

# *Evaluating BPCI Advanced*

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## 10 Things to Know About the New BPCI Advanced Program

DATE: 01/10/2018

What you should be aware of—and what you can do now

After months of waiting, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released its new voluntary episode model, Bundled Payments for

## How to Use Benchmarks in BPCI and CJR

DATE: 11/13/2017

The use of benchmark cost comparisons is common throughout healthcare. Benchmarks are used for comparisons of internal hospital costs across hospitals, for utilization rates in Accountable Care Organizations, and in many other places. The concept of the benchmark is that the hospitals whose costs or utilization are close to or below the benchmark will experience some level of financial success that will not be experienced by hospitals whose costs are above the benchmark. Participants in the Medicare Bundled Payment for Care Improvement (BPCI) and Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) programs often follow this concept. Our clients who participate in these programs frequently ask us for benchmark data, which will presumably be used to achieve greater financial success. These benchmarks are often derived by computing the average cost per episode for components such as skilled nursing facility (SNF), inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF), readmissions, and similar categories.

## Who Should Own Bundled Payment Episodes?

DATE: 11/03/2017

With the announcement of the next generation of Medicare bundled payment programs ("BPCI Advanced") expected at any time, many different organizations are offering opinions about how this program will be structured and which types of providers should participate in which type of episodes.

A frequent topic in this conversation is the "ownership" of the episodes; i.e., which provider should be financially responsible for the surpluses and deficits in these episodes. In the existing Medicare Bundled Payment for Care Improvement (BPCI) and Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) bundled payment programs, the "participant" receives 100% of the surplus and is responsible for 100% of the deficits, so the ability to create "savings" can have significant financial implications to the participant. Both hospital and physician groups have vied for the opportunity to "own" the episode. Physician ownership was allowed in the initial BPCI program, but in the CJR program and the recently-

# Medicare BPCI Advanced The Basics

# Current Medicare FFS



Payment **for** each individual service **to** each individual provider

# Bundled Payments



A single target price for the full spectrum of services over 90 days



# BPCI Advanced

- Voluntary Model
- A single retrospective bundled payment and one risk track, with a 90-day Clinical Episode duration
- 29 Inpatient Clinical Episodes
- 3 Outpatient Clinical Episodes
- Qualifies as an Advanced APM
- Applications due 3/12/2018
- Performance year begins 10/1/2018

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/bpci-advanced/>

# Convener vs. Episode Initiator

- Episode Initiator (EI): Hospital or Physician Group Practice (PGP) that triggers the clinical episode.
- Non-convener Participant: Hospital or PGP EI that bears risk for itself.
- Convener Participant: Takes risk for an EI or group of EIs A convener can be anyone including hospitals or a hospital system.

