



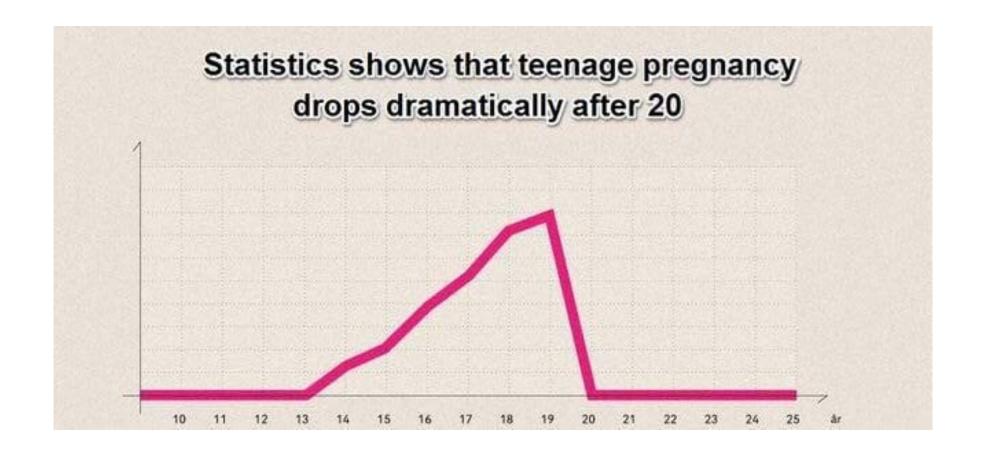
Vitality Payer Scorecard

There is Power in Numbers

Louisiana HFMA Conference 2025

Statistics can be misleading by Don McMillan







Nerd vs Geek by Don McMillan







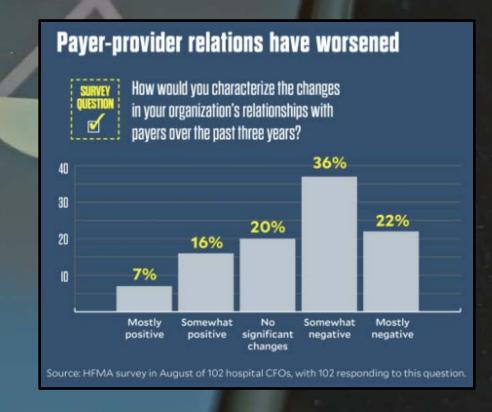
Payer behavior is at an all time low and providers are demanding for accountability.

Financial Management

'There's something wrong with the system': CommonSpirit CFO

Alan Condon - Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

Mr. Morissette said healthcare has "never been more challenging" for health systems. While CommonSpirit does not issue forward-looking statements and continues to battle payers across multiple markets, he expects FY 2025 "to be better than" FY 2024.



Challenges in rural health

Need a collective voice

Rural hospitals need a platform to unite and speak as one against the payers. Feel helpless.

Need technology to help

Rural hospitals often don't have access to latest technology.

No bandwidth to find problems

Resources are limited and play multiple roles. Need an easy way of identifying problems.

Medicare Dis-Advantage

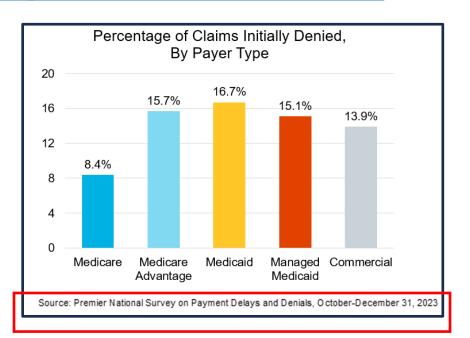
There is nothing advantageous of MA for Rural. Already struggling.



What is the bar in the industry?

Trend Alert: Private Payers Retain Profits by Refusing or Delaying Legitimate Medical Claims

https://premierinc.com/newsroom/blog/trend-alert-private-payers-retain-profits-by-refusing-or-delaying-legitimate-medical-claims



Methodology

Premier conducted a voluntary, national survey of member hospitals and health systems from October 10-December 31, 2023. Respondents represented 516 hospitals across 36 states, accounting for 52,123 acute care beds. Respondents were asked to consider all claims from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Findings are presented as averages, weighted by acute bed capacity of the respondent. Respondents ranged from a small 12-bed critical access hospital to large, multi-state health systems. A copy of the survey questions can be found here.



Premier is collecting data to inform our advocacy on behalf of members experient payment denials and delays by health plans. We are interested in learning more about and administrative burdens that providers face when appealing or pursuing denials/d payment. Understanding the severity of the issue amongst our members will be development of a data-driven advocacy strategy in Washington DC.

For the purposes of the survey, please consider the time period from January 1, 202 31, 2022.

Please answer the following questions, to the best of your knowledge, by November completion, please email the completed PDF document to Mason Mason Ingram@premierinc.com. Should your organizational policies require that y information in a different format, or via protected means, please contact Mason and work with you to meet your organization's needs.

Ideally, the survey should be completed by the Finance or Revenue Cycle Manag Responses to the survey will be aggregated and anonymized.

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Mas Mason Ingram@premierinc.com.

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enter a percentage (0-100) in the text boxes for each insurance type.

