

PEPPER Sessions Chapter 5 Top Diagnosis Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities

During this session, I'm going to review the top DRG report that's included in the IPF PEPPER. This report lists the top DRGs for the IPF by the number of discharges that end in the most recent fiscal year, where we also identify the number of discharges for the DRG, the proportion of discharges for the DRG to total discharges, and the average length of stay for the DRG. This report is supplemental. It does not have any impact on outlier status or your risk for improper payments.

We also include in the PEPPER a jurisdiction level report that identifies the top DRGs by the number of discharges for all IPFs in the MAC jurisdiction. And this report includes the same data elements as the IPF-specific report, as well as the jurisdiction and national average length of stay for the top DRGs.

I'll share with you now a sample report in the PEPPER. You will find the top DRGs report on the top DRGs tab in the IPF PEPPER. And again, for the most recent fiscal year, we will identify the DRG, the DRG description, the total discharges for that the DRG, the proportion of discharges for each DRG to total discharges, and the average length of stay for the IPF for that particular DRG.

Now on this report, there is space for up to 20 DRGs, however, the DRGs will only display if there are at least 11 discharges for that DRG in the most recent four quarters. And there is a note down here that does remind you of that fact. Here we have some summary information for the top DRGs, and then for all the DRGs in the most recent four quarters.

You'll find the jurisdiction level information on the jurisdiction top DRGs tab, which is formatted in the same way as the IPF level information. It does include the jurisdiction average length of stay for the DRG, as well as the national average length of stay for the DRG. And again, you might find this information helpful when you're comparing your IPF level statistics to the jurisdiction or national level statistics.