

Today's agenda

- Cost-Based Reimbursement
- Worksheet Summary
- Service Line Analysis
- Cost-Based Reimbursement "Tool"
- Benchmarking

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Cost-Based Reimbursement If a non-health care business charges \$100 for a good or service it provides, how much does it get paid? Grocery Flumber Restaurant Garbage Service Clothing Store

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If a health care provider charges \$100 for a service it provides, how much does it get paid?

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Cost-Based Reimbursement



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Cost-Based Reimbursement

Examples of possible payments for health care services

Private pay \$ 100
Private pay Medicare 60
Medicaid 55
Insurance #1 90
Insurance #2 85
Insurance #3 80
Etc. ?

To determine the estimated amount a health care provider will be paid, three important pieces of information must be known:

- 1. Payor type
- 2. Patient type
- 3. Specific type of service

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

- Two primary types of hospital reimbursement methodologies for Medicare and Medi-Cal
 - ▶ Prospective Payment System (PPS) . . . Similar to Medi-Cal
 - ► Cost-Based System (CAH) ... Which means reimbursing ...

... 101% Medicare allowable costs

for inpatient, swing bed, and outpatient services, except for professional services done in a hospital setting, certain lab services, screening mammography services, and some minor medications and supplies.

The Medicare program then applies a 2% reduction in reimbursement after determining deductible and coinsurance amounts.

 ${\it Medicare\ bad\ debt\ is\ reimbursed\ at\ 65\%\ (previously\ 100\%)}.$ ${\it 0.2025\ Wight ILLP. All rights\ reserved.}$

Type of Service	Medi-Cal	Medicare
Inpatient	DRG Equivalent	101% of Allowable Cost
Outpatient Procedures (surgery, radiology, etc.)	APC Equivalent	101% of Allowable Cost
Lab	Fee Schedule	101% of Allowable Cost (except for reference lab)
Therapies	Fee Schedule	101% of Allowable Cost (subject to therapy cap effective 4/1/2015)
Swing Bed	RUG Equivalent	101% of Allowable Cost
Ambulance Service	Fee Schedule Equivalent	Fee Schedule (unless only one within 35 miles, then 101% of cost)

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

Type of Service	Medi-Cal	Medicare 101% of Allowable Cost		
O/P Clinics (facility component)	APC			
O/P Clinics (professional component)	Fee Schedule (reduced for site of service)	Fee Schedule Plus 15% for CAHs Electing Method II Billing (reduced for site of service)		
CRNA Services	Fee Schedule	Fee Schedule (unless elect cost if less than 800 procedures/year and 1 FTE/year)		
Other Professional Services	Fee Schedule – Prospective for RHC	Fee Schedule Plus 15% for CAHs Electing Method II Billing (except for professional services in a rural health clinic setting then generally based on allowable cost)		
Outlier Payments/Supplemental	IGT Payments	N/A		

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

Type of Service	Medi-Cal	Medicare		
Dialysis	Prospective rate Equivalent	Prospective rate, except inpatient dialysis is 101% of allowable cost		
Graduate Medical Education (GME)/ Indirect Medical Education (IME)	N/A	If approved, included in 101% of allowable cost		
Exempt Units	Rehab Unit – PPS Psych Units – PPS	Limited to 10 exempt unit beds (Same reimbursement as PPS)		

Medi-Cal	Medicare
Lessor of cost or published prospective rate for rural. Rate adjusted based on Medi-Cal cost report	RUG
HHRG Equivalent	HHRG
Prospective rate Equivalent	Prospective rate
Prospective rate (reconciliation for managed care)	Cost/Visit with cap or grandfathered rate
	Lessor of cost or published prospective rate for rural. Rate adjusted based on Medi-Cal cost report HHRG Equivalent Prospective rate Equivalent Prospective rate (reconciliation for managed)

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

- How do CAHs get reimbursed from the Medicare program for services provided to patients?
- ► Interim Claim Payments
- ➤ Year-End Cost Report Settlement
- Medi-Cal
- ► Prospective (Managed-Care Contracts)
- Supplemental Payments (AB Forms/IGT)
- Note: the State uses Medi-Cal cost report for DPNF prospective rates, and RHC rate setting.