	% of Claims Requiring Prior Auth
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Managed Medicare	
Medicaid	
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Managed Care and Other Commercial	
Marketplace Exchanges	

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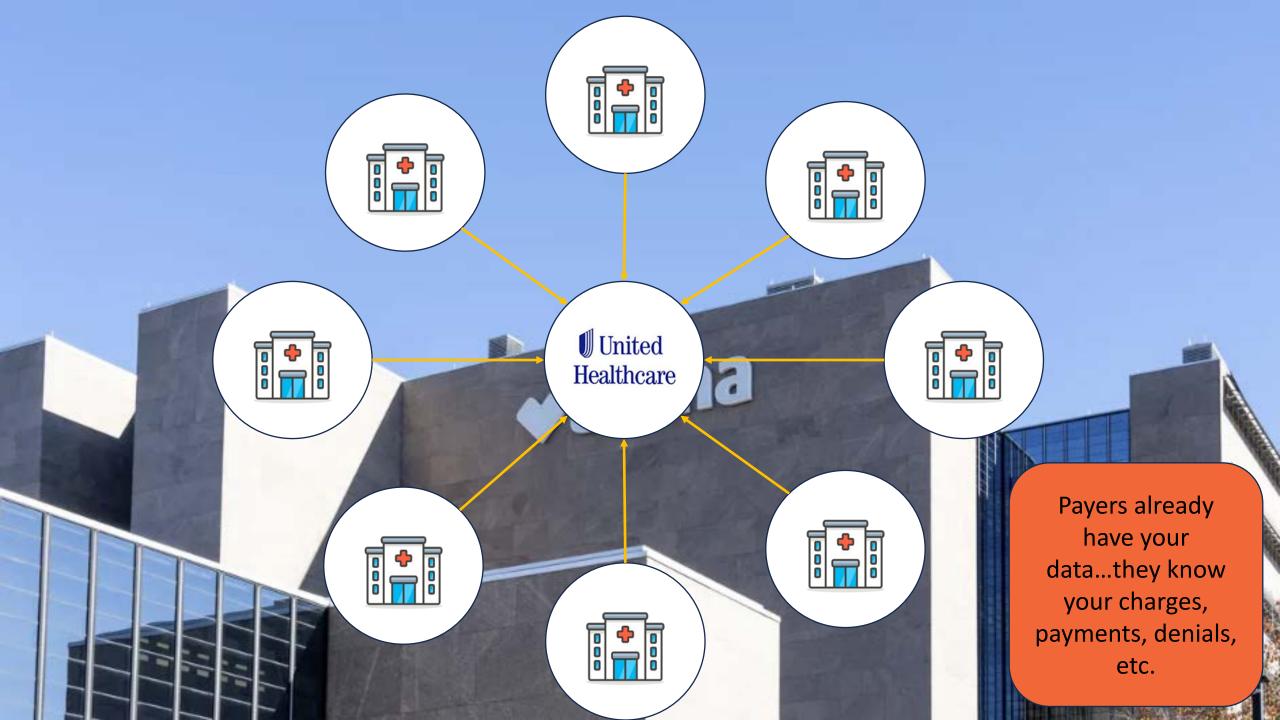
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Payers' Perspective



"You let one ant stand up and they all might stand up.

Those puny ants outnumbers us a hundred to one.

And if they figure that out, there goes our way of life.

It is not about food; it's about keeping those ants in line."

