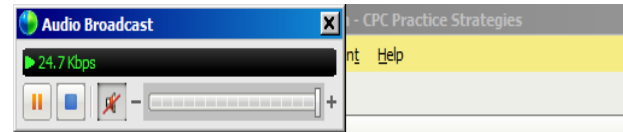# Thank you for joining us!

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CBR201908 Breast Re-Excision

August 6, 2019, 3 p.m. ET

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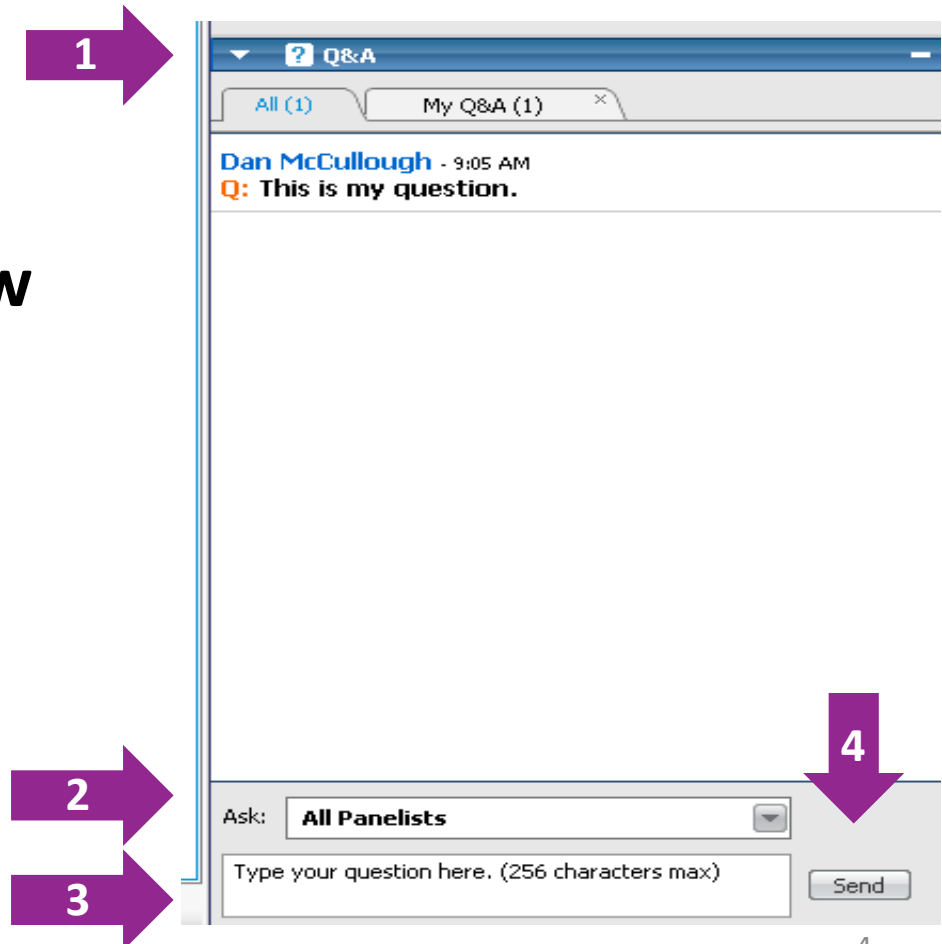
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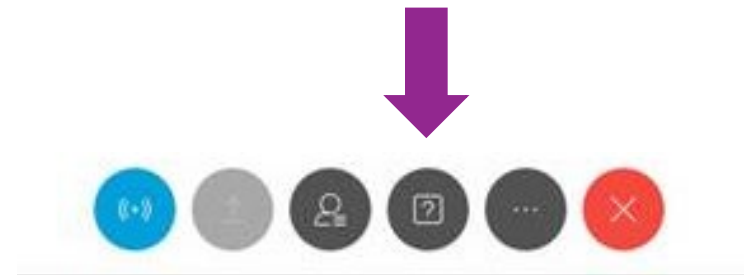
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Webinar Objective

- Understand the purpose and use of Comparative Billing Reports (CBRs).

- Comprehend the function of CBR201908: Breast Re-Excision.

- Gather resources for further questions and inquiries.

Webinar Agenda

- What is a CBR?

- How to access your CBR

- Review a sample CBR

- CBR201908

- Helpful resources

- Questions

The CMS Definition of a CBR

- CBRs are free, comparative data reports.

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) defines a CBR as an educational resource and a tool for possible improvement.

History of the National CBR Program

The national CBR program is separate and not related to comparative billing reports that are produced by Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) in support of their individual provider education activities.