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Cost-Based Reimbursement

	Part A	Part B	RHC	Part B	
	Cost	Cost	Cost	MFFS	Total
Sample CAH (2010)	15,000,000	30,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	53,000,000
Sequestration	(300,000)	(600,000)	(100,000)	(60,000)	(1,060,000)
Bad Debt (from 100% to 65%)	(135,000)	(270,000)	(45,000)	-	(450,000)
Medicare Promoting Interoperability (quality)	(150,000)			(200,000)	(350,000)
RHC Caps			(125,000)		(125,000
Sample CAH (Present Day)	14,415,000	29,130,000	4,730,000	2,740,000	51,015,000
Total Reduction	(585,000)	(870,000)	(270,000)	(260,000)	(1,985,000

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Cost-Based Reimbursement	
General Medicare Critical Access Hospital ("CAH") payment overview:	
Medicare reimbursement =	
101% of Medicare allowable cost	
Effective April 1, 2013, there is also a governmental budget sequestration	
adjustment of a 2% reduction in reimbursement after determining deductible and coinsurance amounts applicable to all Medicare claims.	
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Cost-Based Reimbursement	
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What is "allowable" cost?	
 Necessary and proper in providing services 	
Must be related to patient care (includes personnel costs, administrative costs, laundry by solvening distance to)	
laundry, housekeeping, dietary, etc.) • Adequate cost data and cost finding support	
Must be "reasonable"; i.e., must follow the "prudent buyer" principle Must be "reasonable"; i.e., must follow the "prudent buyer" principle	
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What is the prudent buyer principle?

- The prudent and cost-conscious buyer not only refuses to pay more than the going (market) price for an item or service, he/she also seeks to economize by minimizing cost.
- \bullet This is especially so when the buyer is an institution or organization that makes bulk purchases and can, therefore, often gain discounts because of the size of
- Another way to minimize cost is to obtain free replacements or reduced charges under warranties for medical devices.
- Any alert and cost-conscious buyer seeks such advantages, and it is expected that Medicare providers of services will also seek them.

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

Computation of "allowable" costs:

- Allowable cost = Total expense <u>minus</u> costs not supported by Medicare minus cost offsets
- ▶ Costs not supported by Medicare: Bad debt expense, some forms of advertising expense, etc.
- Cost offsets: Investment income is offset against interest expense, cafeteria meals revenue is offset against dietary expense, etc.

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Cost-Based Reimbursement

Allowable cost summary based on year-end 20XX, Medicare Cost Report – sample hospital:

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Provider based physicians
Investment income
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Unnocessary borrowing - Nonallowable interest
expense
Electronic health record system depreciation
Other miscellaneous revenue

\$37,000,000

Cost-Based Reimbursement CAH myths All allowable costs will get paid... All Medicare allowable costs for Medicare enrollees will get paid... We're a critical access hospital; therefore, we should always "break even"...





Cost re	eport layout		
Worksh	ieet number is	at top right-hand corner of each worksheet.	
	Worksheet Series		
	S	Settlement, organization, and patient statistical information	
	Α	Expense assignment	
	В	Allocation of overhead costs	
	С	Patient care revenue and cost-to-charge ratio	
	D	Determination of Medicare's costs	
	E	Medicare settlement and payment information	
	G	Financial statements	
	Н	Home health	
	1	Renal dialysis	
	K	Hospice	
	M	Rural Health Clinic	



Worksheet S

- Cost report settlement worksheet
- Must be signed by officer/ administrator
- Title XVIII Part A and Part B are added together to determine total settlement receivable or payable
- HIT (Health Information Technology) column is informational and will be settled at a different time than the Medicare cost report



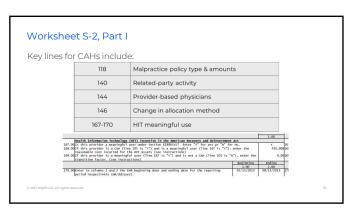
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Worksheet S-2, Part I

- Series of informational questions that provide the cost report "reader" with a wealth of knowledge about the hospital.
- Provider type and payment system
 Debt and lease agreements
 Provider-based physician services
- ► Statistical basis
- ► Contract therapy
- ➤ Reimbursable bad debts
 ➤ Provider summary report data
- Important to ensure all responses are accurate because they can directly impact the settlement (i.e., data may not flow to a worksheet if the response on worksheet S-2 is not accurate, which may directly impact the final cost report settlement).





