PEPPER Summarizes Medicare Data

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

- See the PEPPER User's Guide (available at pepper.cbrpepper.org) for data specifications

PEPPER Data

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

- 2017
- 2018
- 2019

Statistics for all time periods are refreshed with each release

The oldest calendar year rolls off as the new one is added

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.
- – Some HHAs will not have a PEPPER available.

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Table 7 Your Statistics for Episodes With 5 or 6 Visits

YOUR HOME HEALTH AGENCY	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019
Outlier Status	No data	No data	No data
Target Area Percent			
Target Count			
Denominator Count			
Target (Numerator) Average Length of Stay			
Denominator Average Length of Stay			
Target (Numerator) Average Payment			
Target (Numerator) Sum of Payments			

Why are the statistics in PEPPER so old?

- The PEPPER team 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.