDEF
Promotion and marketing	\$35,000	ABCDEF
Clinical laboratory	\$700,000	E
Radiology and imaging	\$300,000	F
Other ancillary services	\$150,000	ACEF
Billing and collections purchased services	\$0	ABCDEF
Management fees paid to MSO or PPMC	\$100,000	ABCDEF
Miscellaneous operating cost	\$1,375,000	ABCDEF
Cost allocated to practice from parent organization	\$0	ABCDEF
Total operating cost, general	\$6,330,000	
Total nonphysician provider cost	\$250,000	AC
Total operating cost	\$11,780,000	
Total physician cost	\$10,000,000	ABCDEF
Total provider cost	\$10,000,000	
Total cost	\$21,780,000	

Step 3: Use procedural gross charges data to calculate ratios of specific procedure charges to total charges.

The cost allocated to each procedure type depends on the gross charges generated by each procedure compared to total gross charges for all procedures. In this case study, Table 1 shows the charges generated by each procedure type. For example, surgical procedures performed outside the practice generated 33.68 percent of the total gross charges for cost allocation pattern ABCDEF (see row D in Table 3). For costs that allocate to all procedures (the ABCDEF pattern costs), surgical procedures performed outside the practice would share 33.68 percent of the ABCDEF total costs. In the model, the ratios of procedure gross charges to total gross charges determine the proportion of total cost allocated to each procedure type.

For each cost allocation pattern, Data Solutions summed the gross charges for each type of procedure (see the bottom row of Tables 3 through 7 for these sums). Then, we calculated the ratios of procedure charges to total charges (the allocation ratios) by dividing the individual procedure charge amount by the total gross charges. Tables 3 through 7: Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Patterns present the complete set of ratios for all cost allocation patterns.

Step 4: Calculate the total cost allocated to each procedure type. The structure of the cost allocation model is now in place. Table 8: Total Cost per Procedure Worksheet illustrates the final step in this process. Data Solutions determined the total cost allocated to each procedure by multiplying the total cost (column 2 of Table 8) by the appropriate ratio of procedure charges to total charges.

Table 3: Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Pattern ABCDEF

Procedure Type	Procedure Name	Total Gross Charges	Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges
A	Medical procedures inside the practice	\$11,000,000	0.2850
B	Medical procedures outside the practice	\$6,300,000	0.1632
C	Surgery and anesthesia procedures inside the practice	\$1,300,000	0.0337
D	Surgery and anesthesia procedures outside the practice	\$13,000,000	0.3368
E	Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures	\$4,000,000	0.1036
F	Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures	\$3,000,000	0.0777
	Totals	\$38,600,000	1.0000

Table 4: Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Pattern ACEF

Procedure Type	Procedure Name	Total Gross Charges	Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges
A	Medical procedures inside the practice	\$11,000,000	0.5699
C	Surgery and anesthesia procedures inside the practice	\$1,300,000	0.0674
E	Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures	\$4,000,000	0.2073
F	Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures	\$3,000,000	0.1554
	Totals	\$19,300,000	1.0000

Table 5: Ratio of procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Pattern AC

Procedure Type	Procedure Name	Total Gross Charges	Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges
A	Medical procedures inside the practice	\$11,000,000	0.8943
C	Surgery and anesthesia procedures inside the practice	\$1,300,000	0.1057
	Totals	\$12,300,000	1.0000

Table 6: Ratio of procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Pattern E

Procedure Type	Procedure Name	Total Gross Charges	Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges
E	Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures	\$4,000,000	1.0000
	Totals	\$4,000,000	1.0000

Table 7: Ratio of procedure Charges to Total Charges for Cost Allocation Pattern F

Procedure Type	Procedure Name	Total Gross Charges	Ratio of Procedure Charges to Total Charges
F	Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures	\$3,000,000	1.0000
	Totals	\$3,000,000	1.0000

Then, Data Solutions summed the costs for each combination. Table 8 displays the sums of these costs (the total cost allocated to each procedure type) in columns A through F.