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Worksheet S-3, Part I

Reporting of statistical data:

- Number of beds
- CAH hours for I/P care, excluding swing bed, nursing home, and observation
- ▶ Critical data along with discharges used to calculate average length of stay for 96-hour rule compliance
- ▶ Important to track hours and not merely use days times 24 hours
- Patient days
- ➤ Report by payor type Medicare and Medicaid ➤ Report total days
- FTEs
- Discharges

Worksheet S-3, Part I

- Observation days (be sure to track where observation is occurring in the hospital and maintain logs)
- Discharges (no impact on settlement)

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Assuming cost remains constant Patient days = Routine cost per day

Worksheet S-3, Part I: Patient days and discharges

Patient days =

Patient days =

Routine cost reimbursement per day

Profit per day on non-Medicare days (until reach "break-even" payor mix)

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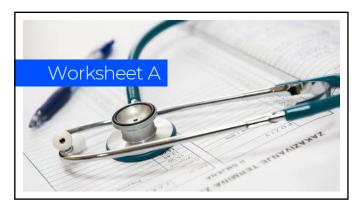
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Other S worksheets

S-3, Part II-V	Wages and hours (CAHs generally exempt from reporting unless required by state Medicaid program)
S-4	Home health data
S-5	Renal dialysis data
S-7	SNF RUG data
S-8	RHC data
S-9	Hospice data
S-10	Hospital Uncompensated and Indigent Care Worksheet

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Worksheet A columns Column 1 Salaries Column 2 Other expenses Column 4 Reclassifications flow from Worksheet A-6 Column 6 Adjustments flow from Worksheet A-8 Column 7 Net allowable costs (to Worksheet B)

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Worksheet A lines

Departments organized by:

- General service cost centers (Lines 1 to 23) Administration, plant, employee benefits, housekeeping, etc.
- Inpatient routine service cost centers (Lines 30 to 46) Adults and pediatrics, SNFs, etc.
- Ancillary service cost centers (Lines 50 to 76) Laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, etc.
- Outpatient service cost centers (Lines 88 to 93) Provider-based clinics, emergency room (ER), observation
- Other reimbursable cost centers (Lines 94 to 101) Dialysis, DME, ambulance, home health
- Special purpose cost centers (Lines 105 to 117) ASC and hospice
- Non-reimbursable cost centers (Lines 190 to 194) Gift shop, adult day care, medical office building, free standing clinic, research, etc.

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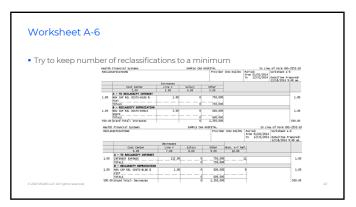


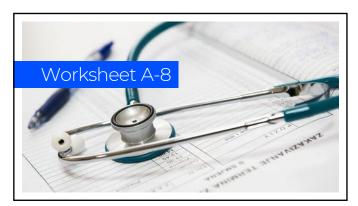
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Worksheet A-6

- Worksheet A-6 Provides opportunity to reclass expenses between cost centers/departments to provide for proper matching of expenses with revenue
- $\bullet \ \ {\sf Could result in converting hospital expense groupings to Medicare groupings}$
- Common reclassifications:
- ► Interest expense
- ► Depreciation expense
- ► Nursing salaries
- ▶ Physician activities (i.e., benefits, rounding)

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Worksheet A-8: Adjustments to expenses This worksheet provides for adjustments to remove unallowable expenses and offset nonpatient care revenue Adjustments increase or decrease reimbursable costs Medicare assumes that nonpatient service revenue is equal to the cost of the service provided Review all nonpatient income to determine if an offset to expense is required ACM WINGLEAN ARIGINA TRANSPART

Worksheet A-8: Adjustments

Potential A-8 revenue offsets:

- Realized investment income (funded depreciation)
- Cafeteria revenue
- Rebates
- Medical record fees
- X-ray film revenue
- Miscellaneous income
- Donations received
- Revenue received for non-reimbursable cost centers
 Advertising
- Gain on disposal of fixed assets

Potential A-8 expense offsets:

- Interest expense (unnecessary borrowing)
- Refinancing costs
- Patient phones and cable TV
- Lobbying costs (portion of association dues)
- CRNA cost (unless exception to fee schedule)
- Hospital assessments
- Donations made to other organizations
- CAH HIT adjustment for depreciation and interest
- Losses on disposal of fixed assets

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Worksheet A-8-1: Related organizations

Related parties included on worksheet A-8-1 are organizations related to a hospital by common ownership or control.

The types of cost include:

- Services
- Facilities
- Supplies

The actual cost is reported on worksheet A-8-1.



Worksheet A-8-2: Physician cost

Worksheet A-8-2 calculates allowable provider-based physician costs.

- Total remuneration (salaries, certain benefits, contracted services) is split into two components:
- 1. Professional component services provided directly to patients
- 2. Provider component services provided to support patients such as availability/on-call, directorships, etc.

