

TX-APCD Advisory Group Meeting

 NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Welcome and Agenda

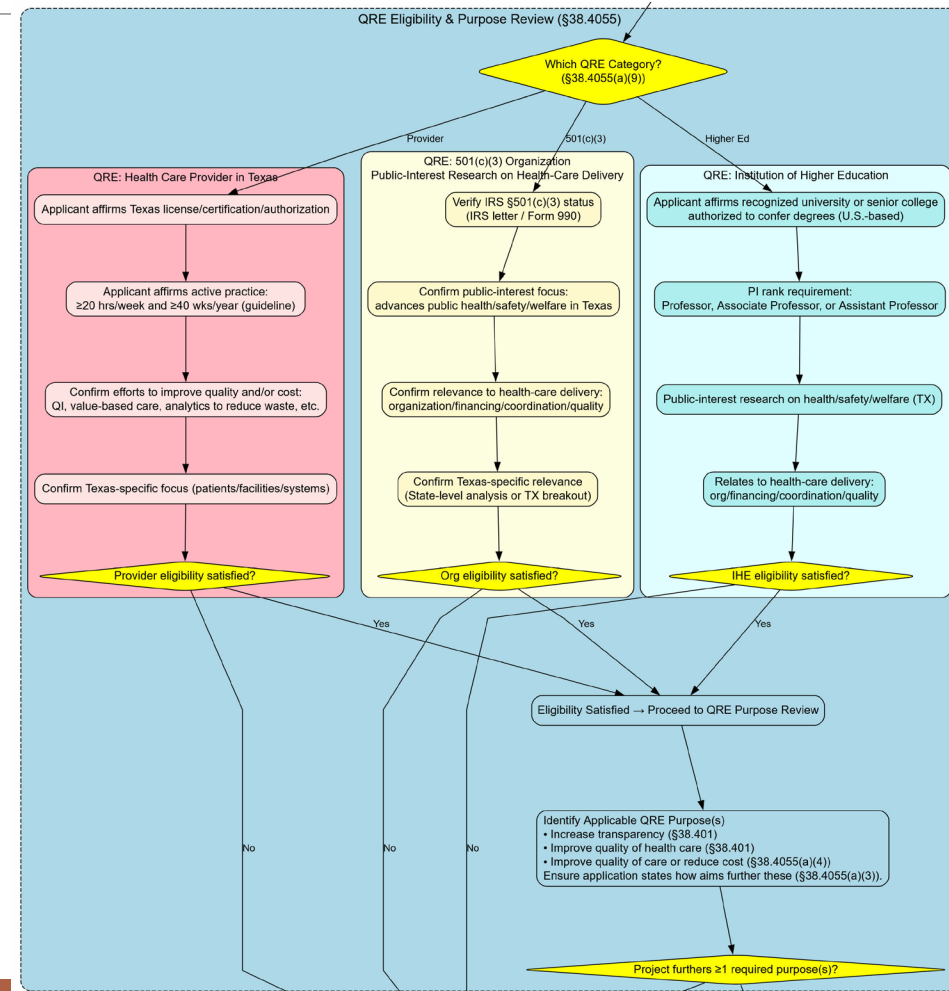
- ❑ Good afternoon, and welcome to the November 19, 2025, TX-APCD Advisory Group Meeting.
- ❑ If anyone gets kicked off the call, please reach out to me at 713-500-9433. I will do my best to correct the issue.
- ❑ Please keep in mind, the statute for the Advisory Group requires us to be mindful of possible conflicts of interest.
- ❑ A person serving on the stakeholder advisory group must disclose any conflict of interest. If you believe you have a conflict on an item being discussed, please just raise your hand and let us know.

Welcome and Agenda

- ❑ Today, we'll cover:
 - ❑ Flowchart for Application Processing – Qualified Research Entities
 - ❑ Update on Several APCD Research Projects – Sickle Cell, Harris County Portal, and Dell
 - ❑ Update on the Registration of Submitters;

QRE

- We are creating a flowchart to guide the CHCD team in the application process, identify key decision points and offer applicants with consistency.
- Its important to note: this was all developed to aid staff in accomplishing the goals of the TX-APCD legislation. Where unanticipated issues arise, the touchstone is the statute.



QRE

- Each step in the flowchart is supported by a detailed procedure that staff can reference as needed.
- The following slides provide a high-level overview of a comprehensive process – which is captured in the detailed procedure document.

CHCD/APCD: Procedure on Determining Eligibility of Qualified Research Entities (QREs)

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Overview

This procedure provides overarching guidance to staff on determining whether an applicant qualifies as a Qualified Research Entity (QRE) under Texas law. Under statute, a 'Qualified Research Entity' means an entity that fits one of three categories:

(A) An organization engaging in public interest research for the purpose of analyzing the delivery of health care in this state that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of that code;

(B) An institution of higher education engaged in public interest research related to the delivery of health care in this state; or

(C) A health care provider in this state engaging in efforts to improve the quality and cost of health care.

This procedure ensures consistent and legally sound determinations of QRE eligibility under the Texas All-Payer Claims Database (TX-APCD) framework.

Definitions

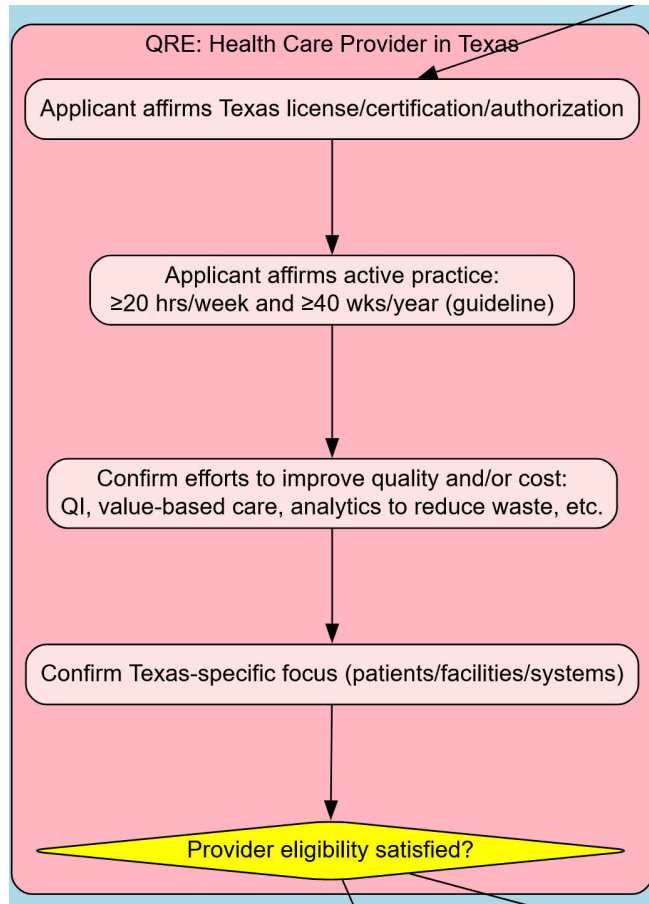
Qualified Research Entity (QRE): A QRE is an entity that meets one of the following statutory definitions:

- A nonprofit organization engaging in public interest research analyzing health care delivery in Texas, recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- An institution of higher education conducting public interest research related to the delivery of health care in Texas.
- A licensed or certified health care provider in Texas actively engaged in efforts to improve the quality and cost of health care.

Applicable Specific Procedures

- APCD Procedure – Organization Public Interest Health Care Delivery: Outlines criteria for nonprofit organizations qualifying under Section 501(c)(3), including public interest purpose and research relevance to health care delivery.
- APCD Procedure – Institution of Higher Education: Defines standards for universities or senior colleges conducting public interest research related to health care delivery.

QRE – Health Care Provider



A health care provider in this state engaging in efforts to improve the quality and cost of health care.