# What Factors Influence Financial Performance?

- Targets
- Episode Cost (Medicare payments)
- Quality Performance



# Episode Target

Provider baseline average episode cost -  
CMS discount (3%) = Target

\*Case mix adjustment

\*Adjustments for efficiency relative to peers

# Episode Target

Episode 1 \$10,000

Episode 2 \$6,650

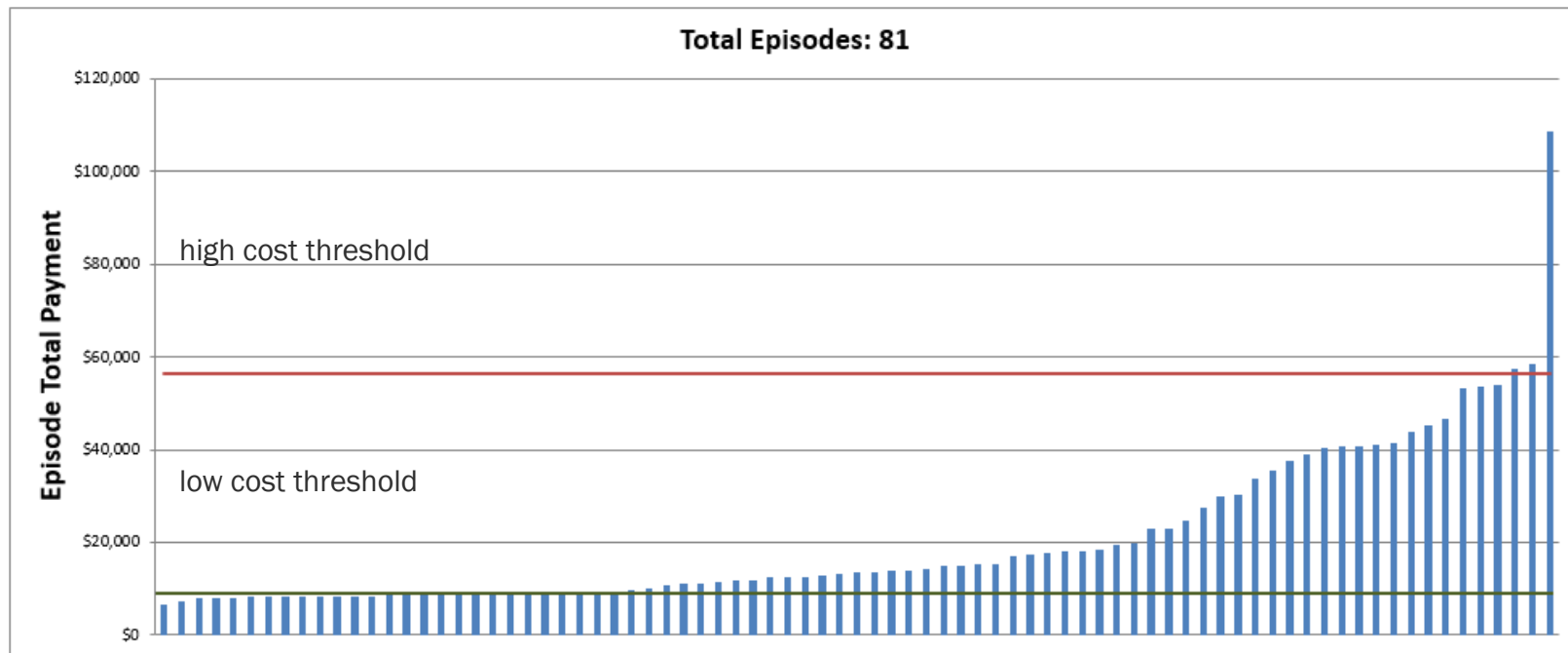
Episode 3 \$10,500

Baseline average = \$9,050

-3% CMS discount = (\$271.50)

**Target = \$8,778.50**

# Winsorization



# Prospective Targets

## Retrospective Reconciliation

Providers will continue to be paid FFS payments

DRG	Performance Period Episode Count (a)	Performance Period Episode Target \$ (b)	Total Performance Target \$ (a*b)	Total Actual Performance \$ (c)	Reconciliation Amount \$ ([a*b]-c)
470	100	\$24,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,200,000	\$200,000
469	10	\$40,000	\$400,000	\$550,000	-\$150,000
<b>Positive Reconciliation Amount</b>	110	\$24,455	\$2,800,000	\$2,750,000	\$50,000

Quality performance impacts final Reconciliation Amount

20% stop loss/stop gain at Episode Initiator level

# Bundle Payment Evaluation

# Considerations for Choosing Episodes

- Volume
- Episode cost
- Episode risk and opportunities
- Organizational and clinical engagement

# Episode Cost

**Bundled Payments<sup>360</sup>**



**EPISODE\_DESCR**

Gastrointestinal obstructi...

Lower extremity and hume...