For example, the following calculates the total cost allocated to “medical procedures inside the practice”:

$$\$15,280,000 \times 0.2850 = \$ 4,354,800$$

$$\$ 2,300,000 \times 0.5699 = \$ 1,310,770$$

$$\$ 2,700,000 \times 0.8943 = \$ 2,414,610$$

$$\text{Total} = \$ 8,080,180$$

Table 8, column A presents a total of \$8,080,180. The other five procedures allocate total costs in a similar manner.

Step 5: Calculate total cost per procedure. Divide the total cost allocated to each procedure type by the total number of procedures for each procedure type to get the total cost per procedure. Table 8 displays the final results for this case study.

Analyzing the data at the procedural level is now possible. This information can help assess a practice’s fee schedule and the impact of managed care discounts. Also, the data is useful in evaluating capitation contracts and a baseline measurement when compared to national medians. Tables *.11b through *.11g of each data section in the report display these national standards.

Table 8: Total Cost per Procedure Worksheet

Cost allocation pattern	Total cost for each pattern	Procedure Type					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
		Medical procedures inside the practice	Medical procedures outside the practice	Surgery and anesthesia procedures inside the practice	Surgery and anesthesia procedures outside the practice	Clinical laboratory and pathology procedures	Diagnostic radiology and imaging procedures
		Ratio of procedure charges to total charges by cost allocation pattern					
All procedures (ABCDEF)	\$15,280,000	0.2850	0.1632	0.0337	0.3368	0.1036	0.0777
Medical/surgical inside and lab/radiology (ACEF)	\$2,300,000	0.5699		0.0674		0.2073	0.1554
Medical/surgical inside (AC)	\$2,700,000	0.8943		0.1057			
Laboratory (E)	\$1,000,000					1.0000	
Radiology (F)	\$500,000						1.0000
Total	\$21,780,000						
		Total cost allocated to each procedure type					
		\$8,080,180	\$2,493,696	\$955,346	\$5,146,304	\$3,059,798	\$2,044,676
		Total number of procedures					
		200,000	30,000	10,000	10,000	135,000	25,000
		Total cost per procedure					
		\$40.40	\$83.12	\$95.53	\$514.63	\$22.67	\$81.79

DEMOGRAPHIC/FILTER DEFINITIONS

Accountable Care Organization (ACO) ^{D+}

A group of coordinated health care providers who form a healthcare organization characterized by a payment and care delivery model that seeks to tie provider reimbursements to quality metrics and reductions in the total cost of care for their population of patients. The ACO is accountable to patients and the third-party payer for the quality, appropriateness, and efficiency of the care provided.

Care Team Model <ANESTHESIOLOGY ONLY> ^{D+}

According to the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the care team model consists of anesthesiologists supervising qualified advanced practice anesthesia providers and/or resident physicians who are training in the provision of anesthesia care. The anesthesiologist may delegate patient monitoring and appropriate tasks to these advanced practice providers while retaining overall responsibility for the patient.

Members of the Anesthesia Care Team work together to provide the optimal anesthesia experience for all patients. Core members of the anesthesia care team include both physicians (anesthesiologist, anesthesiology fellow, anesthesiology resident) and advanced practice (anesthesiologist assistant, nurse anesthetist, anesthesiologist assistant student, student nurse anesthetist). Other healthcare professionals also make important contributions to the perianesthetic care of the patient.

To provide optimum patient safety, the anesthesiologist directing the Anesthesia Care Team is responsible for management of team personnel, patient pre-anesthetic evaluation, prescribing the anesthetic plan, management of the anesthetic, post- anesthesia care and anesthesia consultation.

Demographic Classification

Metropolitan Area (50,000 or More): The county in which the practice is located is defined as a metropolitan (metro) county by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), based on recent Census Bureau data.

Nonmetropolitan Area (49,999 or Fewer): The county in which the practice is located is defined as a nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) county by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), based on recent Census Bureau data.