2010
- CMS implemented a national program to produce and disseminate CBRs to physicians, suppliers, pharmacies, and other health care providers.

2018
- CMS combined the CBR and the Program for Evaluating Payment Pattern Electronic Reports (PEPPER) programs into one contract.

2019
- RELI Group and its partners—TMF Health Quality Institute and CGS—begin producing CBRs and PEPPERs.

Why does CMS issue CBRs?

CBRs provide value to both CMS and providers

Value to CMS

- Supports the integrity of claims submission
- Summarizes claims data
- Provides an educational resource for possible improvement by providing coding guidelines information

Value to Providers

- Reflects providers' billing patterns as compared to their peers
- Provides specific coding guidelines and billing information
- Informs providers whose billing patterns differ from those of their peers

Why did I receive a CBR?

- A CBR was presented because your billing patterns differ from your peers' patterns, based on comparisons on a specialty or nationwide level.
  - Receiving a CBR is not an indication of or precursor to an audit.

How to Access Your CBR
https://cbrfile.cbrpepper.org/

How to Access Your CBR
https://cbrpepper.org/

CBR Comparative Billing Reports   PEPPER Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report

Welcome to CBR PEPPER

Welcome to the new combined website for Comparative Billing Reports (CBRs) and the Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports (PEPPERs). CBRs and PEPPERs are educational tools made available by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for providers' use in support of their efforts to protect the Medicare Trust Fund.

About CBR

CBR Comparative Billing Reports (CBRs) are disseminated to the Medicare provider community to provide insight into Medicare policy and regional billing trends.

Learn More About CBRs

Access Your CBR

About PEPPER

PEPPER The Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports (PEPPERs) summarizes provider-specific Medicare claims data statistics for Medicare Part A discharges and services that have been identified as vulnerable to improper Medicare payments.

Learn More About PEPPERs

Access Your PEPPER

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CBR 201908 Formatting

1. **Introduction**
   - Explanation of CBR focus and billing area vulnerability

2. **Coverage and Documentation Overview**
   - Identification of CPT® code and clinical specialty information

3. **Basic Coding Guidelines**
   - Itemization of CPT® codes and provider data

4. **Metrics**
   - List of the metrics and outcomes analyzed with the CBR
   - Definition of specialty and national peer groups

5. **Methods and Results**
   - Overall analysis results and individualized results comparing CBR recipients to other providers

6. **References and Resources**
   - Resources used for the CBR

Breast Excision Vulnerability

Journal of American College of Surgeons

- The physician-level rate of re-excision procedures reached 91.7 percent between 2012 and 2018.

- 17.5 percent of providers had a breast re-excision rate over the threshold rate of 30 percent.

Source: "Surgeon Re-Excision Rates after Breast-Conserving Surgery: A Measure of Low-Value Care," Journal of the American College of Surgeons, April 2019, Vol. 228, Issue 4

Comparative Billing Reports

CBR201908 CBR Code Focus

- CBR201908 focuses on rendering providers who performed breast excision or mastectomy services for which a Medicare Part B claim was submitted.

