

The following email contains some of the most recent information from the LTCIP Data/Finance Workgroup:

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I very much like the user-friendly layout of these reports. However, the structure of the reports needs to optimize the utility of the merged database. The beauty of having the Medicare data is that we can look at Medi-Cal and Medicare costs for the same population. In order to do this, we need to exclude the Medi-Cal onlys from these reports so that we have the same eligible months for the Medi-Cal and the Medicare tables.

Also, in order to make sense of the Medicare data, we must see Medicare Part B only separated from Medicare Parts A and B. Otherwise, we will not get a good idea of the relative payments for facilities and physicians.

I have attached a matrix requesting a total of 15 breakouts that would allow us to examine Medicare costs for each of our "rate cells."

In summary, these are my recommendations:

- 1) For each of the breakouts, provide Medi-Cal and Medicare data for the same population of eligibles. (i.e. provide Medi-Cal data for the indicated Medicare dual eligible grouping, so that eligible months will exactly match between each pair of Medi-Cal and Medicare reports). "Medi-Cal onlys" should be totally excluded from these reports.
- 2) Exclude MCO eligibles from all reports except those for the MCO members. Otherwise, we will understate Medi-Cal costs (as discussed last week.)
- 3) Separately tabulate IHSS and non-IHSS and Aged and Disabled, so that the differences in costs among these groups can be analyzed (as shown in matrix below.)

Suggested Breakouts for County Merged Medicare/Medi-Cal Data

Medi-Cal Status	-----Medicare Status-----	
	Parts A&B	Part B Only
IHSS Disabled	X	
IHSS aged	X	X
Non-IHSS/non-SNF 3+ months Disabled	X	
Non-IHSS/non-SNF 3+ months Aged	X	X
MCO IHSS Disabled	X	
MCO IHSS Aged	X	X
MCO non-IHSS Disabled	X	
MCO non-IHSS Aged	X	X
SNF 3+ months disabled	X	
SNF 3 + months aged	X	X