Demographic Classification (Expanded) ^{D+}

Metro - Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population: The county in which the practice is located is Census Bureau defined urbanized area with a population less than 250,000.

Metro - Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population: The county in which the practice is located is Census Bureau defined urbanized area with a population of 250,001 to 1,000,000.

Metro - Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more: The county in which the practice is located has a population of 1,000,001 or more.

Nonmetro - Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population: The county in which the practice is located is referred to as “rural.” It may or may not be adjacent to a metro area and has a population less than 2,500.

Nonmetro - Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999: The county in which the practice is located is referred to as “rural.” It may or may not be adjacent to a metro area and has a population between 2,500 and 19,999.

Nonmetro - Urban population of 20,000 or more: The county in which the practice is located is referred to as “rural.” It may or may not be adjacent to a metro area and has a population of 20,000 or more.

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

A reimbursement designation that refers to several health programs funded under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the US Federal Government. These 330 grantees in the Health Center Program include:

- Community Health Centers which serve a variety of underserved populations and areas;
- Migrant Health Centers which serve migrant and seasonal agricultural workers;
- Health Care for the Homeless Programs which reach out to homeless individuals and families and provide primary and preventive care and substance abuse services; and
- Public Housing Primary Care Programs that serve residents of public housing and are located in or adjacent to the communities they serve.

FQHCs are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons in all stages of the life cycle, regardless of their ability to pay.

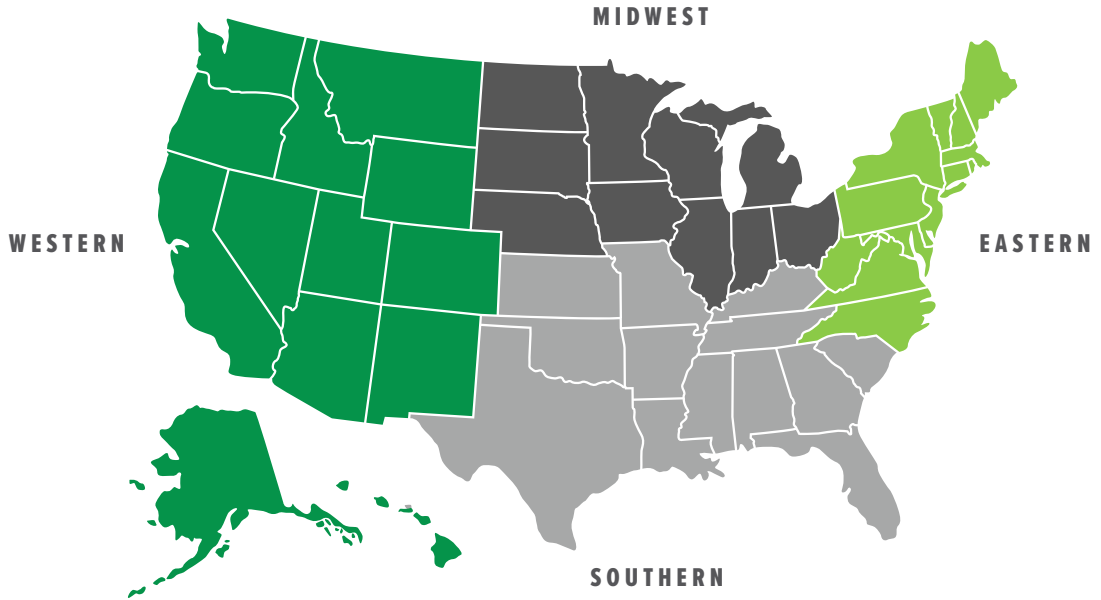
Fiscal Year

The corporate year established by the practice for business purposes. For many practices, this is January through December of the same year. The data reported is representative of the completed fiscal year.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