Health Care Provider

- Individual or facility licensed, certified, or authorized under Texas law to provide health care services
- Includes physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, hospitals, clinics, and other recognized entities
- Must be actively engaged in delivering health care services or managing facilities in Texas

Engaged in Active Practice

- Currently participates in delivery or oversight of health care services in Texas
- Activities include diagnosing, treating, managing patient care, clinical research, supervising/training, or administrative duties related to care
- General guideline: at least 20 hours/week for 40 weeks/year

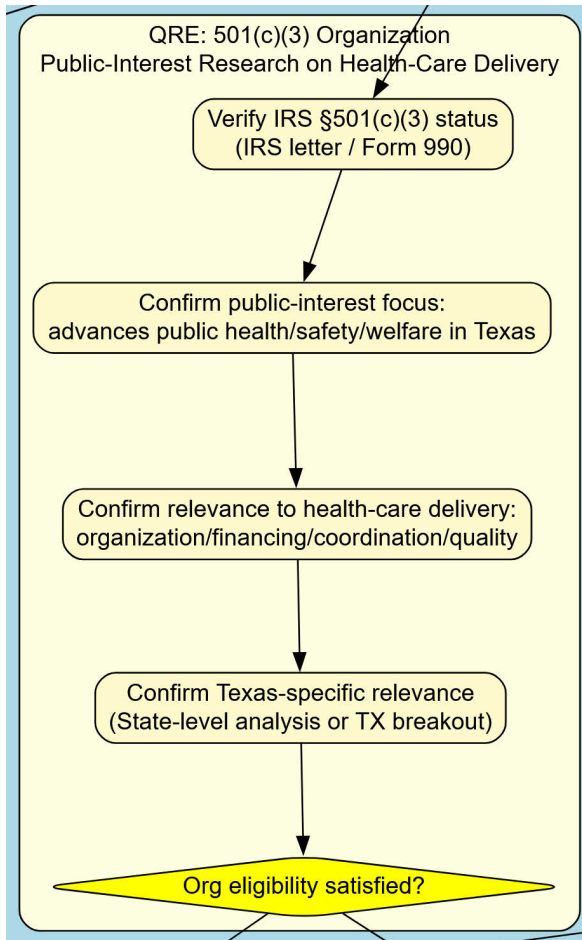
Facility-Based Requirement

- If applicant is a health care facility, the Principal Investigator (PI) must:
 - Be an individual licensed as a health care provider in Texas
 - Be actively engaged in practice within the state

Efforts to Improve Quality and Cost

- Involvement in systematic activities, research, or programs aimed at:
 - Enhancing clinical outcomes
 - Improving patient safety
 - Coordinating care
 - Increasing cost efficiency

QRE – Certain 501(c)(3) Organizations



An organization engaging in **public interest research** for the purpose of **analyzing the delivery of health care in this state** that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, **by being listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3)** of that code

Public Interest Research

- Research broadly related to the protection or advancement of public health, safety, or welfare in Texas
- Consistent with legislative intent and judicial guidance.

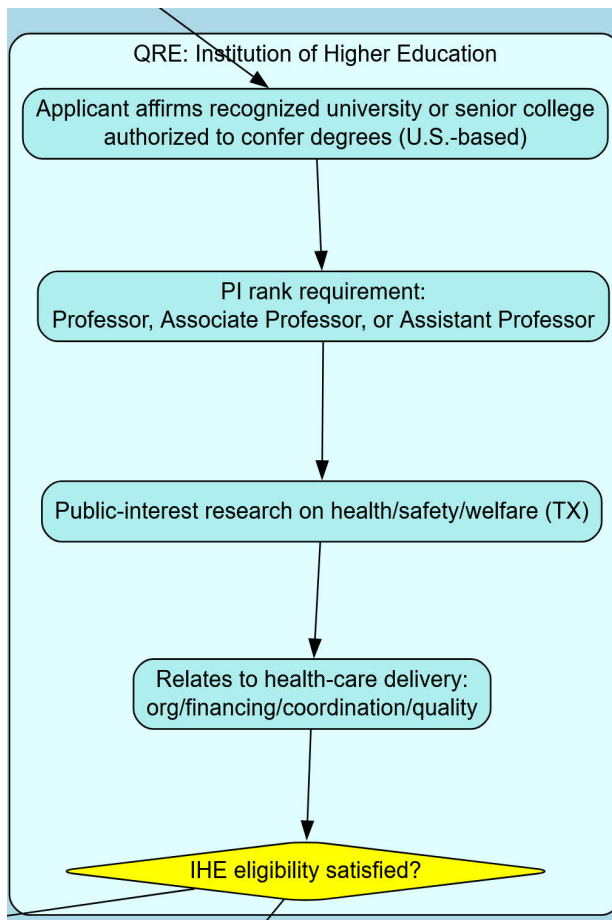
Health Care Delivery

- Organization, financing, and coordinated provision of health services to patients
- Includes:
 - Networks of providers and funding mechanisms
 - Administrative processes supporting health care plans and providers
 - Protection of patient rights and provider–patient relationship
 - Emphasis on preventive care, wellness, quality improvement, and disease management
 - Credentialing, peer review, and quality assurance programs

501(c)(3) Organization

- Entity recognized by IRS as tax-exempt under Section 501(a)
- Must supply a determination letter.

QRE – Institution of Higher Education



An institution of higher education engaged in **public interest** research related to the **delivery of health care** in this state.

Institution of Higher Education

- Public or private university or senior college authorized to confer academic degrees
- Junior colleges or technical schools are **not** considered institutions of higher education for this purpose
- Must typically engage in research activities

Public Interest Research

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Health Care Delivery

- Organization, financing, and coordinated provision of health services to patients – Same as previous slide.

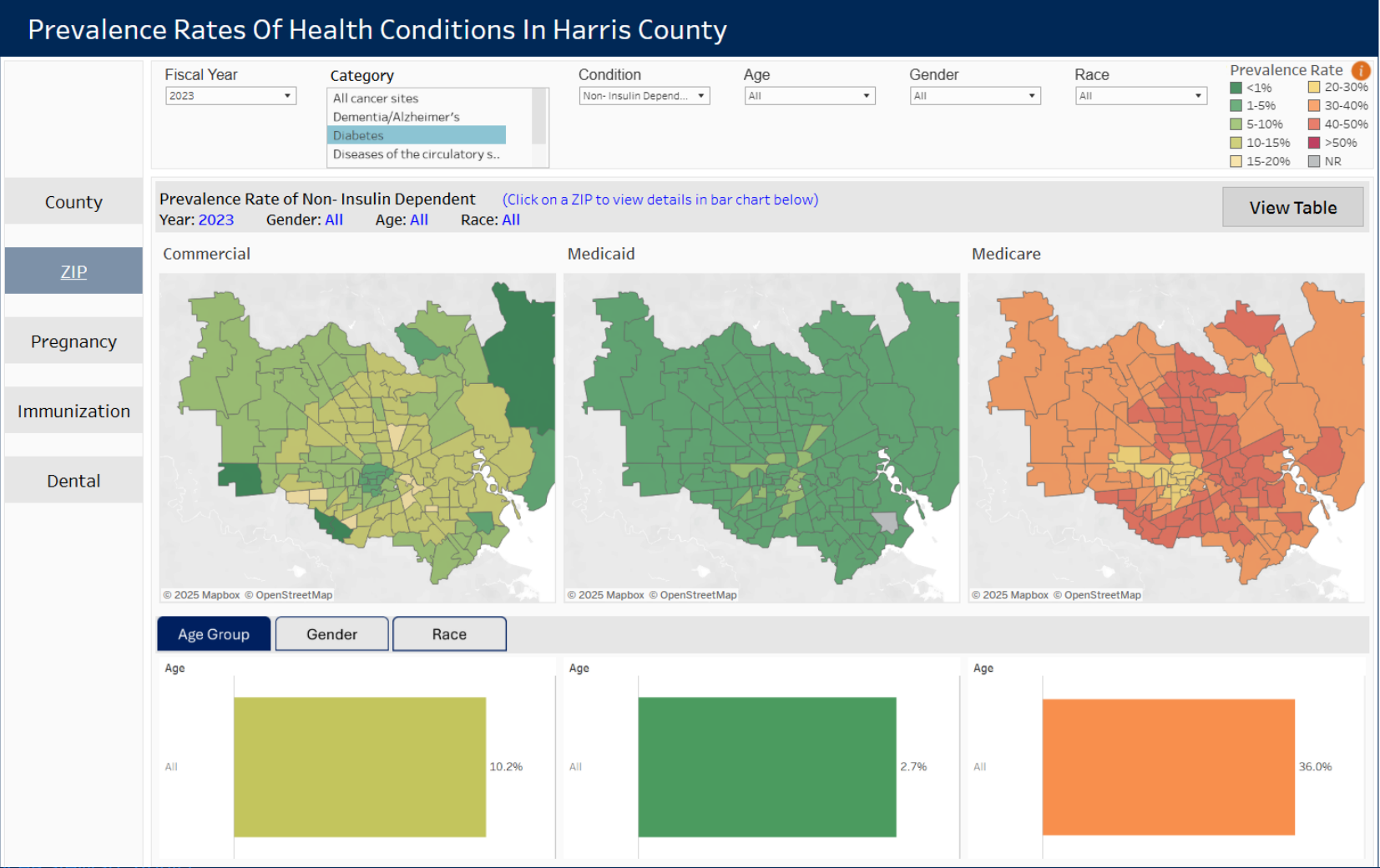
Engaged – Applicant does not have to show they undertake this research regularly. This can be their first project.