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Worksheet A-8-2: Physician cost

- Report total remuneration (salaries, benefits*, contracted services) in column 3
- Report professional component in column 4
- Report provider administrative costs and ER availability in column 5



Worksheet A-8-2: ED availability requirements

- Emergency department (ED) logs or time study
- Contract language addressing non-patient-related time
- 30-minute physician response time to emergency departments (do not need to be on premises)

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re certain benefits of employed physicians not required to be offset

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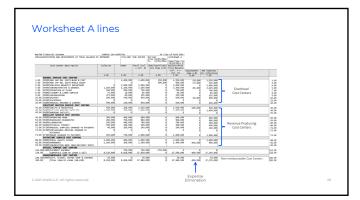
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Worksheet A-8-3: Purchased PT, OT, ST, RT

- Report only contracted PT, OT, ST, and RT
- Employed therapists are exempt from reasonable cost limits
- Reasonable cost is determined based on hourly limits and other factors
- Costs in excess of limits are eliminated on worksheet A-8

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Worksheet B – Allocation of overhead costs

- Allocation of overhead costs to revenue-producing and non-reimbursable cost centers/departments using statistics.
- Costs cannot be allocated to an "earlier" cost center.
- The order of the allocation cannot be changed.
- Overhead departments include:
- ➤ Capital-related costs –
- Depreciation and interest expense
- ► Employee benefits
- ► Administration and general
- ▶ Plant and maintenance
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- ► Laundry
- ▶ Housekeeping
- DietaryCafeteria
- ► Nurse administration
- ► Medical records

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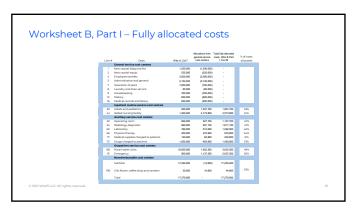
Worksheet B, Part I – Allocation of all costs

- Column 0 equals Worksheet A Column 7
- Column 26 equals Column 0 in total with no costs reported on Lines 1 through 23

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Worksheet C – Cost-to-charge ratio Worksheet C reports gross patient service revenue by cost center/department: Cost-to-charge ratio is calculated • Cost-to-charge ratio used for ancillary reimbursement 10.00 (0.000) 1,127,701 1,617,100 1,291,567 870,544 202,775 7.00 (07200 | DEPLOYAGE DEVICES OWNSQUE TO | 7.00 (0720 | DEPLOYAGE TO | DEVICES OWNSQUE TO | 7.00 (0720 | DEVICES OWNSQUE TO | DEVICES OWNSQUE TO | 7.00 (0720 | DEVICES OWNSQUE TO | 7.00 (0720) (DEVICES OWNSTOR OWNSQUE TO | 7.00 (0720) (DEVICES 1,493,902 3,052,346 2,037,185 243,711 1,493,902 3,052,346 2,037,188 243,711 0 1,493,902 73.00 0 3,652,346 88.00 0 2,037,188 91.00 243,711 92.00 0 17,469,133 200.00 243,731 201.00 0 17,225,422 202.00 17,469,133 243,711 17,223,422 0 17,469,133 243,711 0 17,225,422

Worksheet C – Cost-to-charge ratio • Column 6 and 7 equal the hospital's inpatient and outpatient service revenue per the general ledger, less any revenue billed for professional services • Column 8 total must be reconciled to internal or audited financial statements ncillary departments 1. In the of two 00-2332-10 periods (2012/2024) periods (2012/202 • Cost-to-charge ratios are computed for ancillary departments (Column 9) Health Financial Systems COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF COSTS TO CHARGES | Text | NOTE | Text | | Impartment output output of the last (26.) is of AMERICAN TO THE TOTAL TO THE TO \$60,000 2,500,000 2,800,000 0,533338 0,000000 75.00 50,000 1,600,000 1,650,000 1.234659 0.000000 31.00 50,000 0,000 700,000 1,640,000 1.234659 0.000000 31.00 0 07300 DRUGS CHARGED TO PATIENTS OUTPATIENT SERVICE COST CENTERS 0 08800 KURAL MEALTH CLINIC

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Worksheet D series - Determines Medicare's costs

- Worksheet D Series calculates Medicare's cost for services provided to Medicare
- Applies cost-to-charge ratio by department from Worksheet C to Medicare charges to estimate the Medicare cost
- Medicare patient days, charges, payments, and other processed claims information are provided by Medicare on the provider statistical and $\,$ reimbursement (PS&R) report
- Group PS&R revenue by revenue code to match cost centers where related revenue and expenses recognized on Worksheet A series and Worksheet C series

