Q: For clarification, regarding the “No Individual Psychotherapy” target area, if our target area percent is at 70 percent will you please define again what this means in comparison to other groups?

A: If you are looking at the Compare Targets Report in your PEPPER, this report displays your PHP’s percentile as compared to the three comparison groups (nation, Medicare Administrative Contractor jurisdiction and state) for all target areas where your PHP has reportable data (numerator value of at least 11) in the most recent calendar year. The PHP’s percentile value indicates the percent of all PHPs in the respective comparison group that have a target area percent that is less than your PHP does; it allows you to evaluate how your target area percent compares to all PHPs in each respective comparison group. PHPs are identified as “outliers” in the PEPPER when their target area percent is at/above the national 80th percentile.

In the example below, the PHP’s target area percent for the “No Individual Psychotherapy” target area is 89.4 percent, which places it at the 28.3 national percentile, meaning that 28.3 percent of all PHPs in the nation have a lower target area percent. The PHP’s jurisdiction percentile is 37.9, which means that 37.9 percent of all PHPs in the jurisdiction comparison group have a lower target area percent. And the PHP’s state percentile is 57.9, which means that 57.9 percent of all PHPs in the state have a lower target area percent than the PHP.