

Peer Groups for SNF PEPPER

Peer groups were created for skilled nursing facilities (SNF) based on three different characteristics. Each SNF with PEPPER statistics in the represented fiscal year was placed in the appropriate peer group based on information obtained from either the Provider of Services file or claims data. The Provider of Services file is available for download from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. It contains data from the Online Survey, Certification and Reporting (OSCAR) system. The data are collected through the CMS Regional Offices, and the file is updated quarterly.

Percentiles (20th, 50th and 80th) were calculated for each peer group for each target area for episodes of care ending in the fiscal year. Each characteristic was analyzed independently of the others. There had to be at least 11 providers in a peer group with reportable data for a target area in order to calculate percentiles. Bar charts were prepared to display the percentiles for each peer group. The following table provides details on how the peer groups were constructed.

Characteristic	Source of Information	Peer Group	How defined
Location	Provider of Services file: CBSA Urban Rural Indicator	Urban	U – County in which the provider is located is defined as Urban according to Core Based Statistical Area
		Rural	R – County in which the provider is located is defined as Rural according to Core Based Statistical Area
Ownership Type for Free-standing SNFs	Provider of Services file: Ownership Type Code For Free-Standing SNFs (provider number with a third position of '5' or '6')	For Profit/Physician Ownership	01 – Individual 02 – Partnership 03 – Corporation 13 – Limited Liability Corporation
		Nonprofit /Church	04 – Church Related 05 – Corporation 06 – Other
		Government	07 – State 08 – County 09 – City 10 – City/County 11 – Hospital District 12 – Federal

Characteristic	Source of Information	Peer Group	How defined
Ownership Type for Hospital-based SNFs	Provider of Services file: Ownership Type Code For Hospital-based SNFs (provider number with a third position of 'U', 'W', or 'Y') [Note: Providers that fell into the category 03-Other were not included in this analysis]	Nonprofit	01 – Church, or 02 – Private (Not for Profit), or 10 – Tribal
		Government	05 – Federal, or 06 – State, or 07 – Local, or 08 – Hospital District or Authority
		For Profit/Physician Ownership	04 – Private (For Profit), or 09 – Physician Ownership
Total Number of Episodes	Episodes of care ending in the current year	Smallest 1/3 number of episodes of care	1 – Smallest 1/3 of SNFs
		Middle 1/3 number of episodes of care	2 – Middle 1/3 of SNFs
		Largest 1/3 number of episodes of care	3 – Largest 1/3 of SNFs