Major bowel procedure

**ANCHOR\_DRG\_DESCRIPTIONS**

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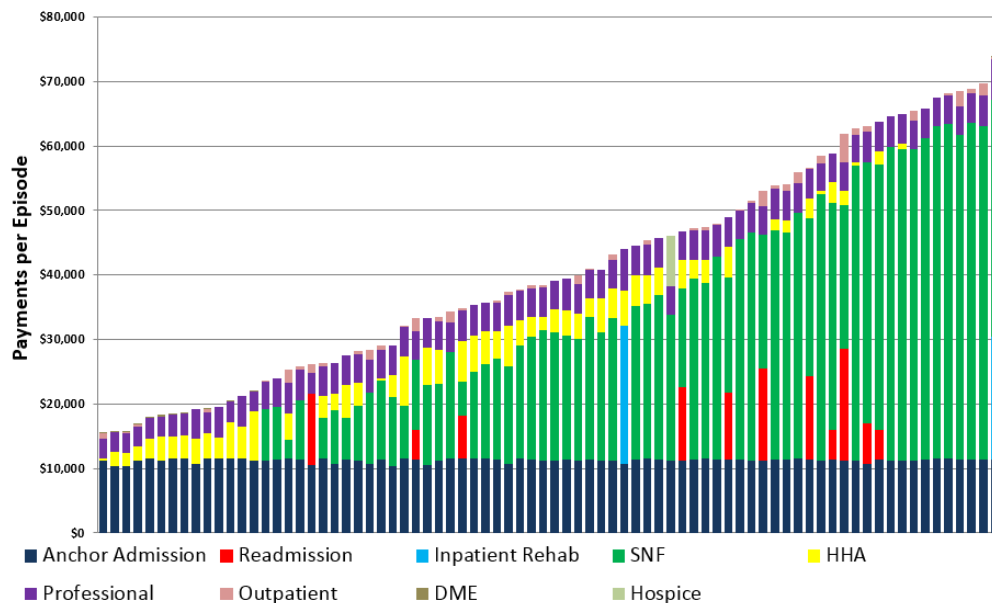
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**YEAR**