A measure based upon the number of actual hours worked regardless of whether it’s spent in clinical or nonclinical activities. A 1.0 FTE provider works the number of hours the practice considers to be the minimum for a normal workweek, which could be 37.5, 40, 50 hours, or some other standard. Regardless

GEOGRAPHIC SECTION



Western Section:

Alaska
 Arizona
 California
 Colorado
 Hawaii
 Idaho
 Montana
 Nevada
 New Mexico
 Oregon
 Utah
 Washington
 Wyoming

Midwest Section:

Illinois
 Indiana
 Iowa
 Michigan
 Minnesota
 Nebraska
 North Dakota
 Ohio
 South Dakota
 Wisconsin

Eastern Section:

Connecticut
 Delaware
 District of Columbia
 Maine
 Maryland
 Massachusetts
 New Hampshire
 New Jersey
 New York
 North Carolina
 Pennsylvania
 Rhode Island
 Vermont
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 West Virginia

Southern Section:

Alabama
 Arkansas
 Florida
 Georgia
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 Mississippi
 Missouri
 Oklahoma
 South Carolina
 Tennessee
 Texas

Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions

HHS Region 1: Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont	HHS Region 2: New Jersey New York	HHS Region 3: Delaware District of Columbia Maryland Pennsylvania Virginia West Virginia	HHS Region 4: Alabama Florida Georgia Kentucky Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee	HHS Region 5: Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota Ohio Wisconsin
HHS Region 6: Arkansas Louisiana New Mexico Oklahoma Texas	HHS Region 7: Iowa Kansas Missouri Nebraska	HHS Region 8: Colorado Montana North Dakota South Dakota Utah Wyoming	HHS Region 9: Arizona California Hawaii Nevada	HHS Region 10: Alaska Idaho Oregon Washington

Legal Organization

Business Corporation: A for-profit organization recognized by law as a business entity separate and distinct from its shareholders. Shareholders need not be licensed in the profession practiced by the corporation.

Limited Liability Company (LLC): A legal entity that is a hybrid between a corporation and a partnership, because it provides limited liability to owners like a corporation while passing profits and losses through to owners like a partnership.

Not-for-profit Corporation/Foundation: An organization that has obtained special exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Service code that qualifies the organization to be exempt from federal income taxes. To qualify as a tax exempt organization, a practice or faculty practice plan would have to provide evidence of a charitable, educational, or research purpose.

Partnership: An unincorporated organization where two or more individuals have agreed that they will share profits, losses, assets, and liabilities, although not necessarily on an equal basis. The partnership agreement may or may not be formalized in writing.

Professional Corporation/Association: A for-profit organization recognized by law as a business entity separate and distinct from its shareholders. Shareholders must be licensed in the profession practiced by the organization.

Sole Proprietorship: An organization with a single owner who is responsible for all profit, losses, assets, and liabilities.

Minor Geographic Region ^{D+}

Northeast:

Connecticut
 Maine
 Massachusetts
 New Hampshire
 Rhode Island
 Vermont

North Atlantic:

New Jersey
 New York
 Pennsylvania

Northwest:

Idaho
 Oregon
 Washington
 Wyoming

Mid Atlantic:

Delaware
 District of Columbia
 Maryland
 Virginia
 West Virginia

Southeast:

Alabama
 Florida
 Georgia
 Mississippi
 North Carolina
 South Carolina
 Tennessee

Eastern Midwest:

Illinois
 Indiana
 Kentucky
 Michigan
 Ohio

Upper Midwest:

Iowa
 Minnesota
 Nebraska
 North Dakota
 South Dakota
 Wisconsin

Lower Midwest:

Arkansas
 Kansas
 Louisiana
 Missouri
 Oklahoma
 Texas

Rocky Mountain:

Arizona
 Colorado
 Montana
 Nevada
 New Mexico
 Utah

Pacific:

Alaska
 California
 Hawaii

Number of Branch Clinics ^{D+}

The primary clinic location is the clinic with the most FTE physicians out of all the practice branches. A branch or satellite clinic is a smaller clinical facility for which the practice incurs occupancy costs such as lease, depreciation and utilities. A branch is in a separate location from the practice's principal facility. Merely having a physician practice in another location does not qualify that location as a branch or satellite clinic. For example, if a physician sees patients in a hospital, this would not normally be counted as a branch or satellite clinic unless the practice pays rent for the space.