Flowchart and Workflow

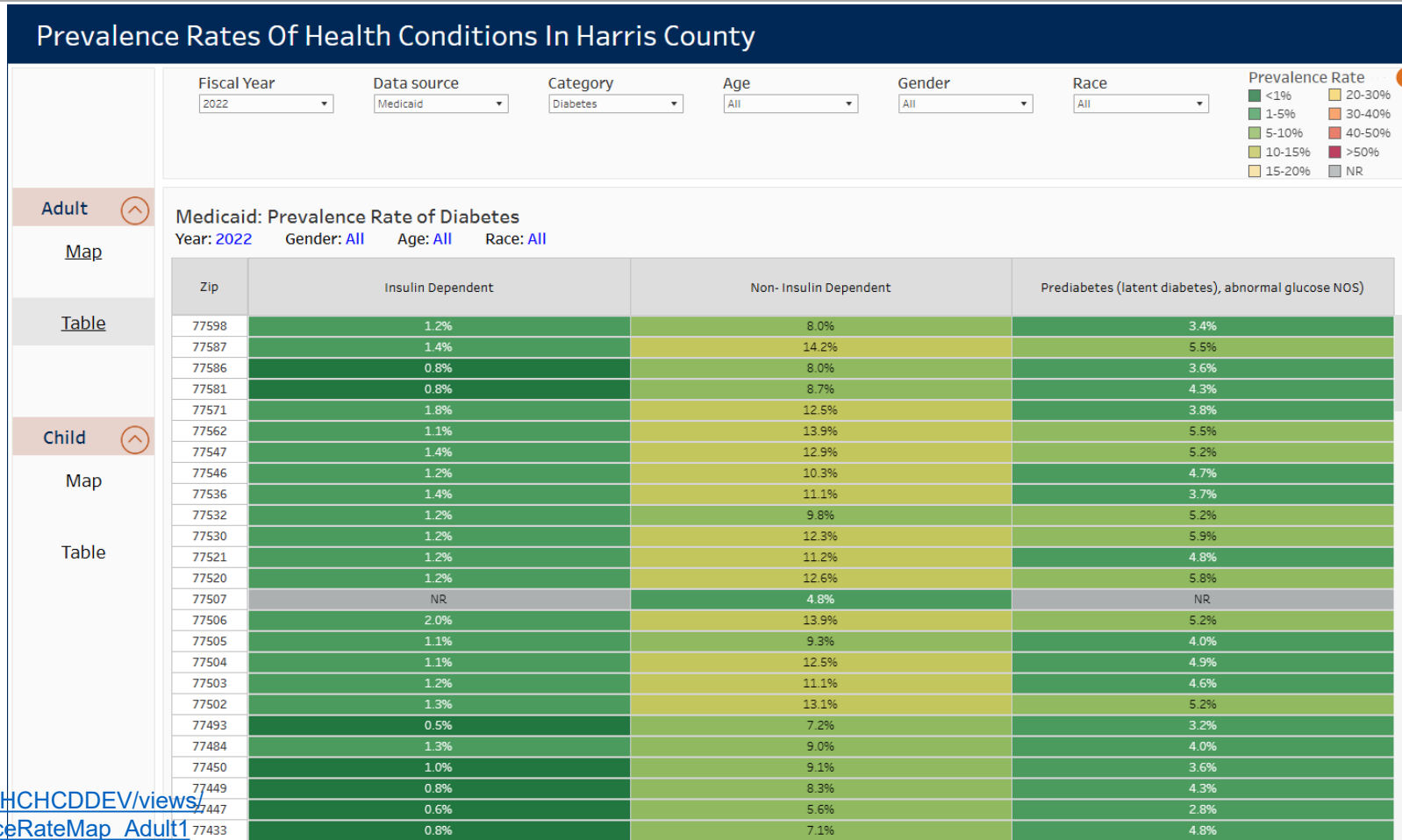
- ❑ We continue to refine our process and are confident that we will meet our goals to open the application submission process to external researchers.
- ❑ Policies and procedures will evolve as we identify opportunities for improvement.
- ❑ Flowcharts and decision trees will be updated periodically to reflect best practices.
- ❑ Continuous improvement is central to maintaining efficiency.

Preliminary Findings from TX-APCD Data Pilots

Harris County Project and Portal



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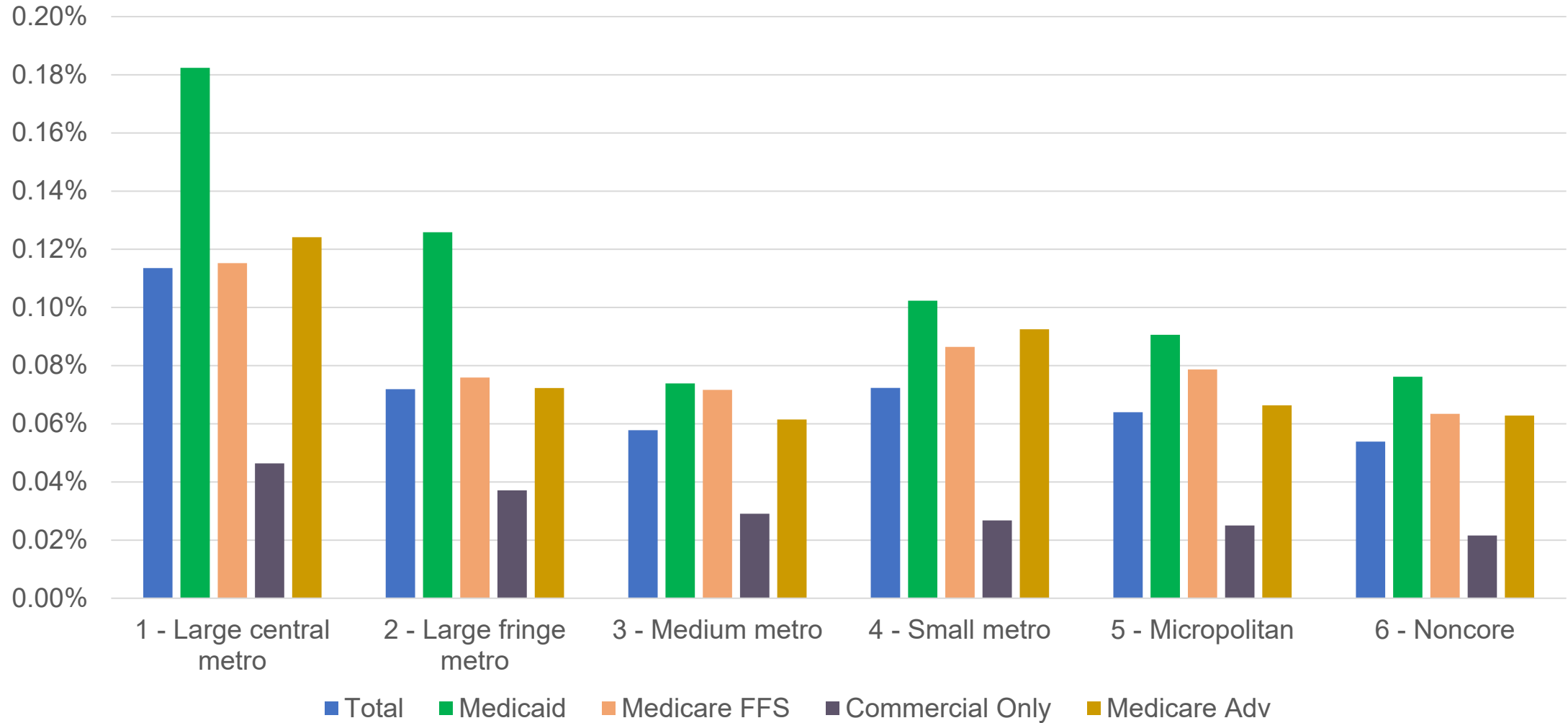