2014 2015 2016

Total Episodes: 78

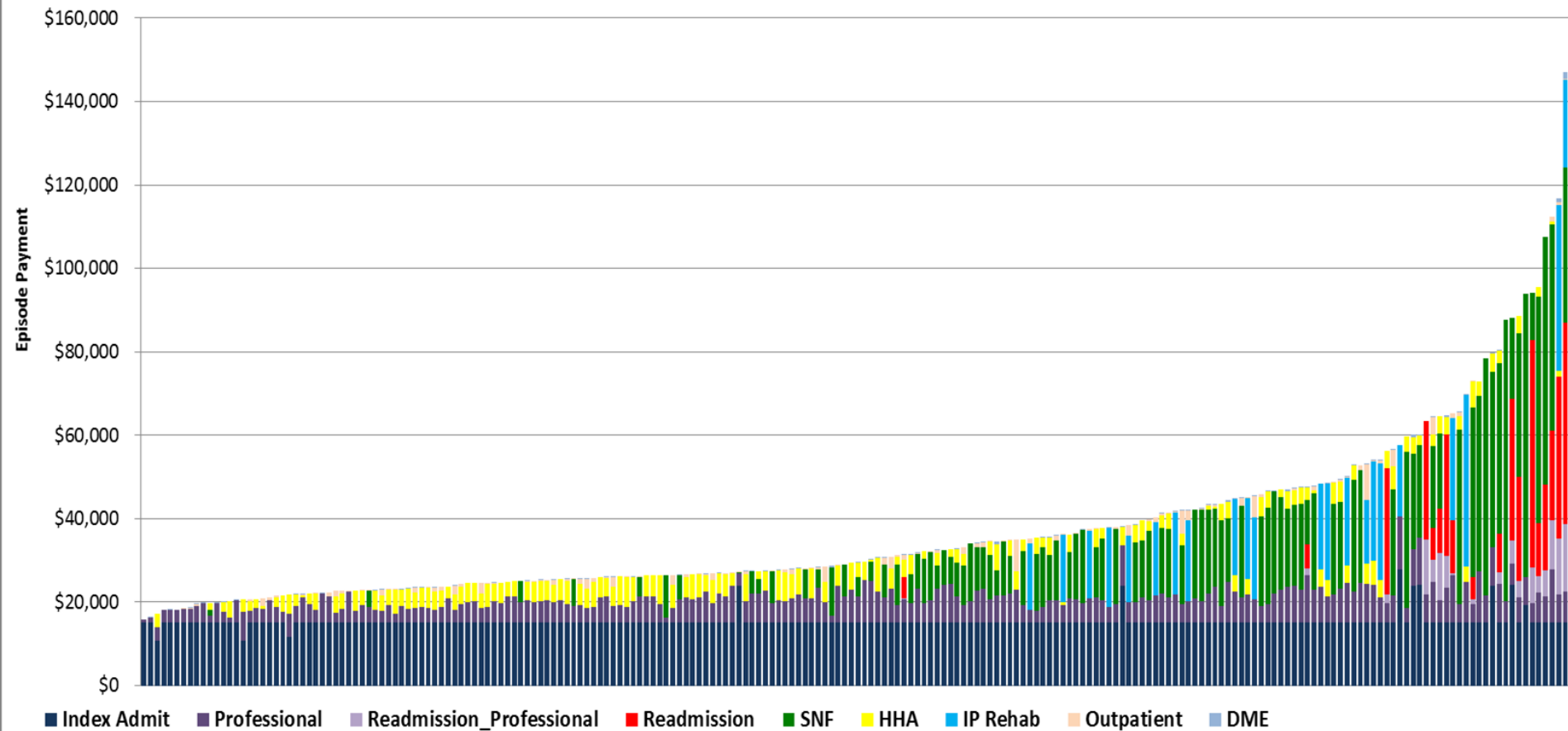


Costs = Medicare Payments.