Organization Ownership

Hospital/IDS Owned:

- **Hospital:** A hospital is an inpatient facility that admits patients for overnight stays, incurs nursing care costs, and generates bed-day revenues.
- **Integrated Health System or Integrated Delivery System (IDS):** A network of organizations that provide or coordinate and arrange for the provision of a continuum of health care services to consumers and is willing to be held clinically and fiscally responsible for the outcomes and the health status of the populations served. Generally consisting of hospitals, physician groups, health plans, home health agencies, hospices, skilled nursing facilities, or other provider entities, these networks may be built through “virtual” integration processes encompassing contractual arrangements and strategic alliances as well as through direct ownership.
- **Management Services Organization (MSO):** An entity organized to provide various forms of practice management and administrative support services to health care providers. These services may include centralized billing and collections services, management information services, and other components of the managed care infrastructure. MSOs do not actually deliver health care services. MSOs may be jointly or solely owned and sponsored by physicians, hospitals, or other parties. Some MSOs also purchase assets of affiliated physicians and enter into long-term management service arrangements with a provider network. Some expand their ownership base by involving outside investors to help capitalize the development of such practice infrastructure.
- **Physician Practice Management Company (PPMC):** Publicly held or entrepreneurial directed enterprises that acquire total or partial ownership interests in physician organizations. PPMCs are a type of MSO, however their motivations, goals, strategies, and structures arising from their unequivocal ownership character – development of growth and profits for their investors, not for participating providers – differentiate them from other MSO models.

Physician Owned:

- **Advanced Practice Providers:** Any advanced practice provider (e.g. nurse practitioners, physical therapists, etc.) duly licensed and qualified under the law of jurisdiction in which treatment is received.
- **Physicians:** Any Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) who is duly licensed and qualified under the law of jurisdiction in which treatment is received.

Other Majority Owner:

- **Insurance company (including HMO and PPO):** An insurance company is an organization that indemnifies an insured party against a specified loss in return for premiums paid, as stipulated by a contract. An HMO is an insurance company that accepts responsibility for providing and delivering a predetermined set of comprehensive health maintenance and treatment services to a voluntarily enrolled population for a negotiated and fixed periodic premium.
- **Government:** A governmental organization at the federal, state, or local level. Government funding is not enough criterion. Government ownership is the key factor. An example would be a medical clinic at a federal, state, or county correctional facility.
- **Privately Operated:** A company or individual that takes their own money and uses it to fund another organization. Some investors have the option to invest passively, which means they give their funding and play no further role, while others have a more significant role in the organization. Includes non-clinical investors or owners.
- **University or Medical School:** An institution of higher learning with teaching and research facilities comprising undergraduate, graduate and professional schools. A medical school is an institution that trains physicians and awards medical and osteopathic degrees.
- **Foundation:** Foundations are very similar to nonprofit legal entities to allow physicians, organizations or other healthcare providers a mechanism to provide medical services or perform research. Foundations are generally organizations that do not qualify as a public charity, but are often set up via an endowment to support charitable purposes or as a memorial or similar healthcare related purpose. They are usually non-stock corporations and are eligible for federal tax exempt status.

Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) ^{D+}

A care delivery model where patient treatment and care is coordinated through their primary care provider to ensure they receive high quality care when care is necessary. The objective is collaboration between the patient and physicians with care delivered in a way the patient can understand. PCMHs seek to improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the care delivered while focusing on meeting patient needs first.

Practice Type

Multispecialty: A medical practice that consists of physicians practicing in different specialties.

