PEPPER Summarizes Medicare Data

- Paid Medicare claims (UB-04)
  - Claim facility type = hospital
  - Inpatient part A claim
  - Claim has a valid medical record number
  - Medicare claim payment amount > zero (note: includes Medicare secondary payer claims)
  - Final action claim
  - Exclude HMO claims
  - Exclude canceled claims

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

- Summarized by federal fiscal year quarters according to the discharge date on the claim.

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  - Q1 = October-December
  - Q2 = January-March
  - Q3 = April-June
  - Q4 = July-September

- ST PEPPER distributed quarterly.
Why aren’t the statistics in PEPPER more current?

- TMF must wait four months after the most recent month in a quarter before downloading the claims data to analyze for inclusion in the report. Data for Q4FY16 (July-Sept. 2016) were downloaded the end of Jan. 2017. Data processing, quality checks, report production and distribution require an additional 5-6 weeks.
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 hospitals may not see any data for some target areas or time periods.
- A few hospitals will not have a PEPPER available.