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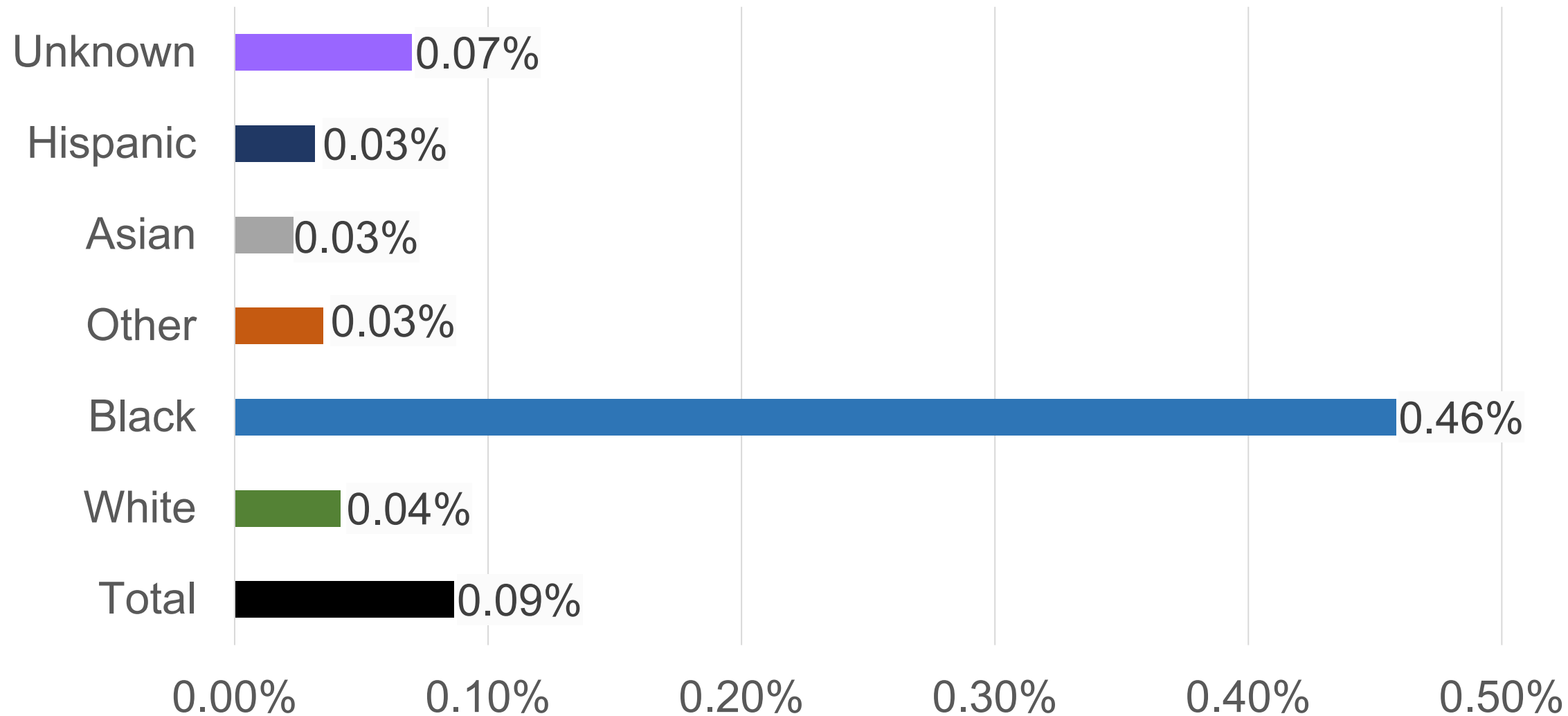
Prevalence of SCD in Texas by Payer

PAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023
TX-APCD	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Medicaid	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.13%
Commercial	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
Medicare	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%
Medicare Advantage	0.08%	0.09%	0.08%	0.09%

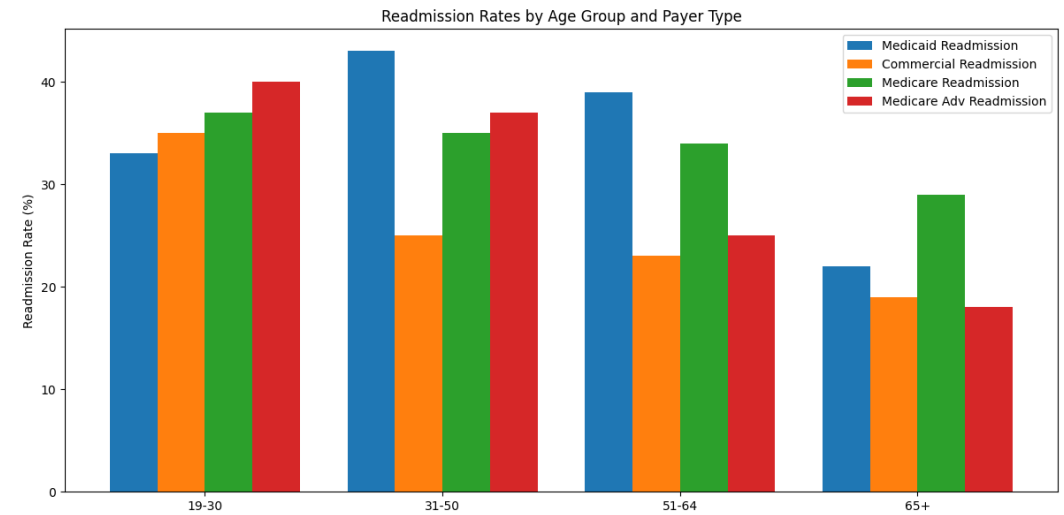
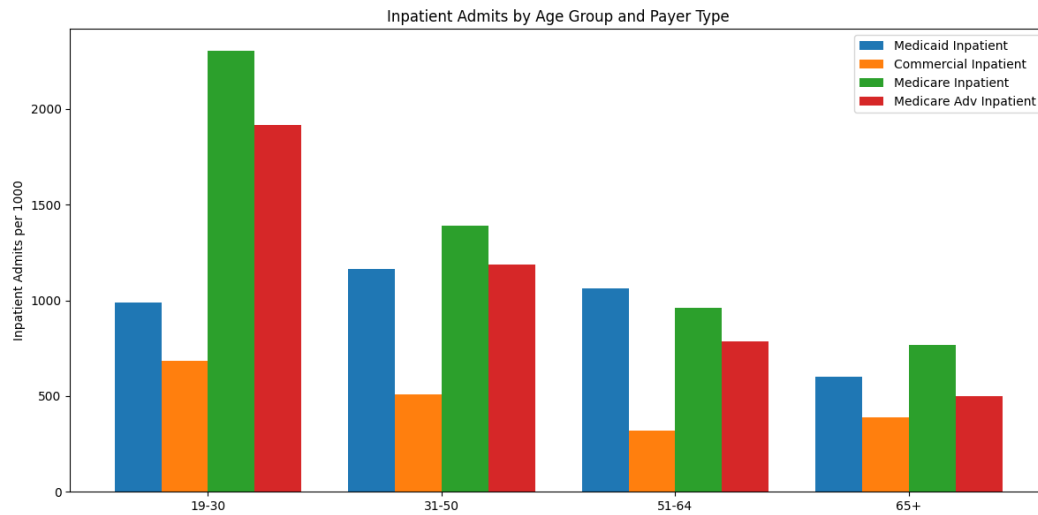
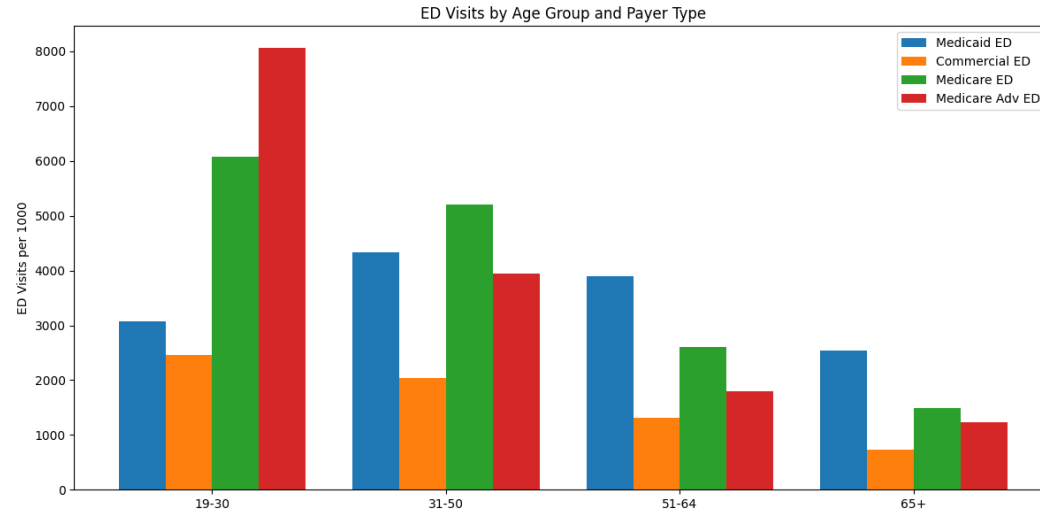
2023 SCD Prevalence Rate by Geographic Designation



