



PEPPER Sessions Chapter 5

Top Partial Hospitalization Programs

During this session, I'm going to review the top diagnoses report that's found in the *PHP PEPPER*. This report identifies the top terminal Clinical Classification System, or CCS, diagnosis categories for beneficiary episodes ending at the PHP during the most recent calendar year. We use the principle diagnosis code from the first claim in the episode to determine the CCS category. In the report, we identify the number of episodes for each category, the proportion of total episodes, and the average length of stay for each CCS category. This is a supplemental report. It doesn't have any impact on your risk for improper payments or your outlier status within the PEPPER. It is included for your internal use and for comparison with national level statistics only.

The *PHP PEPPER* also includes a national-level top diagnoses report, which include the same data elements as the PHP-specific report but for all PHP episodes in the nation. Provided primarily for comparison purposes.

We do include within the PEPPER, another report that summarizes the same type of information but at the national level for all PHP episodes in the nation.

So let's take a look at a sample PEPPER for PHP. This is a *PHP PEPPER*, and we are on the tab that is labeled Top Diagnoses. So we do identify the top diagnoses for the PHP in descending order by total episodes per category. Here, you would see the CCS diagnosis category, the total episodes for each category, the proportion of episodes for the category to total episodes, and the PHP's average length of stay for the CCS category.

This particular PHP three categories listed — that would be for mood disorders, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorder, and anxiety disorders. The report is limited to the top diagnosis categories — up to 10 for which there are a total of at least 11 episodes that end in the most recent calendar year. Below the report is a note that reminds you that we use the principle diagnosis code from the first claim to generate the CCS diagnosis category, and if you're interested in learning more about the CCS software, you can find that here at this website.

As I mentioned, we include on the nationwide top diagnoses report the same type of information aggregated for all PHPs in the nation, again, for the most recent calendar year. You can see the total number of episodes for each of these diagnoses categories.

The proportion of episodes for each CCS — the total episode — and the national average length of stay. And again, this is included for comparative purposes. Some PHPs might find this level of information helpful, but it is certainly considered supplemental. And again, it doesn't have any impact on risk for improper payments.