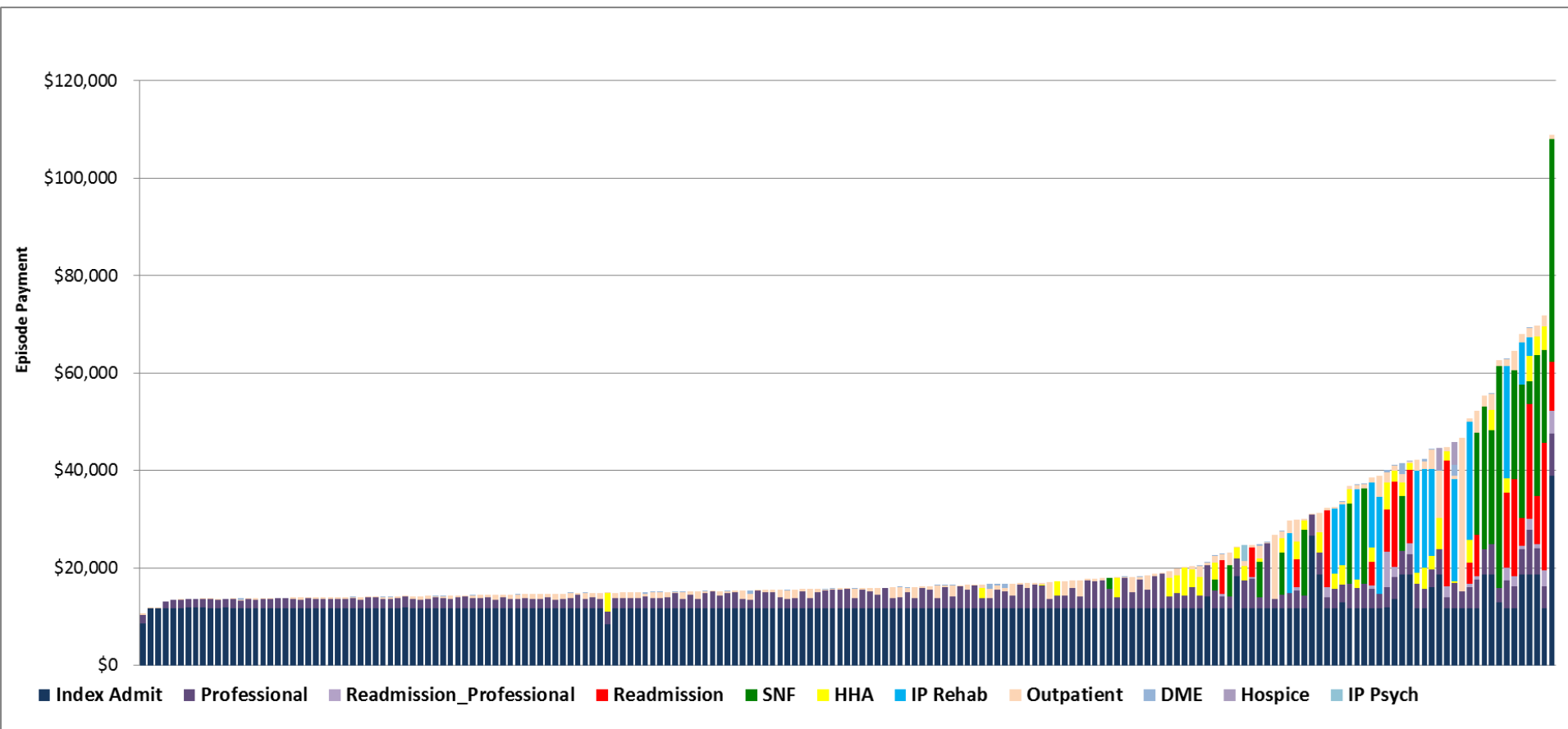
Payments neutralized for provider specific adjustments to isolate utilization.