Medicare PS&R

- Suggestions for running PS&R:
- ► Attempt to run reports well in advance (at least 45 days) to ensure you can access data needed for your cost report
- ▶ For cost report PS&R, we suggest you use a paid-through date that is as close as possible to the due date of your cost report (be sure to review that claim billing is not behind or the final settlement could change significantly)
- $\blacktriangleright\,$ Passwords in the online PS&R system expire every 60 days

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Medicare PS&R

Cost report worksheet	Related PS&R schedule
	Statistical data
S-3	Reports 110, 118, 180, 210, 399, 710
	Charges
D-3 Hospital	Report 110 – Inpatient Part A (charges)
D-3 SNF	Report 210 – SNF - Inpatient Part A (charges)
D-3 S/B SNF	Report 180 – Swing bed SNF (charges)
D Part V	Report 850 – Outpatient (charges)
S-4	Report 399 – Home health

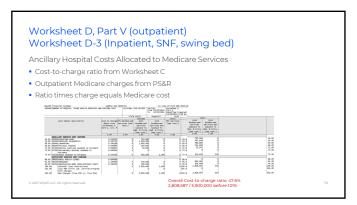
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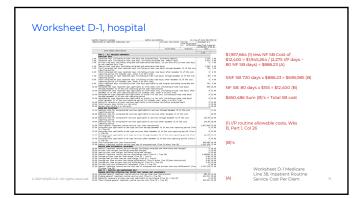
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Medicare PS&R

Cost report worksheet	Related PS&R schedule
	Payments
E-1, Hospital, Col 2	Report 110 – Inpatient Part A (net reimbursement)
E-1, Hospital, Col 4	Report 850 - Outpatient (net reimbursement)
E-1, SNF, Col 2	Report 210 - Inpatient Part A (net reimbursement)
E-1, S/B - SNF, Col 2	Report 180 – Swing bed SNF (net reimbursement)
M-5	Report 710 – Rural health clinic (net reimbursement)
H-4	Report 399 - Home health

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Worksheet E Series – Medicare settlements Medicare settlements: 101% of costs (routine and ancillary) Less: 0 Deductible 0 Coinsurance Plus + Medicare bad debts Less – sequestration adjustment (2% of 101% of cost less deductible and coinsurance lines) = Total Medicare reimbursable cost Less – payments received from Medicare (Worksheet E-1) = Medicare settlement

Medicare bad debts Bad debts are allowable if: Amount pertains to uncollectible Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts • Does not relate to physician professional services • Only for traditional Medicare bad debts (do not include Medicare HMO beneficiaries) \bullet Unless patient has been determined to be indigent, write-off should not be less than 120 days after first billing to beneficiary $\bullet \ \, \text{Amount written off within cost reporting period and considered worthless when}$ returned from collection agency (if sent to a collection agency) $\,$ • Collection efforts must be the same for all payor types • Any recoveries of bad debts claimed in prior years are offset against amounts claimed in current year 73 Medicare bad debts May be claimed without collection effort if: • Medicare/Medicaid crossover claim, except Medicare has a must bill policy – Therefore, if you claim a Medicare bad debt, it must be billed to the State even if you know it will not be paid • Indigent patients with supporting proof of indigence Bankrupt patients with supporting proof of bankruptcy Bad debts currently reimbursed at 65% of allowable cost 74 Medicare bad debts Documentation required to support claimed amounts may include: · Medicare remittance advice • Medicaid remittance advice · Supplementary insurance remittance advice

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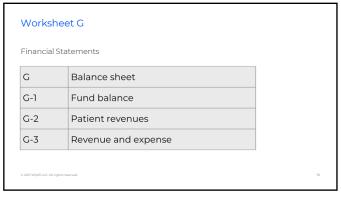
Patient history informationCopies of bills sent to patients

from collection agency)

 $\bullet \ \, {\hbox{\tt Documentation supporting collection efforts (i.e., considered worthless when returned}$

• Electronic listing of bad debts claimed that includes patient name, Medicare number,

dates of service, indigence, write-off date, amounts, etc.