2023 SCD Prevalence Rate by Race/Ethnicity

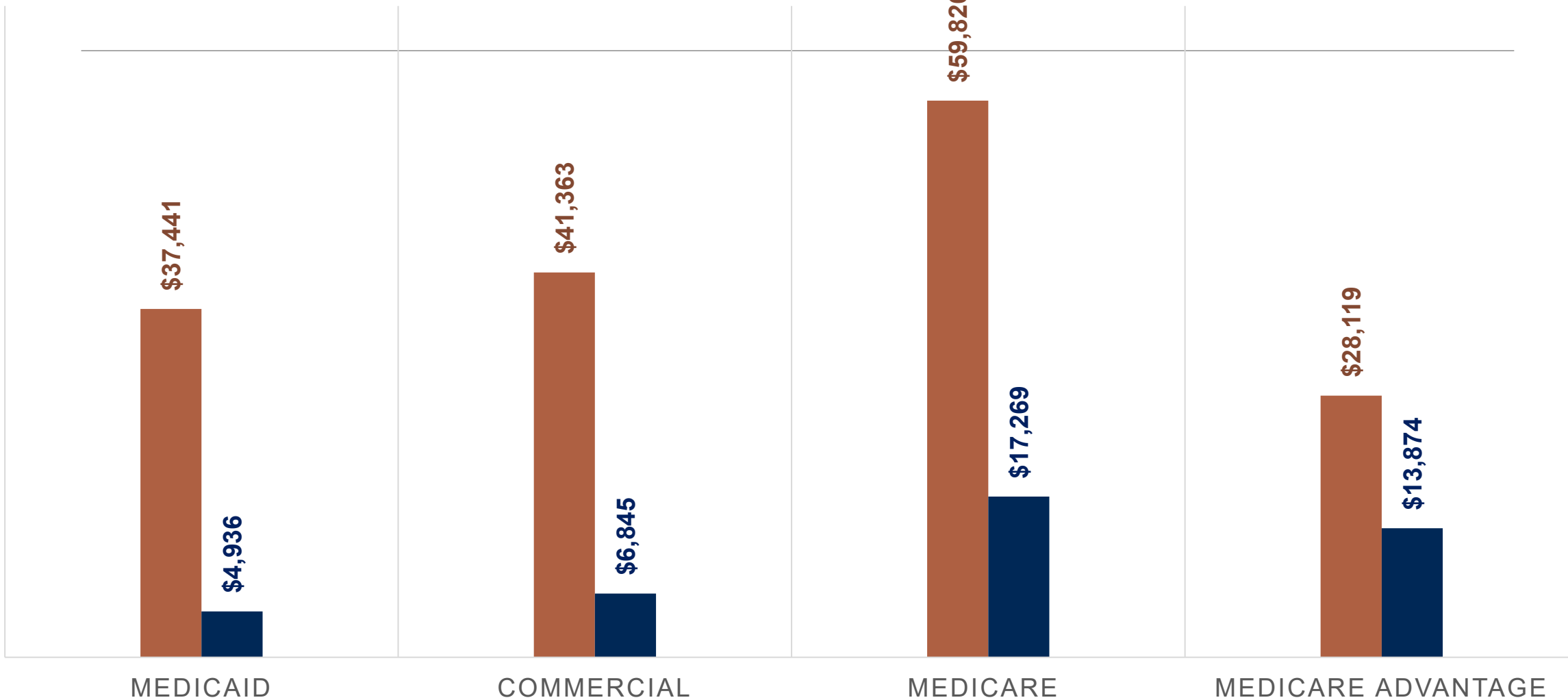


2023 SCD Healthcare Utilization Analysis

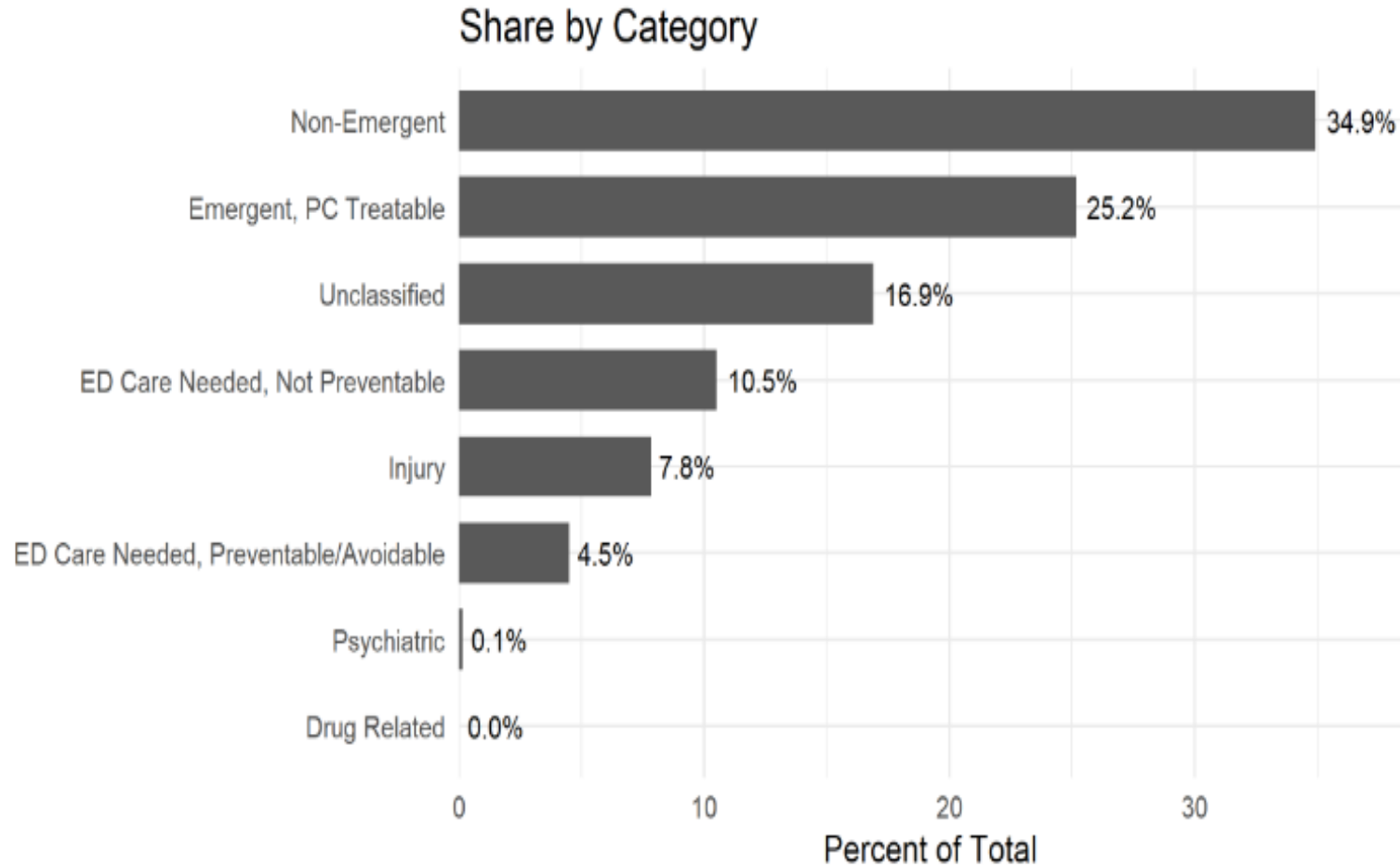


SCD PMPY COMPARISON