What are the cost drivers after discharge or outpatient procedure?

Can you do anything about it?

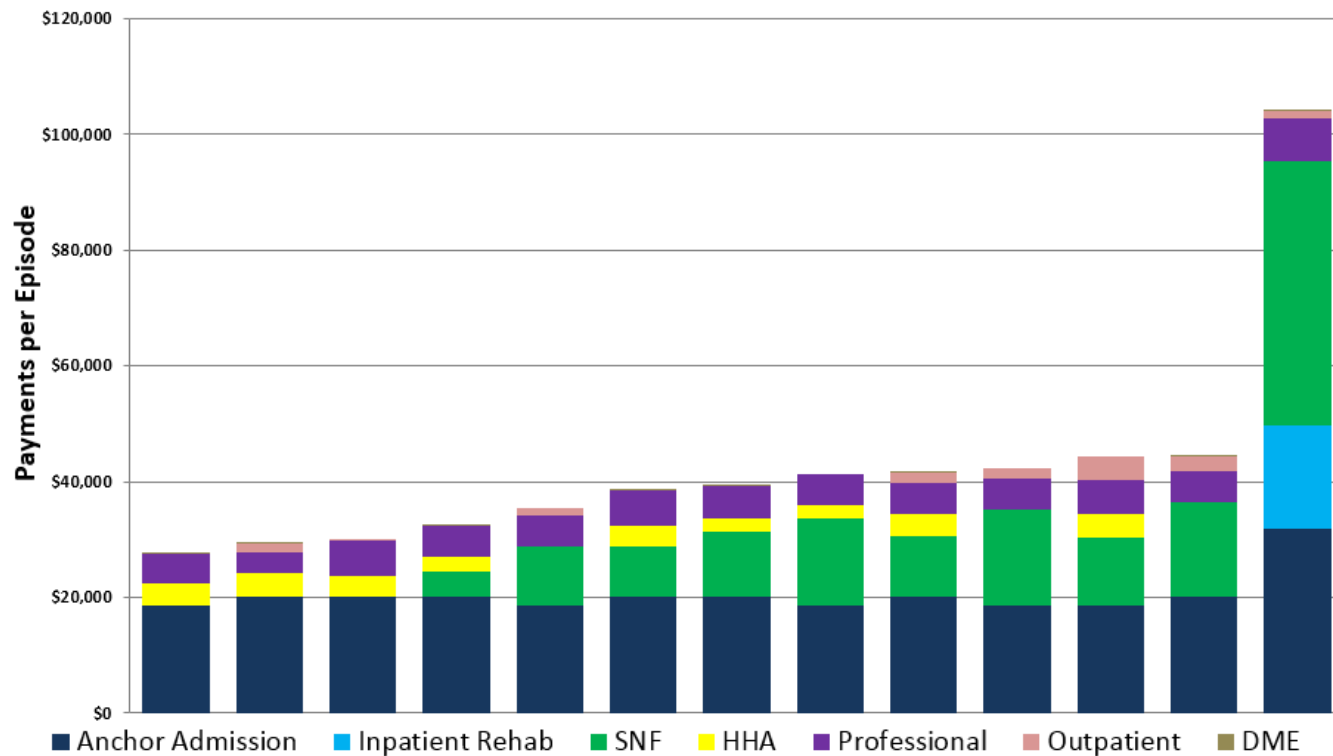






# Volume

Total Episodes: 13



# Precedence

CJR Program  
DRGs 469/470

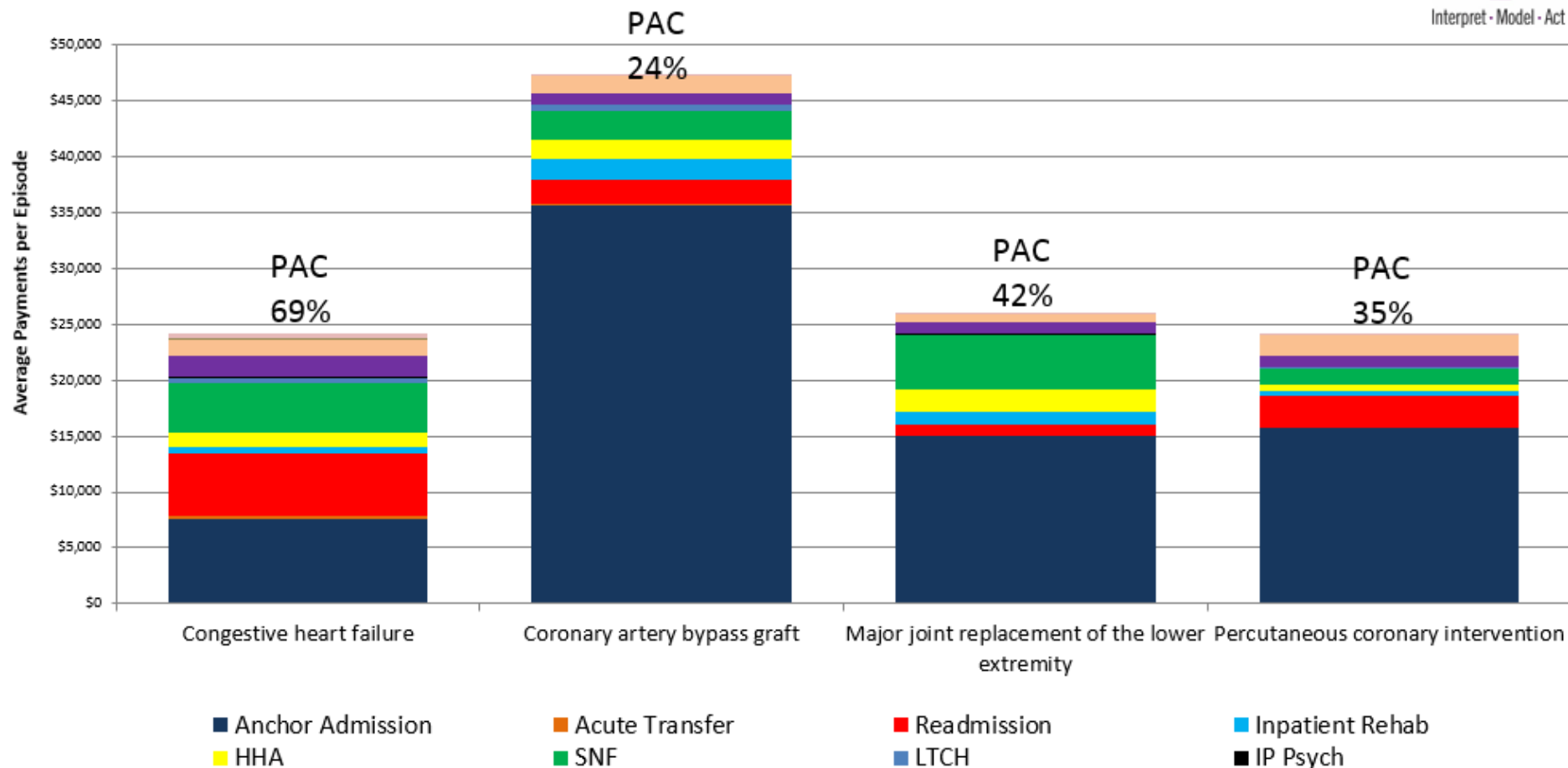
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Convener