-Hopper







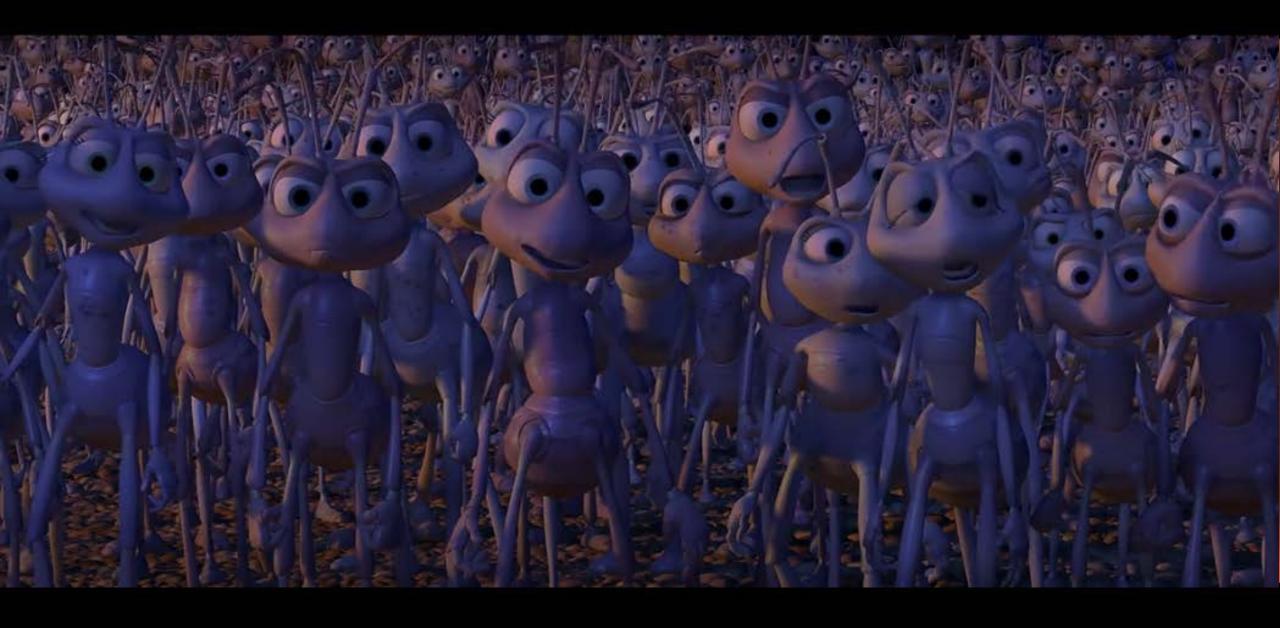
Providers' Perspective





Hyve's Perspective



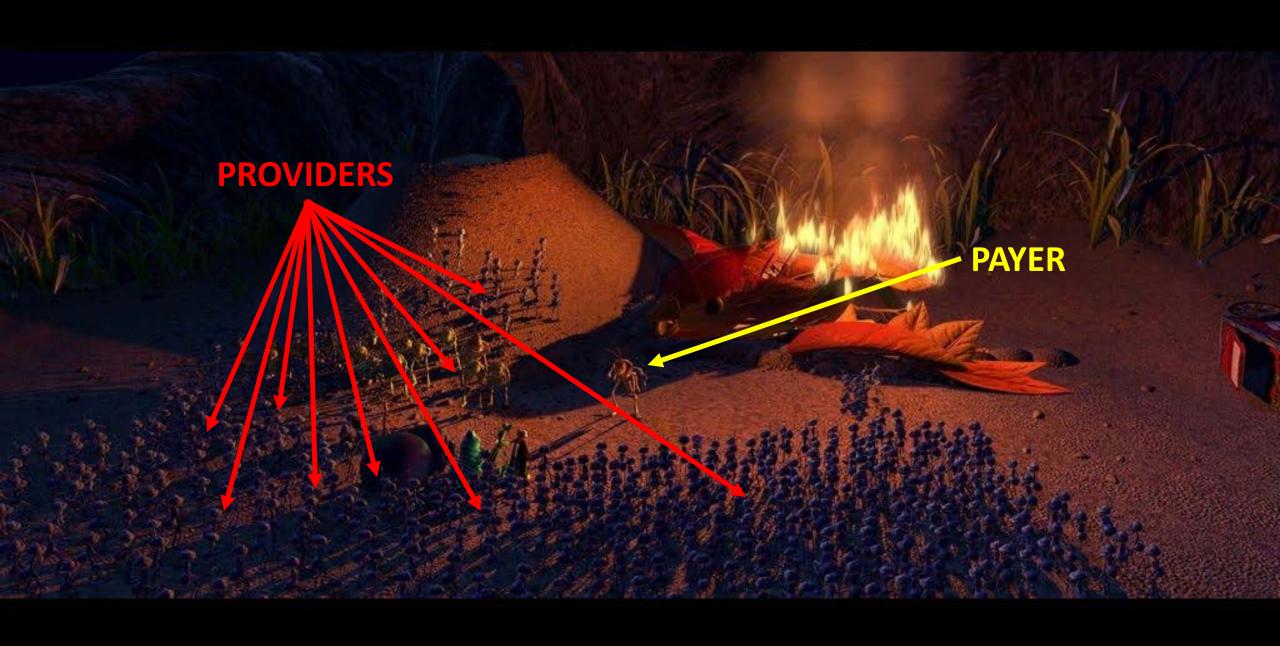




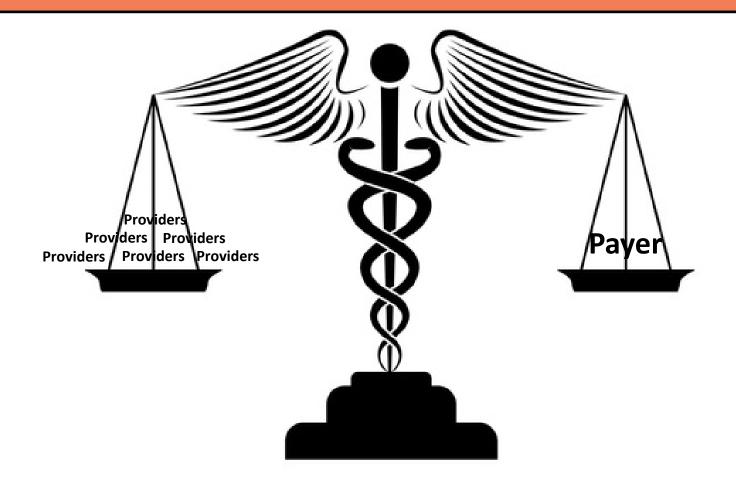








Providers uniting is the only way to balance the scales





Solution: Aggregated, Democratized Data

Create the most CREDIBLE data

- Harvest raw 837/835 data from the source.
- Hospitals are the source.

Create the most SECURE data

- PHI from 837/835s is removed at the source.
- No BAA needed.