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Service Line Analysis

Who uses the cost report:

- Medicare
 - Settlement
- Rate adjustments and interim rate setting
- Medi-Cal/Managed Care
- Prospective rate setting (DPNF/Initial RHC rate)
 Supplemental Reimbursement (AB forms/IGT)
- ► Managed care rate setting (RHC Reconciliation)
- ► OSHPD Report
- Private Insurance Companies
 - Payment structure
 - Percentage of charges
 - Fee schedule

Who uses the cost report (continued)

- Your Facility Some possible uses:
- ▶ Monthly contractual adjustment
- ➤ Service line analysis
- ► Budgeting
- ► Rate or price setting
- ► Contract negotiation
- Other Organizations
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- ▶ State and regional health care groups
- ► Financial indicators/benchmarks

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Service Line Analysis

The modern Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in most cases provides not only basic hospital and health care services but also provides a wide variety of extended health care services and community-based services.

In order to provide these additional services as well as to remain profitable to provide these services into the future, a CAH is constantly evaluating these services in a variety of methods. These services can also have a significant impact on the Medicare reimbursement that a CAH receives as many of the services are "non-hospital" services and not considered a reimbursable service by the Medicare program.

We took a sample poll of 10 CAHs and reviewed a variety of services provided by various CAHs on the following page to demonstrate traditional and non-traditional service offerings.

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Direct Reimbursement Impact Examples:

- ► Medical Services which are able to be billed to the Medicare Program
- ▶ Higher Utilization of Medicare Patients due to Mix of Service Offerings

Indirect Reimbursement Impact Examples:

- ► Allocation of Overhead to "Non-Reimbursable" Service Lines or Cost Centers
- ▶ Non-Allowable Expenses to Promote or Operate Non-Medical Services

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Service Line Analysis

In reviewing additional service line options, have we considered "Mission" vs. "Margin"?









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Service Line Analysis

Sample Margin Services	Sample Mission Services
Orthopedic surgery	Meals on Wheels services
General surgery	Laundry services
Radiation therapy	Maintenance services
Retail pharmacy*	Community education sessions
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)	SNF
Assisted living facility (AL)	AL
Eye clinics	Dialysis centers
Laboratory	Home Health Agency
Radiology	Hospice

*With the expansion of Section 340B Drug Pricing Program, many hospitals' retail pharmacy operations have become profitable.

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In today's CAHs, there are many service lines that do not generate a profit but are essential for support and development of the "margin" service lines. Several examples include:

- ▶ Primary care clinics (including provider-based and provider-based rural health clinics (RHCs))
- ► Emergency department (ED)
- ▶ Urgent care

On the previous slide, why was the SNF and AL in both the mission and margin column? Could this also be considered a supporting service of the hospital?

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How can we use the Medicare cost report to analyze the profitability of our hospital departments and other payors?

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Service Line Analysis

On an "allowable cost" basis, the Medicare cost report computes an average cost per day for routine inpatient care. This information can be used for year-end price setting, comparisons to other facilities, profitability review, as well as a variety of other reviews.

In order to review this information, we should consider:

Inpatient routine cost per day <=> Net charge received per day

General definitions of "allowable cost" equal total expense minus costs not supported by Medicare.

Can the cost report be used to do a high-level profitability review?



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Service Line Analysis

Sample Routine Cost-Per-Day Calculation Using the Medicare Cost Report:

Based on the "allowable costs" in the cost report, our sample hospital would expect that on average it costs \$889.13 per inpatient day to care for patients in the inpatient unit, excluding ancillary services.

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Service Line Analysis

How do we determine if we are charging enough for routine inpatient care?

We should consider the following:

- ▶ Days by payor
- ► Expected payment received by payor
- ▶ Efficiency and potential expense changes in the future
- ▶ Potential changes in average daily census or patient volumes
- ► Do we have a profit on ancillary services supporting inpatient services such as surgical services?

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Service Line Analysis

What are the concerning outcomes of the routine charges and costs comparison?

Average charge per day: \$850.00 per inpatient day
Discount per day: Varies by payor
Average cost per day: \$889.13

What can be done in this situation?

- ► Review of patient room charge? Consider payor contracts, patient experience, price in the market/region, etc.
- ▶ Review of contract terms with payors? This may be the most difficult to negotiate with many different insurance payors or networks.
- ▶ How do we expect patient volumes or costs to change in the next year?
- $\blacktriangleright \ \ \mbox{What hospital services are supplementing/supporting inpatient care?}$

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Service Line Analysis

Why is the swing bed program important to inpatient care?

- ► Medicare program reimburses "SNF level care" through the swing bed program on the "allowable cost" method.
- ► A robust swing bed or "transitional care" program can include swing bed nursing facility (NF) days.

What are swing bed NF Days?