- CPT® codes 19120, 19301, 19302, 19303, and 19304

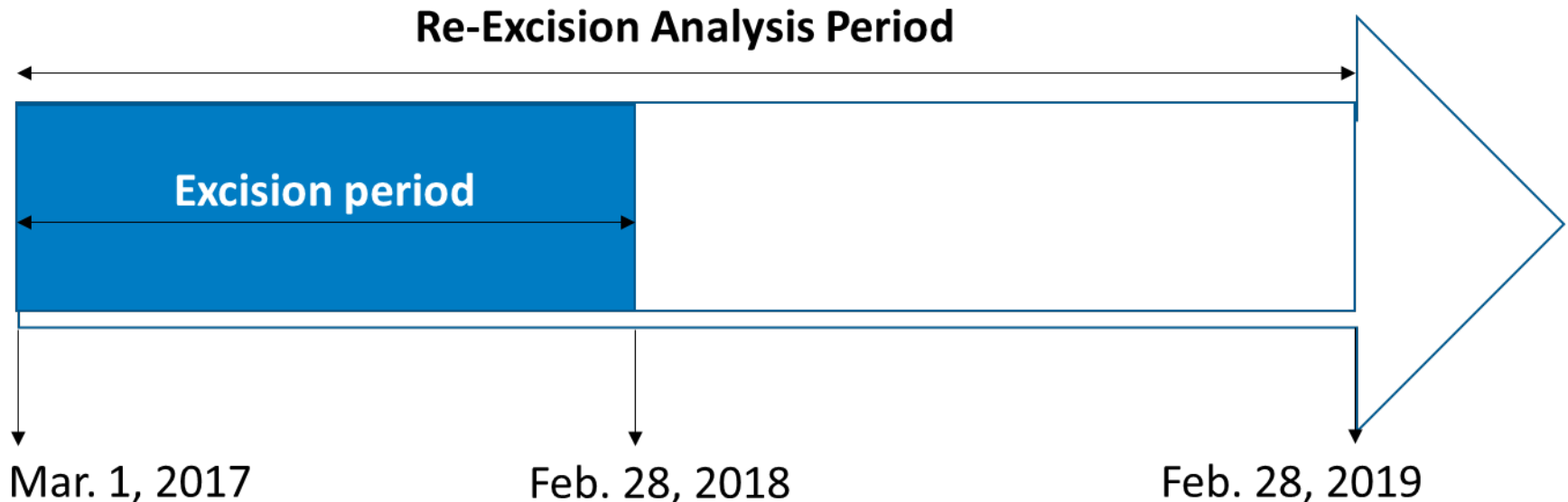# Breast Excision and Mastectomy Codes

- CPT® codes:
  - **19120:** Excision of cyst, fibroadenoma, or other benign or malignant tumor, aberrant breast tissue, duct lesion, nipple or areolar lesion, open, male or female, one or more lesion
  - **19301:** Mastectomy, partial
  - **19302:** Mastectomy, with axillary lymphadenectomy
  - **19303:** Mastectomy, simple, complete
  - **19304:** Mastectomy, subcutaneous

CBR201908 Analysis and Focus

- CBR201908 summarizes statistics for services with dates of service from Mar. 1, 2017, through Feb. 28, 2018.

- 10,980 rendering providers billed allowed charges of $73.1 million for breast excision and mastectomy codes for 83,366 beneficiaries.

- Analysis of rendering providers who billed CPT® codes 19120, 19301, 19302, 19303, and 19304 on Medicare Part B claims was extracted from the Integrated Data Repository, based on the latest version of claims as of June 24, 2019.

Excision Analysis Timeline

Re-Excision Analysis Period

Excision period

Mar. 1, 2017   Feb. 28, 2018   Feb. 28, 2019

- Any excision that was performed within 365 days of a prior excision is identified as a re-excision.

- If a provider performed multiple excision procedures on a beneficiary, each is identified as a re-excision if there are less than 366 days between procedure dates.
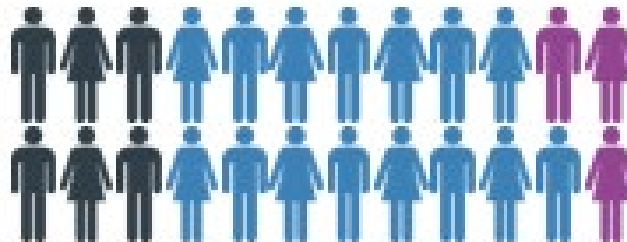
The Criteria for Receiving a CBR201908

- The criteria for receiving a CBR is that the provider's re-excision rate was greater than 30 percent.

Peer Comparison Outcomes

- There are four possible outcomes for the comparisons between the provider and his/her peer groups:
    - **Significantly Higher** — A provider's value is above the 90th percentile from the peer specialty or national mean.
    - **Higher** — A provider's value is greater than the peer specialty or national mean.
    - **Does Not Exceed** — A provider's value is not higher than the peer specialty or national mean.
    - **N/A** — A provider does not have sufficient data for comparison.

About the 90th Percentile

- Statistics were calculated for each provider in three metrics, as well as for all providers in the nation. Each provider's values were compared to his/her peer specialty group's values, as well as the national values.

- Providers receiving a CBR have an outcome of "Significantly Higher" in any of the metrics.

- "Significantly Higher" means that a provider's value is above the 90th percentile from the peer specialty or national mean.

- These results look very different from the results of peers on a specialty or national level.

Metrics of Sample CBR

This report is an analysis of the following metrics:

- Percent of re-excisions

- Percent allowed amount for re-excisions

- Percent of beneficiaries receiving a re-excision

Calculation of Metric 1

Percent of Re-Excisions

- The number of excisions performed within 365 days of a previous excision is divided by the total number of excisions, which is then multiplied by 100:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Number of re-excisions}}{\text{Total number of excisions}} \right) \times 100$$