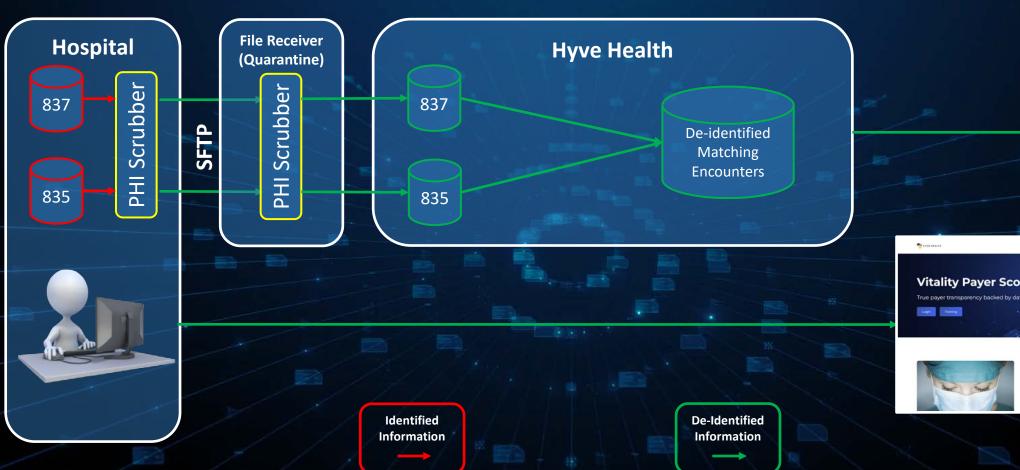
Create the most TIMELY data

- Timely data is needed to influence change.
- 6-18 month old data

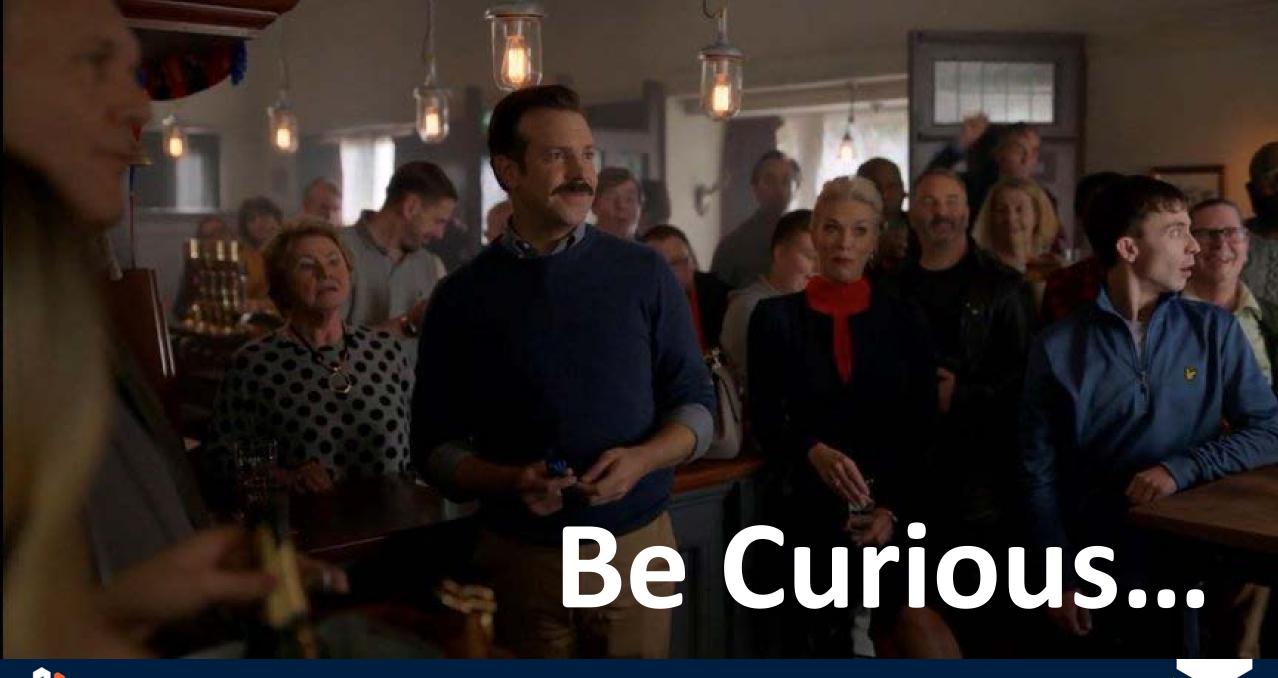
Create the SAFEST data

- Hospitals cannot see each other's data.
- Anonymity is crucial

PHI Scrubber and Data Flow







Be Curious: Wouldn't you like to know if...

- Your hospital had the lowest (best) denials in the state? In the country?!
 - How do you know this today?
- Your reimbursement was the lowest (worst) in your market? In your state?
 - How do you know this day
- For the first time, you and your peers could share payer data, resulting in the ability to hold insurance companies accountable for their out of control, unchecked behavior...denial, slow payments, downcoding, and low reimbursement.



What can the Vitality Payer Scorecard tell me?

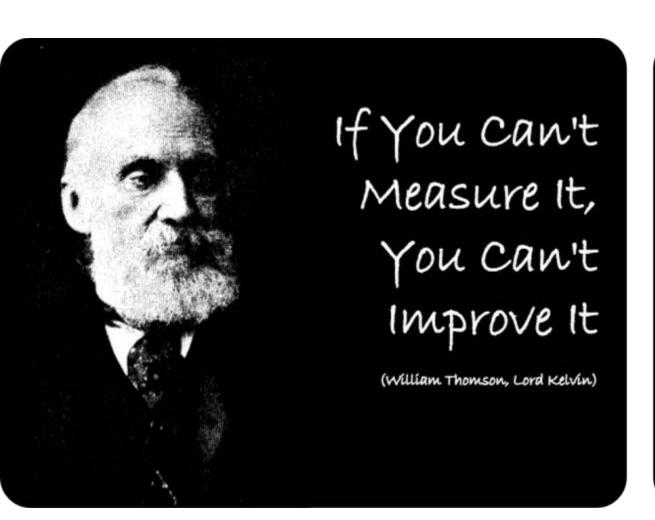
Over 50 metrics

- How slow am I getting paid compared to my peers?
- What percent of my claims are paid first time?
- How fast do we get claims out to payers?
- How does my reimbursement compare?
- Am I being downcoded more than everyone else?
- Am I losing reimbursement because my charges are falling below contracts rates?
- Am I getting denied more than my peers?

How can I compare myself to others?

- Financial Class (Comm, Medicare, MA, Medicaid, Managed Medicaid)
- Payer (Aetna, BCBS, UHC, Cigna, Humana, etc)
- Specialty (OB, Cardiac, Ortho, etc)
- Patient Type (IP, OP, ED, OBS)
- IP, Orthopedic, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage
- You vs the state
- You across states
- Not limit to your EHR, Clearinghouse, or other vendors.

Over 3600 combinations per metric





"If you can't measure it, you can't manage it"

Peter Drucker





Let's be curious...

How long does it take to submit claim (across AL, AR, KY, LA, MO, TN)?

Slowest

	Hospital	Discharge to Claim (days)
	HOSPITAL 835	33.3
	HOSPITAL 660	28.2
	HOSPITAL 1080	26.4
	HOSPITAL 177	23.5
-	HOSPITAL 720	21.6
	HOSPITAL 712	19.6
	HOSPITAL 1021	19.3
	HOSPITAL 656	18.6
	HOSPITAL 609	17.5
	HOSPITAL 138	17.0
	HOSPITAL 611	16.6
	HOSPITAL 137	16.0
	HOSPITAL 837	15.5
	HOSPITAL 552	15.1
	HOSPITAL 406	14.7
	HOSPITAL 1024	14.7
	HOSPITAL 610	14.2

Fastest

	Hospital	Discharge to Claim (days)	
	HOSPITAL 696	3.0	
	HOSPITAL 1090	5.2	
	HOSPITAL 564	5.3	
	HOSPITAL 562	5.5	
	HOSPITAL 574	5.6	
	HOSPITAL 563	5.7	
	HOSPITAL 566	5.9	
	HOSPITAL 561	6.0	
	HOSPITAL 557	6.2	
	HOSPITAL 560	6.3	
	HOSPITAL 576	6.3	
	HOSPITAL 505	6.3	
	HOSPITAL 419	6.4	
	HOSPITAL 559	6.5	
	HOSPITAL 701	6.6	
١	HOSPITAL 504	6.8	
	HOSPITAL 606	6.9	



What's my denial rate? (across AL, AR, KY, LA, MO, TN)?