- ► Defined per federal register 42 CFR 413.53(a)(2) as:
 - ► NF-type services, formerly known as ICF and SNF-type services, are routine services furnished by a swing bed hospital to Medicaid and other non-Medicare patients.

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How do we treat NF days on the Medicare cost report?

 NF days are carved out at a "state rate" per day, which is in most cases significantly lower and shifts costs back to the Medicare reimbursable costs of adults and pediatrics and swing bed NF costs.

Who benefits from swing bed NF care:

- ▶ Patients who are nontraditional skilled nursing or rehabilitation patients.
- ► CAHs providing services due to the cost calculation on the cost report.

Swing bed NF care is a "Win Win!"

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Service Line Analysis

What modern service of a CAH that is growing by leaps and bounds also impacts our consideration of costs and ability to care for patients in the inpatient unit?

► Hospitalist program

How are hospitalist services reimbursed?

Most often, hospitalist services are reimbursed on a fee-based methodology similar to professional services from Medicare, Medicaid, and many commercial insurance health plans.

When considering its charge structure for inpatient rooms, does a hospital need to consider the hospitalist program?

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Service Line Analysis

Cost-to-Charge Ratios

What is a "cost-to-charge" ratio?

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Where can cost-to-charge ratios be found?

• Medicare cost report: Worksheet C, Part I, Column 9

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Below is a sample of Page 2 of Worksheet C, Part I, showing the gross charges and calculated cost-to-charge ratios from a sample Medicare cost report.

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How can we use the cost-to-charge ratios in Column 9?

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Service Line Analysis

Comparison of three sample CAHs cost-to-charge ratios by selected departments:

Cost Centers	CAH 1 CCRs	CAH 2 CCRs	CAH 3 CCRs
Operating room	0.350409	0.818695	0.982771
Radiology-diagnostic	0.164251	0.412490	0.652277
Laboratory	0.181033	0.344558	0.452772
Respiratory therapy	0.631174	0.215670	0.721440
Physical therapy	0.325362	0.925510	1.322770
Occupational therapy	0.267368	0.994645	1.415288
Speech pathology	0.383660	1.150835	1.218436
Electrocardiology	0.113512	0.352114	0.432185
Medical supplies charged	0.270247	0.917240	0.982441
Implantable supplies and devices	0.897039	0.852223	0.931940
Drugs charged to patients	0.391307	0.522381	0.512851
Cardiac rehab	0.541354	0.942237	1.425887
Chemotherapy	0.414898	0.741253	0.882443
Provider-based clinic	0.952500	1.851178	2.057281
Emergency	0.303709	1.316193	1.851170
Observation hade	0.924776	1 584567	2 1/15887

What observations can be made?

How can we use this information? Next step \ldots additional analysis?

What are some points to consider from the cost-to-charge ratio reviews?

- ▶ Are the cost allocations in the cost report up-to-date and accurate?
- ▶ What are the business plans in the future for the CAH?
- ▶ If no immediate changes in operations, costs, or revenue are planned, what departments should we focus on if all we have for information is the cost-to-charge ratios of the ancillary departments?
- ► Next steps to consider:
 - ▶ High cost-to-charge ratio departments
 - ▶ How do the cost-to-charge ratios compare to the prior year ratios?
 - ▶ Payor mix of high cost-to-charge ratio departments

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Service Line Analysis

Using the cost-to-charge ratios from the three sample CAHs, how can we determine if we have any issues?

- ► We should consider what the payor and service mix is of the CAH and at the department level.
- ▶ Important to remember the concept of "net" patient service revenue:

Gross Patient Service Revenue - Contractual Adjustments ("Discounts") =

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Service Line Analysis

How are we reimbursed by payor for most hospital services?

- ► Medicare: "Allowable cost"
- ▶ Medicaid: "Allowable cost" or other state-specific method
- ▶ Commercial Insurance Plans: Negotiated discount or rate
- ▶ Private Pay: Self-pay discount or limited payments (i.e., charity or bad debt)

Since Medicare, Medicaid, and private pay are determined primarily on methods that are out of the control of an average CAH, commercial insurance plans and profitability on commercial health plans have become an increasingly important area of focus due to cutbacks on payments from Medicare and Medicaid in particular.

Examples of these cut-backs include Medicaid plans paying below cost, assessments to hospitals for state Medicaid plans, Medicare sequestration, etc.

How does a CAH consider the profitability of commercial health plans?

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Service Line Analysis

Example profitability review by payor using net patient service revenue and cost-to-charge ratios at a high level:

	Sample CAH 1	Sample CAH 2	Sample CAH 3
Average commercial insurance discount rate	50%	25%	10%
Average percentage of business for CAH from commercial insurance plans	40%	30%	20%

Which of the sample hospitals above would we consider to be the most profitable on average in ancillary departments from commercial health plans?

