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FAQ: Medicare Advantage Insights Tool

How do I select a particular region to investigate?

There are several ways to select a customized set of counties and states using the dashboard. The most precise approach uses the Beneficiary State and Beneficiary County drop downs to make multiple or single selections of a particular state or county. An alternative way to make a selection is to use the tableau map features available by hovering over the map and the right arrow which offers a rectangle, radial, and lasso selection tool that can be used to make a dynamic selection. Whichever approach you choose, the surrounding charts and insights will automatically adjust to reflect your region of interest.

I have highlighted a selection of counties on the map, how do I reset the selection?

To reset a selection of states and counties using the tableau map features, you can click anywhere on the map that does not have county data displayed and the selection will be reset to the set of states and counties filtered on by the drop downs.

Why can't I see a certain plan in the Top Medicare Advantage Plans pie chart?

The Medicare Advantage plans listed on the pie chart are aggregated to the parent organization level for a selected region. In addition, only the top 5 by market share are shown in colors on the pie chart, the remaining are grouped into an "other" category.

There are many more plans in my region than identified in the Medicare Advantage Plan Type Distribution chart. Why is this number lower?

Medicare Advantage plans included in this section are comprised of unique plan IDs as defined by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and limited to Local Coordinated Care Plan (CCPs) plan types with at least one enrollee. In addition, Special Needs Plans (SNFs) and Employer Group Health Plans (EGHP) have been excluded from the analysis.

What does the Enrollment Type drop down filter do?

The Enrollment Type drop down filter allows for certain tiles (see Analytic Methodology) to be filtered by enrollment types of Individual, Special Needs Plans (SNP), and Employer Group Health Plans (EGHP). SNP and EGHP plans represent approximately 36% of total national Medicare Advantage enrollment. From a care model perspective SNP and EGHP beneficiaries are respectively more akin to a Managed Medicaid and Commercially insured patient than an Aged and/or Disabled Medicare patient and thus it is critical to segment these populations. Both SNP and EGHP are important and growing populations that should be accounted for in any future Medicare Advantage strategy your organization develops.

The national number of Medicare Advantage enrollees differs slightly from the numbers reported by CMS, what may be causing this?

The dashboard is limited to the 50 states plus Washington D.C., whereas CMS data also includes enrollee information from US territories and regions identified as Pending State Designation which may lead to some slight differences in counts.