Highest

	Hospital	Full Denial Val (%)	Full Denial Vol (%)	Cured Denial Val (%)	Cured Denial Vol (%)
	HOSPITAL 1077	19.0%	11.8%	6.6%	7.2%
	HOSPITAL 662	15.9%	14.1%	2.1%	2.2%
	HOSPITAL 837	13.7%	6.3%	7.5%	2.4%
	HOSPITAL 47	12.4%	6.2%	2.5%	0.6%
	HOSPITAL 576	12.0%	16.6%	4.7%	3.9%
ì	HOSPITAL 775	11.1%	7.4%	4.2%	1.0%
\ \ -	HOSPITAL 506	10.7%	10.0%	2.3%	1.8%
	HOSPITAL 1024	10.7%	7.3%	2.8%	1.6%
	HOSPITAL 952	10.5%	8.0%	4.8%	2.3%
	HOSPITAL 712	10.5%	13.5%	6.2%	2.7%
4	HOSPITAL 719	10.4%	3.7%	2.3%	1.3%
	HOSPITAL 140	10.3%	7.1%	6.4%	4.1%
	HOSPITAL 608	10.3%	6.7%	2.9%	1.5%
	HOSPITAL 606	9.8%	7.0%	2.9%	2.3%
	HOSPITAL 139	9.7%	5.8%	3.2%	1.3%
	HOSPITAL 177	9.7%	7.4%	2.5%	1.6%

Lowest

	Hospital	Full Denial Val (%)	Full Denial Vol (%)	Cured Denial Val (%)	Cured Denial Vol (%)	
П	HOSPITAL 698	1.8%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	Γ
	HOSPITAL 1023	2.4%	1.8%	1.7%	0.9%	Г
	HOSPITAL 652	2.8%	2.3%	1.4%	0.6%	
	HOSPITAL 695	3.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.2%	
	HOSPITAL 939	3.1%	2.1%	2.0%	1.5%	
	HOSPITAL 701	3.2%	1.6%	1.6%	0.5%	
	HOSPITAL 1015	3.2%	2.6%	1.2%	0.9%	
	HOSPITAL 1078	3.5%	4.5%	1.4%	0.8%	
	HOSPITAL 653	3.6%	2.5%	1.4%	0.6%	
	HOSPITAL 561	3.6%	3.2%	8.0%	1.3%	
	HOSPITAL 1022	3.6%	3.2%	1.6%	1.2%	
	HOSPITAL 700	3.8%	2.2%	2.7%	0.8%	
	HOSPITAL 1025	3.8%	2.6%	2.4%	1.1%	
	HOSPITAL 1006	3.8%	2.8%	1.9%	1.8%	
	HOSPITAL 694	3.8%	2.6%	2.6%	1.6%	
	HOSPITAL 1018	3.8%	2.9%	1.6%	1.6%	

Am I losing reimbursement? (across AL, AR, KY, LA, MO, TN)?

Lessor Rate or Charge

	Hospital	Charges LRC (\$)	LRC (%)	Paid Amount LRC (\$)	Remits LRC (#)
	HOSPITAL 54	9,415,248	1.46%	6,674,424	1,786
	HOSPITAL 1025	9,302,457	0.74%	7,860,446	1,011
7	HOSPITAL 50	8,019,841	0.92%	6,248,289	1,180
	HOSPITAL 661	6,284,440	0.40%	4,549,173	1,459
	HOSPITAL 471	5,929,932	0.51%	4,953,345	2,486
	HOSPITAL 1023	5,153,926	0.33%	4,359,859	490
	HOSPITAL 1009	5,091,014	0.24%	3,885,524	2,138
	HOSPITAL 1078	4,898,768	0.23%	4,266,405	375
	HOSPITAL 565	4,335,103	0.34%	3,497,509	685
	HOSPITAL 52	3,206,438	0.97%	2,385,462	1,028
Ζ	HOSPITAL 559	2,506,933	0.50%	2,081,752	301
	HOSPITAL 139	2,416,237	0.54%	1,088,554	430
	HOSPITAL 53	2,166,918	0.76%	1,553,866	662
	HOSPITAL 699	1,718,164	0.26%	1,406,172	336
	HOSPITAL 51	1,686,263	0.90%	1,188,867	667
	HOSPITAL 666	1,642,076	0.15%	1,102,985	258
	HOSPITAL 608	1,555,135	0.16%	1,173,078	268

Downcoding

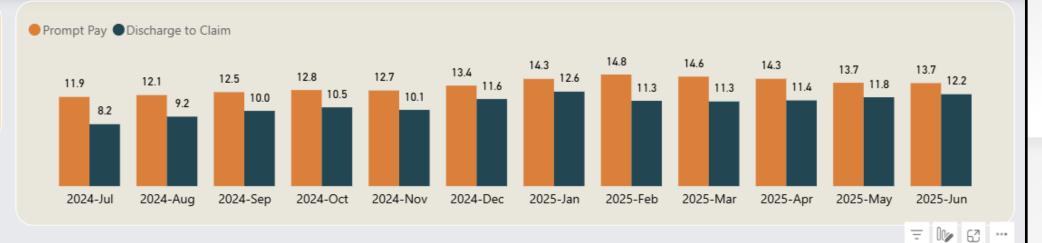
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HOSPITAL 1039	19,269,865	1.12%	1,115,304	1,685
HOSPITAL 565	11,020,145	0.75%	739,475	1,524
HOSPITAL 560	8,425,246	1.24%	597,849	1,560
HOSPITAL 717	8,057,635	0.82%	833,752	1,263
HOSPITAL 693	7,933,033	0.61%	933,641	1,068
HOSPITAL 516	7,799,077	0.24%	749,417	1,081
HOSPITAL 563	6,929,216	1.01%	538,378	1,275
HOSPITAL 559	6,402,484	1.93%	522,804	1,176
HOSPITAL 695	5,423,343	0.57%	552,444	793
HOSPITAL 1025	5,361,910	0.60%	530,705	819
HOSPITAL 1009	5,143,762	0.12%	576,444	1,047
HOSPITAL 718	4,884,030	0.76%	608,887	694
HOSPITAL 553	4,781,230	2.06%	768,934	1,623
HOSPITAL 557	4,247,498	0.51%	369,187	623
HOSPITAL 415	4,129,446	0.21%	1,453,393	896
HOSPITAL 564	3,880,069	0.76%	336,407	931



