PEPPER Summarizes Medicare Data

- Paid Medicare claims (UB-04)
  - Claim facility type = hospital
  - Inpatient part A claim from the applicable provider type, as determined by the CMS certification number (LT, CAH, IPF, IRF)
  - Claim has a valid medical record number
  - Medicare claim payment amount > zero (note: includes Medicare secondary payer claims)
  - Final action claim
  - Exclude HMO claims (Medicare Advantage)
  - Exclude canceled claims

- See the applicable PEPPER User’s Guide (available at PEPPERresources.org) for data specifications.
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- Organized in three 12-month time periods based on federal fiscal year (FY).

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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 fiscal year ending September 30 are downloaded at the end of the following January. Data processing, quality checks, report production and distribution require an additional three months.
Due to CMS data restrictions, the PEPPER will not display statistics when the numerator or denominator count is less than 11 for a target area in any time period.

- Some providers may not see any data for some target areas or time periods.
- A few providers will not have a PEPPER available.