- Multispecialty with Primary and Specialty Care: Medical practices that consist of physicians practicing in different specialties, including at least one primary care specialty listed below:
 - Family Medicine: General
 - Family Medicine: Sports Medicine
 - Family Medicine: With Obstetrics
 - Family Medicine: Without Obstetrics
 - Geriatrics
 - Internal Medicine: General
 - Pediatrics: Adolescent Medicine
 - Pediatrics: General

- Pediatrics: Sports Medicine
- Urgent Care
- Multispecialty with Primary Care Only: A medical practice that consists of physicians practicing in more than one of the primary care specialties listed above or one of the specialties below:
 - Obstetrics/gynecology
 - Gynecology (only)
 - Obstetrics(only)
- Multispecialty with Specialty Care Only: A medical practice that consists of physicians practicing in different specialties, none of which are the primary care specialties listed above.
- Single Specialty: A medical practice that focuses its clinical work in one specialty. The determining factor for classifying the type of specialty is the focus of clinical work and not necessarily the specialties of the physicians in the practice.

Rent vs. Own Practice Space ^{D+}

Whether a practice rents or owns their medical practice space.

Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

A clinic certified to receive special Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. The purpose of the RHC program is to improve access to primary care in underserved rural areas. RHCs are required to use a team approach of physicians and advanced practice providers (nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives) to provide services. The clinic must be staffed at least 50% of the time with an advanced practice provider. RHCs may also provide other healthcare services such as mental health or vision services, but reimbursement for those services may not be based on their allowable cost.

Staffing Model for Anesthesiology Practices <ANESTHESIOLOGY ONLY> ^{D+}

Designation for various Anesthesiology practice staffing models.

- Physician Only
- Fewer than 1 CRNA/Anesthesia Assistant (AA) per Physician
- 1 CRNA/Anesthesia Assistant (AA) per Physician or more

FORMULAS

Months of gross fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

$$\frac{(\text{Total accounts receivable})}{(\text{Gross FFS charges}) \times (1/12)}$$

Months of adjusted fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

$$\frac{(\text{Total accounts receivable})}{(\text{Adjusted FFS charges}) \times (1/12)}$$

Days of gross fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

$$\frac{(\text{Total accounts receivable})}{(\text{Gross FFS charges}) \times (1/365)}$$

Gross fee-for-service collection percentage:

$$\frac{(\text{Net FFS revenue}) \times 100}{(\text{Gross FFS charges})}$$

Gross fee-for-service plus capitation collection percentage:

$$\frac{((\text{Net FFS revenue}) + (\text{Net capitation revenue})) \times 100}{(\text{Total gross charges})}$$

Total operating and NPP cost:

$$(\text{Total operating cost}) + (\text{Total nonphysician provider cost})$$

Total medical revenue after operating cost and NPP cost:

$$(\text{Total medical revenue after operating cost}) - (\text{Total nonphysician provider cost})$$

Days of adjusted fee-for-service charges in accounts receivable:

$$\frac{(\text{Total accounts receivable})}{(\text{Adjusted FFS charges}) \times (1/365)}$$

Adjusted fee-for-service collection percentage:

Also referred to as: Net collection percentage

$$\frac{(\text{Net FFS revenue}) \times 100}{(\text{Adjusted FFS charges})}$$

Net capitation revenue percentage of gross capitation charges:

$$\frac{(\text{Net capitation revenue}) \times 100}{(\text{Gross capitation charges})}$$

Total cost:

$$(\text{Total operating cost}) + (\text{Total provider cost})$$

DATA NORMALIZATION CALCULATIONS (DATA CUTS)

Per FTE physician:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Total physician FTE)}}$

Per total RVU:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Total RVUs)}}$

As a percentage of total medical revenue:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Total medical revenue)}}$

Per work RVU:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Physician work RVUs)}}$

Per FTE provider:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Total provider FTE)}}$

Per patient:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Number of patients)}}$

Per square foot:

$\frac{\text{<performance measure>}}{\text{(Square feet)}}$

SUPPORT

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