Mid-South state's experience

Prompt Pay (days)

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Payer by Specialty

State	Payer Paid (\$)	POC (%)	POC Clean (%)	Paid Clean 30d (\$)	Prompt Pay > 30d (%)	Remits Clean 30d (#)	Discharge to Claim (days)	First Pass Yield (%)	Prompt Pay (days)	Prompt Pay Cured Denials (days)
AL	6,176,170,761	21.6%	22.2%	430,021,315	2.6%	93,498	11.2	88.4%	13.8	70.1
AR	3,231,234,097	22.4%	23.9%	227,226,687	2.6%	59,397	10.9	84.5%	14.2	64.1
KY	3,563,402,853	18.8%	19.7%	167,449,111	2.3%	62,577	11.7	83.9%	11.1	68.6
LA	1,426,990,490	22.4%	24.1%	82,882,763	2.4%	22,638	10.4	87.8%	13.2	77.3
MO	146,357,265	15.8%	16.6%	8,471,424	3.5%	2,553	8.3	88.8%	14.3	59.9
TN	2,923,961,280	20.4%	20.3%	137,357,091	3.2%	45,786	8.9	75.5%	15.2	71.8



Commercial First time and Slow payments?

Payer Type	Payer Paid (\$)	POC (%)	POC Clean (%)	Paid Clean 30d (\$)	Prompt Pay > 30d (%)	Remits Clean 30d (#)	Discharge to Claim (days)	First Pass Yield (%)	Prompt Pay (days)	TN First Pas Cure W BCBS (days)
∃ Commercial	·									
─ Blue Cross/Blue Shield										
AL	2,163,401,744	31.4%	29.4%	170,834,811	2.2%	24,933	10.2	95.2%	11.2	77.7
TN	585,942,288	31.7%	36.1%	29,323,136	2.4%	4,205	7.5	51.8%	12.5	91.3
AR	568,535,638	29.5%	31.1%	99,817,635	4.0%	14,637	9.8	86.8%	12.8	87.1
LA	410,970,245	44.0%	44.4%	36,523,202	2.6%	4.425	8.8	91.7%	16.3	92.2
KY	45,258,547	39.0%	43.7%	4,259,039	2.6%	532	10.6	79.0%	9.1	75.9
MO	28,981,903	42.4%	44.7%	3,061,933	3.7%	298	7.6	93.1%	15.1	82.7
± Anthem	854,761,587	32.3%	33.8%	47,116,574	2.0%	10,011	10.8	82.3%	10.8	77.6
 United Healthcare 										
AL	252,802,753	26.1%	31.7%	26,006,446	4.2%	4,466	12.2	74.5%	18.3	86.6
KY	147,149,285	43.8%	47.1%	16,114,157	3.9%	3,317	10.3	87.8%	16.7	73.0
AR	139,572,374	32.5%	32.7%	24,921,592	5.0% <u></u>	4,789	10.1	87.5%	19.6	84.4
TN	139,109,175	37.6%	36.3%	10,480,265	4.4%	2,850	9.6	77.9%	17.6	89.9
LA	105,461,119	36.6%	39.1%	13,478,878	4.3%	2,580	9.5	88.4%	17.0	82.8
MO	11,263,142	30.4%	31.0%	1,210,305	5.7%	307	7.6	92.7%	17/9	AR Slow
										Payment

MA First time and Slow payments?

JHC MA v: Humana

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	•		(%)		30d (%)	30d (#)	(days)		(days)	(Alay	/S)/
─ Medicare Advantage											
☐ United Healthcare											
AL	677,698,225	19.3%	20.2%	65,011,975	4.2%	18,478	11.1	90.4%	23.1		83.0
TN	379,099,282	17.3%	17.7%	11,385,688	3.3%	7,273	8.7	89.3%	21.3		90.5
AR	376,834,041	21.5%	22.9%	21,751,251	3.2%	8,711	10.6	89.3%	22.7		77.3
KY	157,164,037	15.4%	16.1%	6,475,128	2.6%	3,418	10.6	86.4%	19.6		74.4
LA	101,329,056	16.1%	16.6%	2,563,961	1.3%	1,060	10.5	90.5%	16.4		50.9
MO	15,294,831	10.1%	11.0%	623,786	6.1%	638	7.6	86.1%	17.4		72.4
Humana											
KY	261,109,092	13.7%	13.9%	11,784,715	1.6%	4,761	11.3	86.7%	6.2	//	79.6
AL	219,301,989	17.3%	18.6%	5,800,128	1.3%	2,461	11.6	87.5%	6.0	//	79.9
AR	157,295,299	21.1%	22.2%	4,937,530	0.9%	1,346	10.1	90.2%	6.2		73.6
TN	127,303,689	15.0%	15.3%	4,010,167	1.7%	1,785	8.8	88.1%	9.7		86.6
LA	119,401,505	13.3%	14.7%	6,115,668	1.2%	1,284	11.8	90.8%	6.1		83.5
MO	2,411,438	10.1%	10.7%	77,262	1.5%	24	8.5	92.2%	4.6		66.8

