

Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Discharge Rankings

Methodology

Overview

The Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Discharge Rankings dataset is based on Medicare-covered inpatient discharges from short-stay (acute care) hospitals. The data are ranked by the total number of Medicare discharges and organized by Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG), which represents specific condition and procedure categories.

Ranking methodology

The rankings are calculated using Medicare-covered inpatient discharge counts for each fiscal year.

- DRGs are ranked in descending order based on the total number of Medicare-covered inpatient discharges during the reporting fiscal year.
- A rank of 1 represents the DRG with the highest number of discharges.
- Total discharges represent the count of Medicare-covered inpatient discharges associated with each DRG during the reporting fiscal year.
- Prior fiscal year rankings are included to provide year-over-year comparisons.

Data availability

The dataset includes annual reports beginning with FY 2017 and corresponding prior-year comparisons beginning with FY 2016. Each report includes rankings for the reporting fiscal year and the prior fiscal year for comparison. The dataset is updated annually as new fiscal year data become available.