PEPPER Summarizes Medicare Data

- Paid Medicare claims (UB-04)
  - Home health part A or part B final action claims
  - Medicare claim payment amount > zero (note: includes Medicare secondary payer claims)
  - Final action claim (interim and non-payment claims excluded)
  - Exclude HMO claims
  - Exclude canceled claims

- See the PEPPER User’s Guide (available at PEPPERresources.org) for data specifications
PEPPER Data

- Organized in three 12-month time periods based on the calendar year (CY)

| CY 2013 | CY 2014 | CY 2015 |

PEPPER Target Area Statistics

- PEPPER summarizes services provided by an HHA for claims/episodes that end during the respective calendar year.
PEPPER Data Restriction

Due to CMS data restrictions, the HHA PEPPER will not display statistics when the numerator or denominator count is less than 11 for a target area in any time period.

- Some HHAs may not see any data for some target areas or time periods.
- About 450 HHAs will not have a PEPPER available.
Why are the statistics in PEPPER so old?

- TMF must wait four months after the most recent month in a reporting time period before downloading the claims data to analyze for inclusion in the report. Data for the calendar year ending December 31 are downloaded at the end of the following April. Data processing, quality checks, report production and distribution require an additional three months.