EXIT 11



Medicare



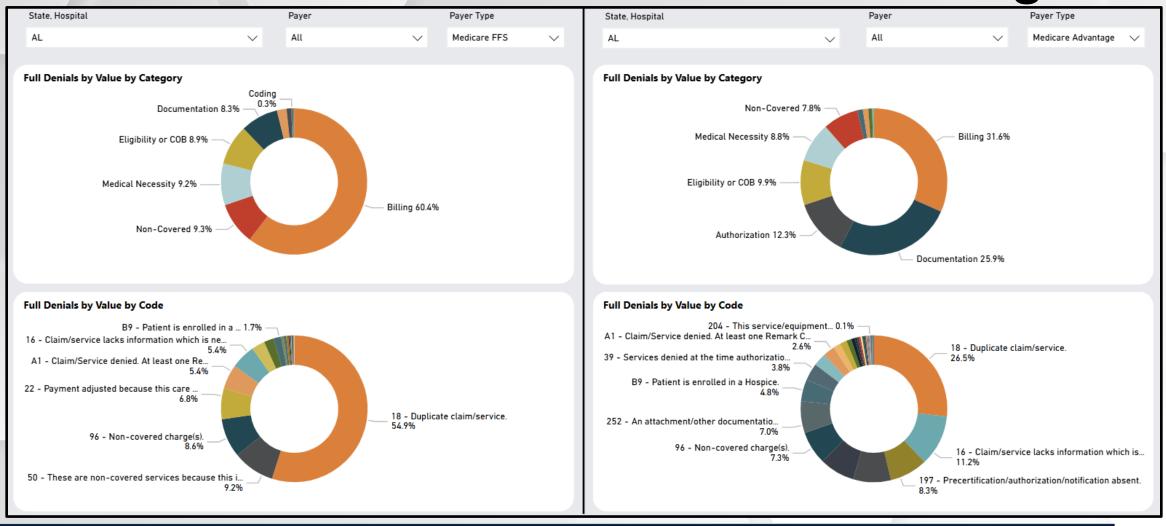
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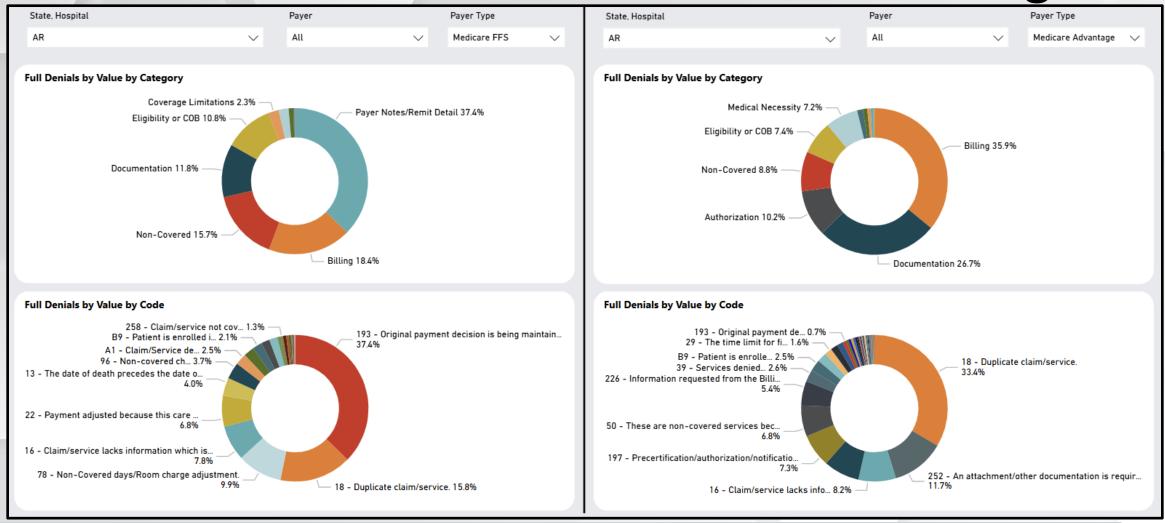