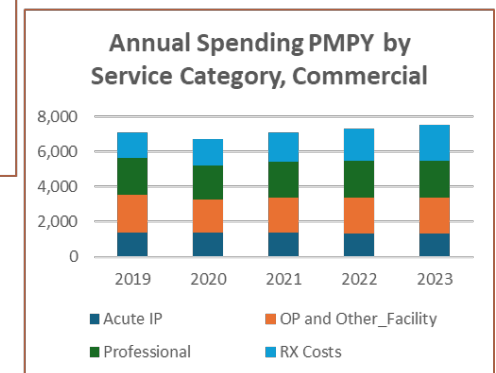
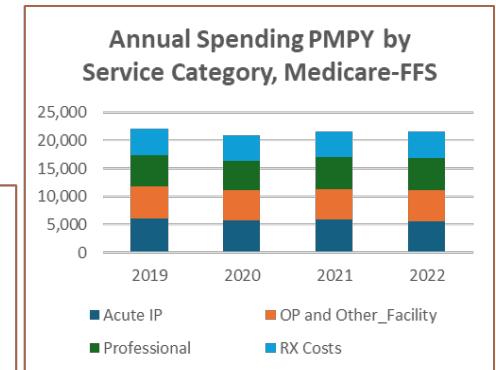
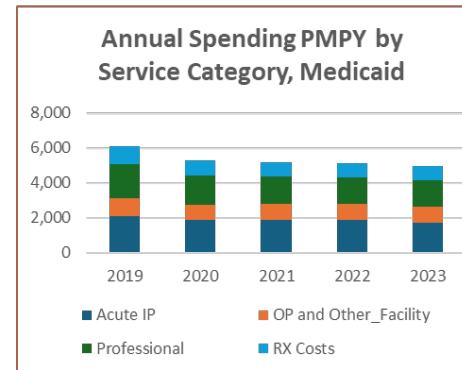
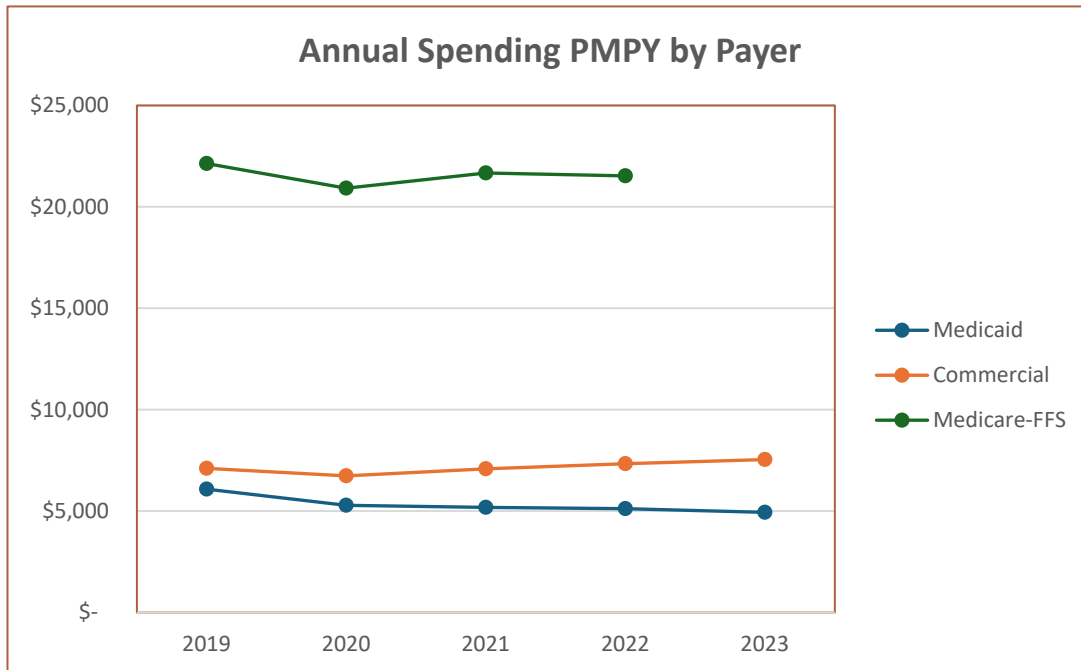
■ SCD PMPY Med+RX ■ General PMPY Med+RX