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PGP

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Hospital

## Bundled Payments<sup>360</sup>



# Post Acute Care Providers

Total Number of Episodes for DRG(s) Selected: 99						Star Rating Last Update: 2/14/2017	
Provider Name	Total Episode Count	Total Provider Payment	Average Prorated Payments	ALOS/Visits Per Episode	Total Direct Readmissions	Direct Readmit Rate	Current Star Rating
<b>HHA</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$121,183</b>	<b>\$2,578</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17.02%</b>	
4144116	41	\$103,312	\$2,520	13	6	14.63%	
5711047	1	\$607	\$607	4	0	0.00%	
9496620	1	\$4,129	\$4,129	46	0	0.00%	
7734406	1	\$4,143	\$4,143	22	0	0.00%	
3847757	1	\$2,589	\$2,589	5	1	100.00%	
3542532	1	\$2,971	\$2,971	8	1	100.00%	
2097385	1	\$3,432	\$3,432	56	0	0.00%	
<b>Inpatient Rehab</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$81,736</b>	<b>\$20,434</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
7781952	3	\$63,290	\$21,097	17	0	0.00%	
2768481	1	\$18,446	\$18,446	14	0	0.00%	
<b>SNF</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$401,561</b>	<b>\$19,122</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	
8834230	7	\$118,076	\$16,868	36	2	28.57%	
6029417	6	\$27,133	\$4,522	9	2	33.33%	
6614324	1	\$8,080	\$8,080	14	0	0.00%	
8119212	1	\$6,906	\$6,906	14	0	0.00%	
7505479	1	\$17,295	\$17,295	32	1	100.00%	
4409009	1	\$24,298	\$24,298	42	0	0.00%	
4328338	1	\$12,130	\$12,130	22	1	100.00%	
1528258	1	\$7,534	\$7,534	13	0	0.00%	
5015569	1	\$13,915	\$13,915	24	0	0.00%	
7458486	1	\$17,759	\$17,759	32	0	0.00%	
5178900	1	\$17,410	\$17,410	33	0	0.00%	
7956030	1	\$2,895	\$2,895	6	0	0.00%	
5422539	1	\$33,574	\$33,574	58	0	0.00%	

Who are your post acute providers and what are their metrics?

# Profile of Readmissions

## Readmission Detail by Episode

Why are patients being readmitted and where?

Is there a pattern and opportunity?

Total Number of Episodes for DRG(s) Selected:

99

Readmission DRG   Readmitting Hospital	Readmission Count			Readmission Payments		
	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days
⊖ SYNCOPE & COLLAPSE	1			\$4,289		
Hospital M	1			\$4,289		
⊖ SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W CC	2			\$11,183		
Hospital D	2			\$11,183		
⊖ SEPTICEMIA OR SEVERE SEPSIS W/O MV >96 HOURS W/O MCC	1			\$6,069		
Hospital A	1			\$6,069		
⊖ SEPTICEMIA OR SEVERE SEPSIS W/O MV >96 HOURS W MCC	1			\$10,496		
Hospital E	1			\$10,496		
⊖ RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSIS W VENTILATOR SUPPORT <=96 HOURS		2			\$26,562	
Hospital D		2			\$26,562	
⊖ RENAL FAILURE W MCC			1			\$8,774
Hospital D			1			\$8,774
⊖ RENAL FAILURE W CC	2			\$10,977		
Hospital D	1			\$5,491		
Hospital Z	1			\$5,486		
⊖ PULMONARY EDEMA & RESPIRATORY FAILURE	1			\$7,010		
Hospital D	1			\$7,010		
⊖ POSTOPERATIVE & POST-TRAUMATIC INFECTIONS W/O MCC	1			\$5,679		
Hospital D	1			\$5,679		
⊖ PERMANENT CARDIAC PACEMAKER IMPLANT W MCC			1			\$21,653
Hospital F			1			\$21,653
⊖ PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISORDERS W CC	1			\$5,641		
Hospital D	1			\$5,641		

# Clinical and Organizational Engagement

# Challenges

- Motivating providers to understand and embrace change
- Identifying resources needed for sustainable success



# Initial Steps

- Analyze current state
- Establish leadership and sponsorship
- Project and change management

# Key Components

- Workflow redesign
- Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Practice culture

# How DataGen Can Help

- Baseline data
  - Analyze episodes
  - Opportunity and risk identification
- Participation monitoring and analytic support



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