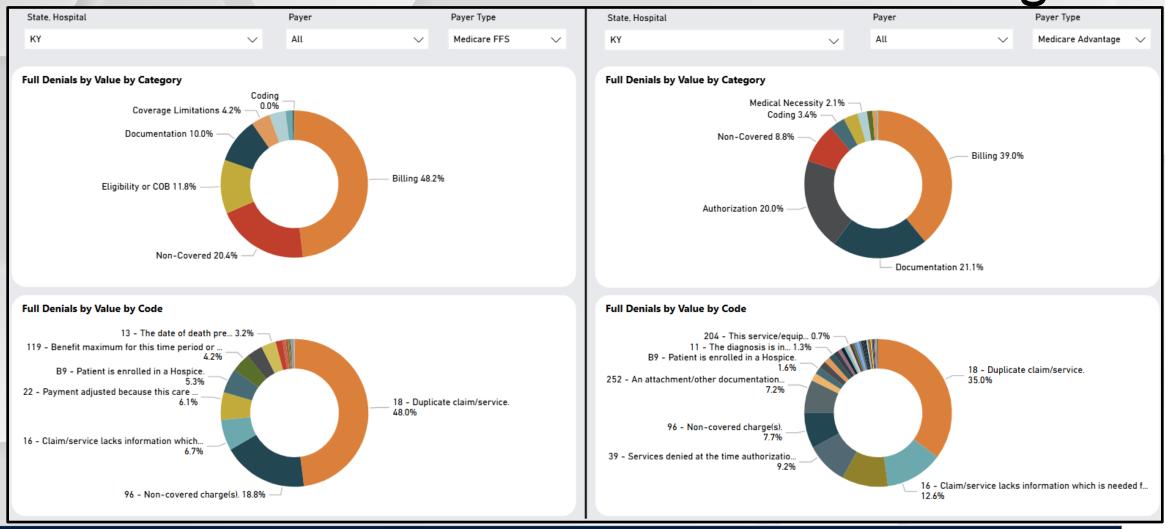
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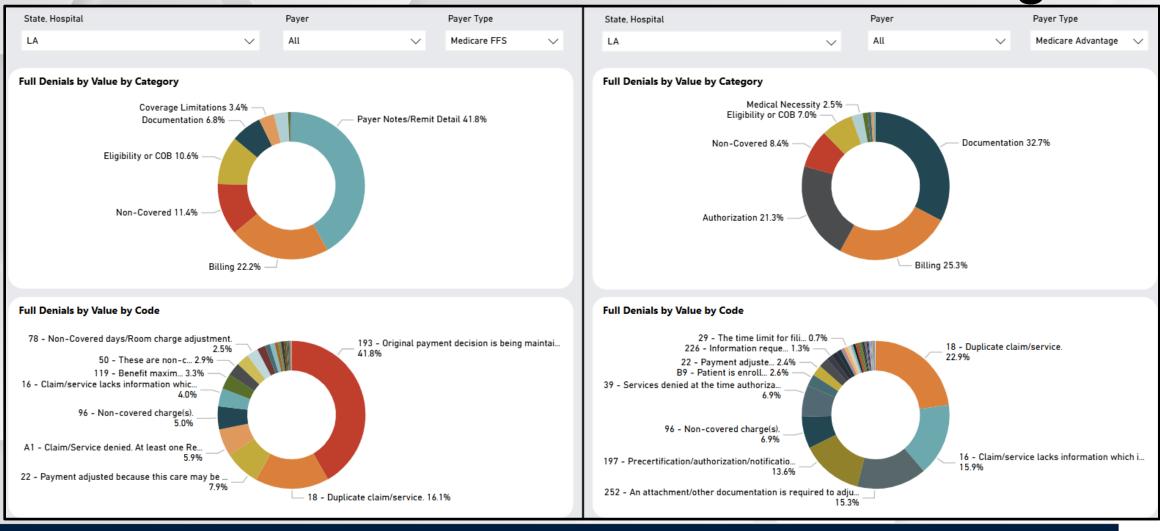
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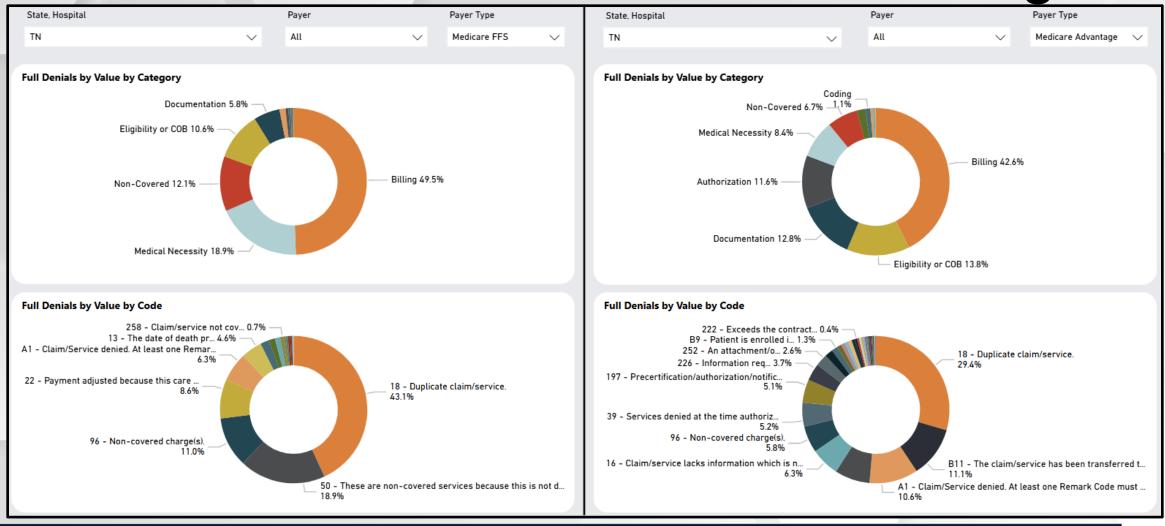
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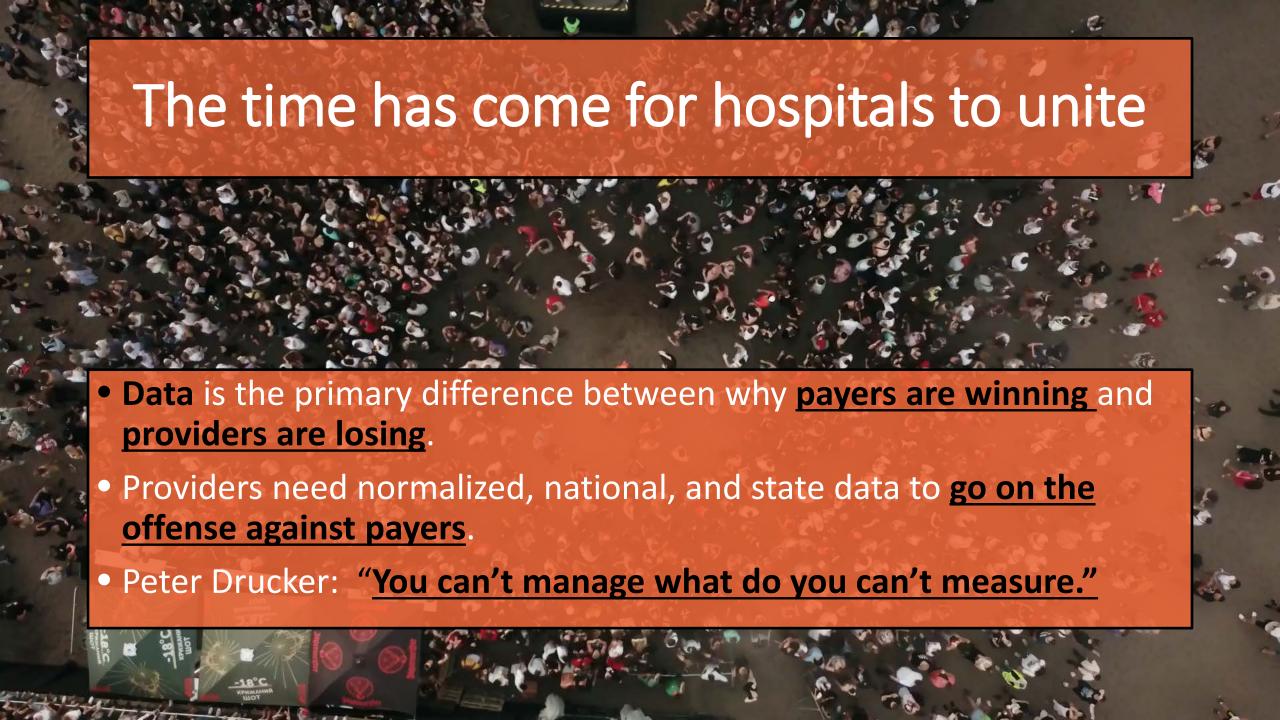


LA – Medicare FFS vs Medicare Advantage



TN – Medicare FFS vs Medicare Advantage









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