Dell Accountable Communities Analysis: % Of all ED Visits

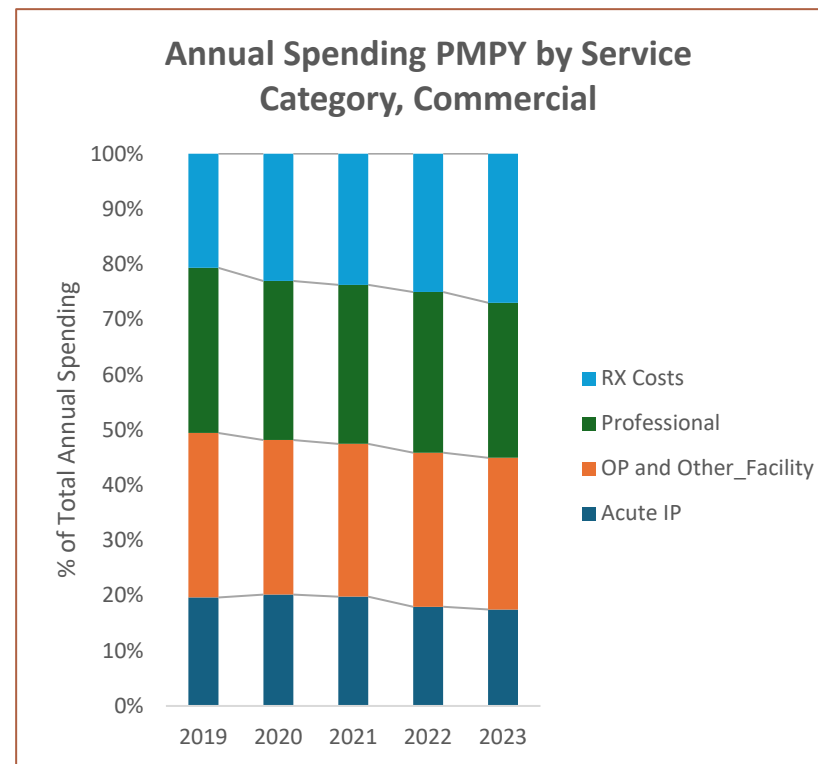
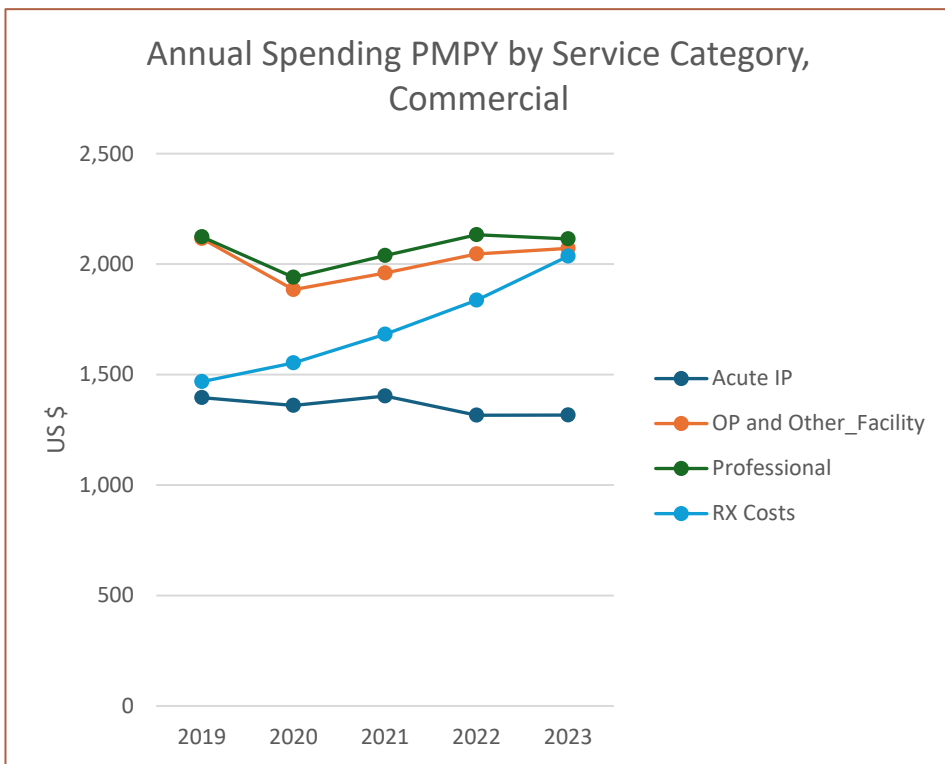


Preliminary work on Total Cost of Care (Arnold Ventures)



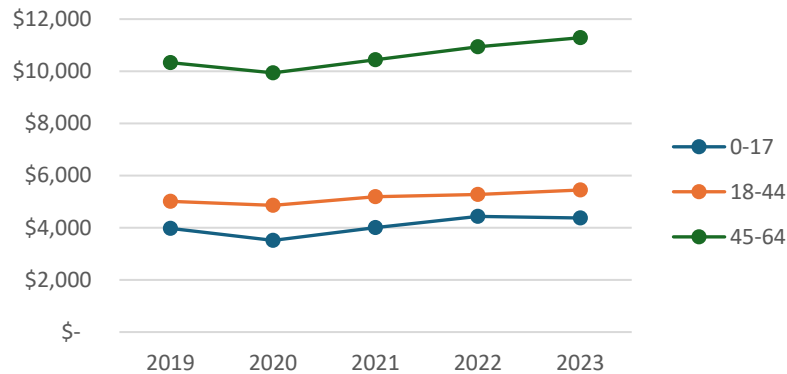
Medicare FFS data (CMS-QE)
 Medicaid FFS & MCO
 Commercial: (6 largest payers, excluded MA)

Commercial Spending



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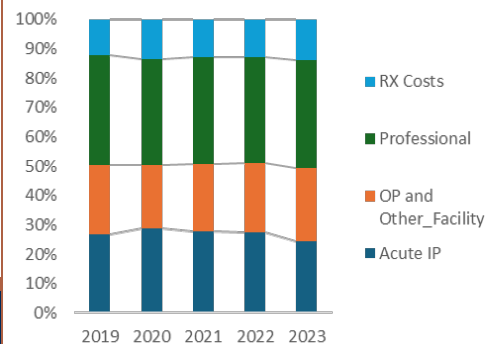
Annual Spending PMPY by Age



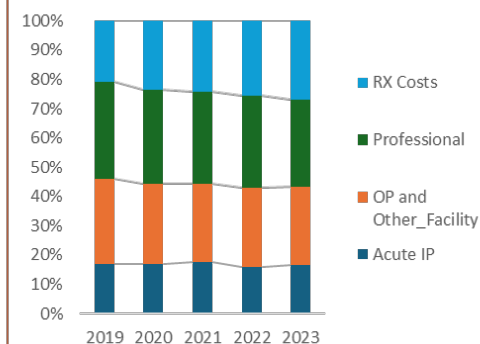
Annual PMPY spending grows with age, and 45-64 year old category had a significant positive trend during the time period

Proportionally, RX spending grew the most across time and age categories

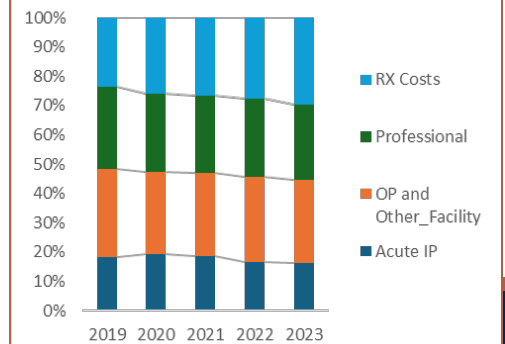
Annual Spending PMPY by Service Category, Commercial, 0-17