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Service Line Analysis

Sample CAH #1:

	Sample CAH #1 Calculations Related to Commercial Insurar		rance Plans	
	Cost-to-Charge	Estimated	Net	Estimated
Cost Centers	Ratios	Costs*	Revenue	Profit (Loss)
Operating room	0.350409	\$1,967,544	\$2,807,494	\$839,950
Radiology-diagnostic	0.164251	2,174,901	6,620,650	4,445,749
Laboratory	0.181033	1,559,607	4,307,518	2,747,911
Respiratory therapy	0.631174	415,781	329,371	(86,410
Physical therapy	0.325362	1,248,791	1,919,080	670,290
Occupational therapy	0.267368	434,791	813,094	378,303
Speech pathology	0.383660	165,130	215,203	50,073
Electrocardiology	0.113512	54,667	240,800	186,133
Medical supplies charged	0.270247	692,556	1,281,340	588,784
Implantable supplies and devices	0.897039	1,164,092	648,853	(515,239
Drugs charged to patients	0.391307	1,884,662	2,408,160	523,498
Cardiac rehab	0.541354	105,108	97,079	(8,029
Chemotherapy	0.414898	164,934	156,741	(8,193
Provider-based clinic	0.952500	1,300,710	682,787	(617,922
Emergency	0.303709	1,924,832	3,168,876	1,244,044
Observation beds	0.924776	648,436	350,591	(297,845
				\$10,141,095

* Based on Medicare "allowable costs." Actual costs would generally be greater than Medicare "allowable costs."

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Sample CAH #3: Sample CAH #3:

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Service Line Analysis

- ▶ What are some observations from profitability by payor review?
- ► High-level review There may be reimbursement differences by commercial insurance contract by department or procedures:
 - $\blacktriangleright \ \ \text{Are there areas where the sample CAHs should look to increase or decrease services?}$
 - ► Are there opportunities to review insurance contracts and renegotiate rates?
- ► What can also be observed for Medicare reimbursement based on the higher cost-to-charge ratios?
- \blacktriangleright What departments or areas should be reviewed based on this?
 - General charge and reimbursement stru
 - ▶ Overhead allocations
 - ► Expense optimization on the Medicare cost report. Consider a review of expenses by payor. Who is really using overhead or support departments?

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CAH Reimbursement "Tool" for Decision Making THE TOOL Medical Beard General Ulbration Reamb General Ulbration Reamb General G

➤ Where would you want to expense the EHR expense that was not eligible for the incentive payment? ➤ Capital reimbursement is 40%. ➤ Capital reimbursement is 40%. ➤ Medical Records is 60%. ➤ Medical Records is 60%.

CAH Reimbursement "Tool" for Decision Making Where would you want to expense new patient beds? Adults and Peds = 75% ICU = 90% THE TOOL Superment Utilisation Canada Control Con

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	Laundry & Linen		15%
	Housekeeping		30%
	Dietary		15%
	Cafeteria		40%
	Nursing Admin		20%
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	Social Services		5%
	Adults & Peds	75%	75%
	Intensive Care Unit	90%	90%
	Nursery	70%	70%
	SNF	60%	0%
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	Labor & Delivery	70%	70%
	Anesthesiology	45%	45%
	Radiology	47%	47%
	Laboratory	60%	60%
	Respiratory Therapy	80%	80%
	Physical Therapy		
	Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy	90%	90%
	Electrocardiology	80%	80%
	Med Supply	40%	40%
	Phermacy	60%	60%
	Emergency	25%	25%
	Observation Reds	25%	80%
	Rural Health Clinic	50%	35%
	Home Health	90%	0%
	Physician Clinic	40%	0%

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	Housekeeping		30%
	Dietary		15%
	Cafeteria		40%
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	Intensive Care Unit	90%	90%
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 Majority of all other cost centers 	Labor & Delivery	70%	70%
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	Laboratory	60%	60%
	Respiratory Therapy	80%	80%
	Physical Therapy	60%	60%
	Occupational Therapy	90%	90%
	Speech Therapy	30%	30%
	Electrocardiology	80%	80%
	Med Supply	40%	40%
	Phermacy	60%	60%
	Emergency	25%	25%
	Observation Beds	80%	80%
	Rural Health Clinic	50%	35%
	Home Health	90%	0%
	Physician Clinic	40%	096