Calculation of Metric 2

Percent Allowed Amount for Re-Excisions

- The allowed amount for excisions performed within 365 days of a previous excision is divided by the total allowed amount for all excisions:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Allowed amount for re-excisions}}{\text{Total allowed amount for all}} \right) \times 100$$
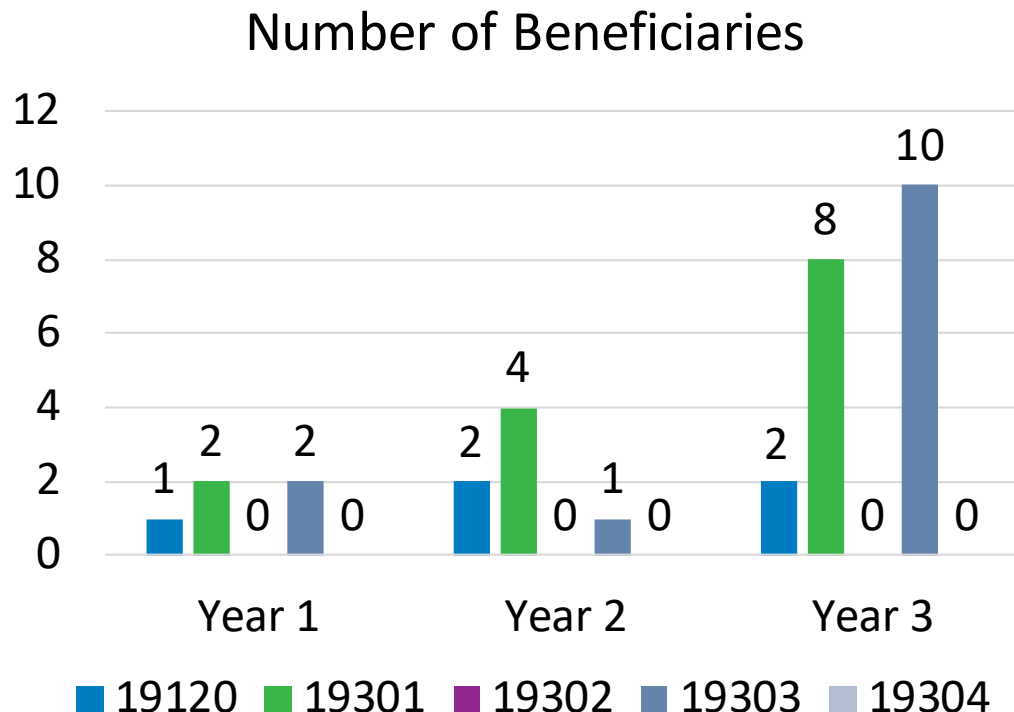
Calculation of Metric 3

Percent of Beneficiaries Receiving Re-Excision

- The number of beneficiaries that had at least one re-excision is divided by the total number of beneficiaries that received an excision, which is then multiplied by 100:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Number of beneficiaries with re-excision}}{\text{Total number of beneficiaries with an excision}} \right) \times 100$$

Provider Trends

Figure 1: Trend Over Time: Number of Beneficiaries for CPT® Codes 19120, 19301, 19302, 19303, and 19304

Number of Beneficiaries

- Year 1: Mar. 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017;
- Year 2: Mar. 1, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018;
- Year 3: Mar. 1, 2018 – Feb. 28, 2019

Legend: 19120, 19301, 19302, 19303, 19304

CBR Help Desk

https://cbr.cbrpepper.org/Help-Contact-Us

CBR Help Desk

Welcome to our support page. View a list of frequently asked questions or click on the button below to submit your question.

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💬 Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions

https://cbr.cbrpepper.org/FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions represent frequently asked questions (FAQs) from the provider community about Comparative Billing Reports (CBRs) and the CBR project in general. FAQs pertaining to a specific CBR release/topic are available with the resources specific to each CBR release/topic.

+	What is a CBR?
+	Why am I getting this report?
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Helpful Resources

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Comparative Billing Reports

Welcome to CBR Resources

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A CBR will present the results of statistical analyses that compare an individual provider's billing practices for a specific billing code or policy group with the billing practices of that provider's peer groups and national averages. Each CBR is unique to a single provider and is only available to that individual provider. CBRs are not publicly available.

Success stories: How your peers have used CBRs.   Go to Success Stories

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CBR 201908:

Breast Re-Excision

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Registration coming soon
- National/Specialty Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201907:

Modifier 25: Dermatology

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/State Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201906:

Emergency Department Services

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/State Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201905:

Air Ambulance Transports

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/Regional Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201904:

Vitamin D Testing

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/Specialty Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201903:

Subsequent Hospital Care

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
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- National/Specialty Data (XLSX)
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CBR 201902:

Office Visits, New and Established, Family Practitioners

- Sample CBR: Mock Provider Data (PDF)
- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/State Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

CBR 201901:

Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy

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- Training: Recording and Handouts
- National/State Data (XLSX)
- Access Your CBR

Questions?