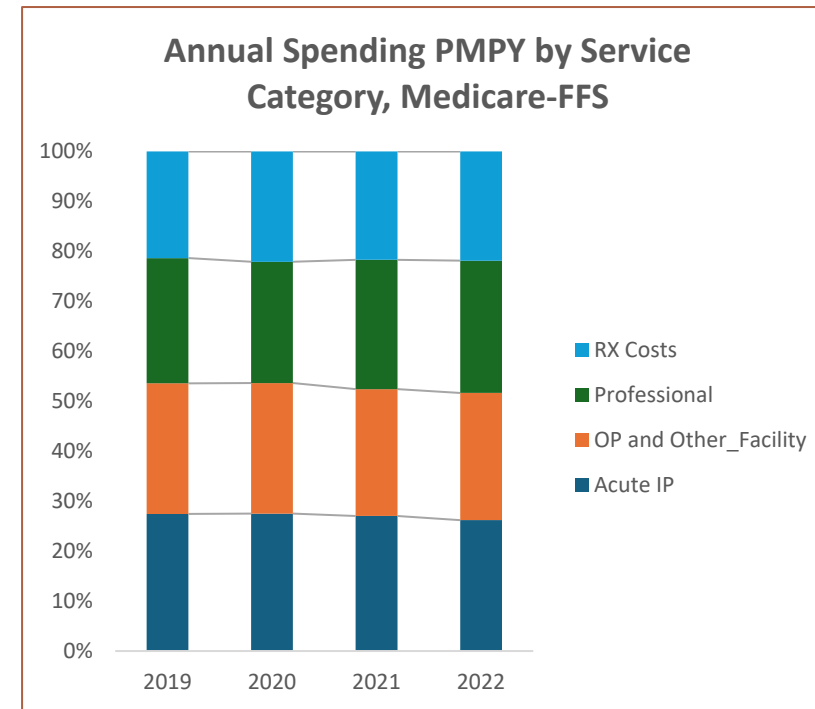
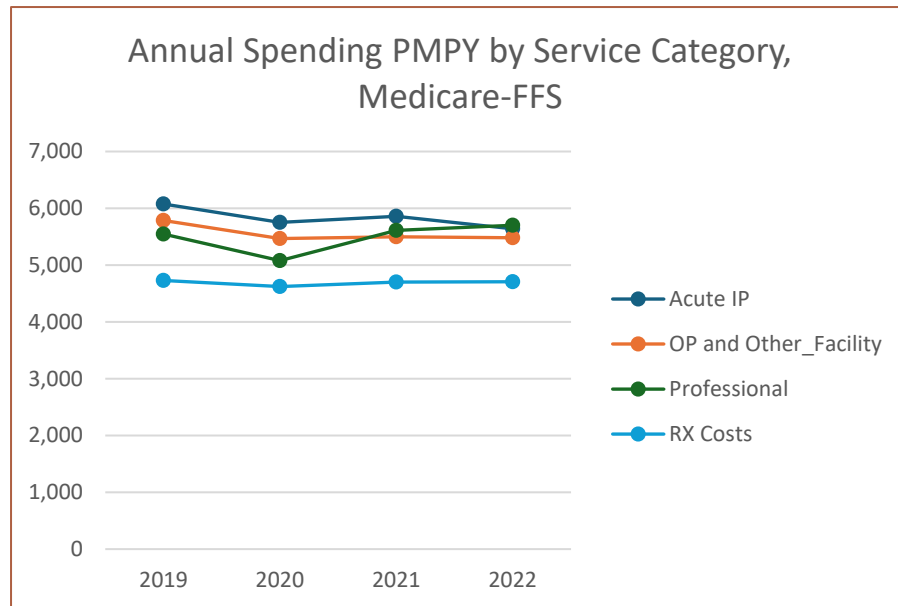
Annual Spending PMPY by Service Category, Commercial, 18-44



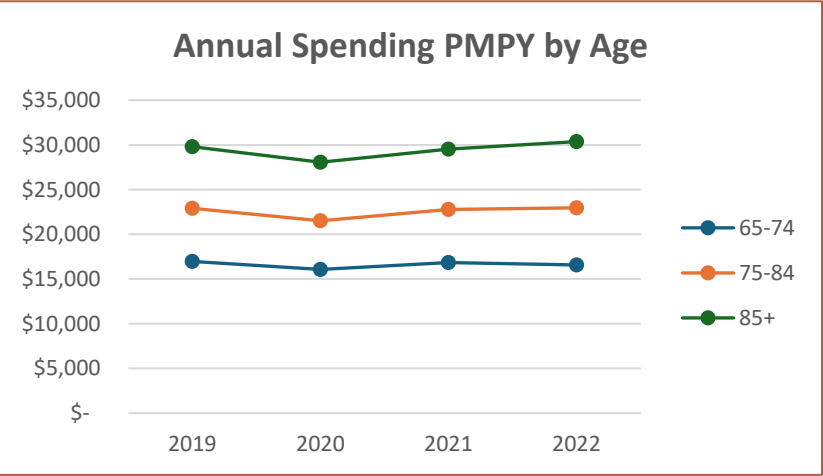
Annual Spending PMPY by Service Category, Commercial, 45-64



Medicare Spending

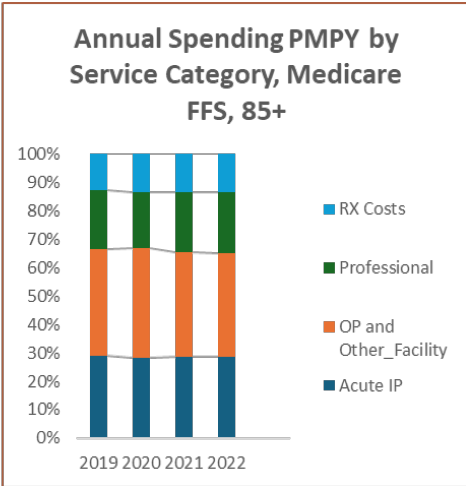
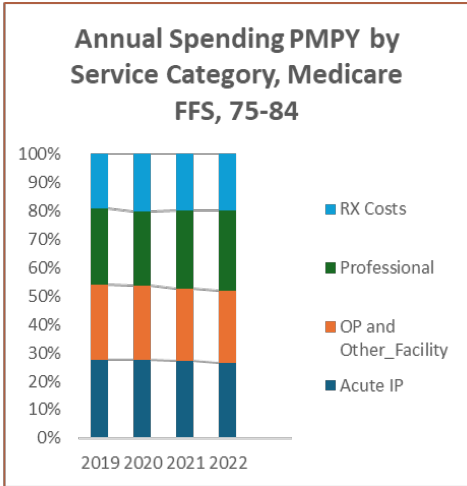
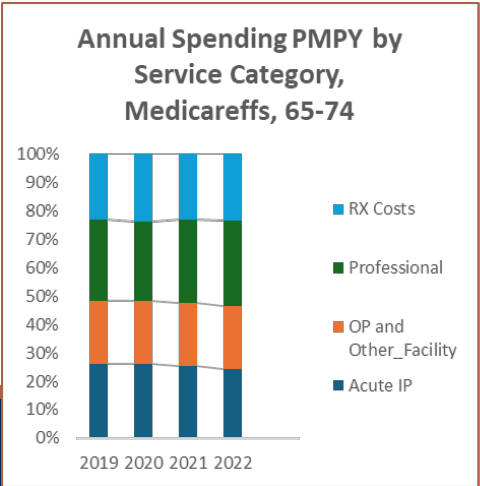


Medicare Spending



Annual PMPY spending grows with age

Proportionally, Facility spending grew the most across age categories



TX-APCD Submitter Registration

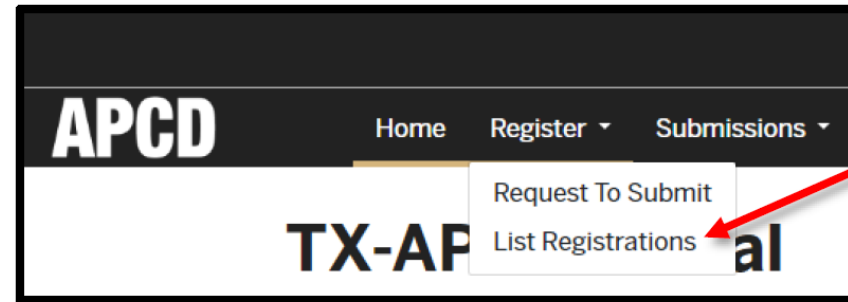
Registrations

- ❑ Annual Registration of Submitting Payors kicked off on time!
 - ❑ TDI regulations require annual registration of Payors.
 - ❑ Approximately 34.3 percent of submitters have registered for 2026 in the first month
 - ❑ 90 percent of submitters timely registered last year – we hope that we get an even better response this year (the second year of electronic submission).
 - ❑ With the exception of new submitting payors, the registration process is now entirely electronic.

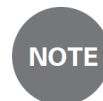
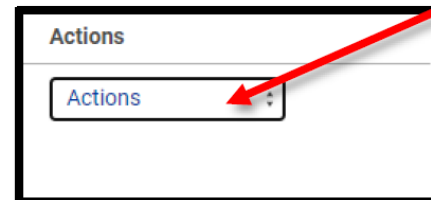
Registrations

To register via the portal:

1. Please **log in** to the portal at <https://txapcd.org/>.
2. **Click** "Register" located at the top left of your screen and **select** "List Registrations" from the dropdown menu.



3. Once the List Registrations window opens please **click** "Actions" on the center right side of your screen and **select** "Renew Registration" from the dropdown menu.



Be sure to update the "Registration Year" field to 2025.



Thank You! Happy Thanksgiving!