

Question: Are there Hospice Claims in the MA APCD and how do I find them?

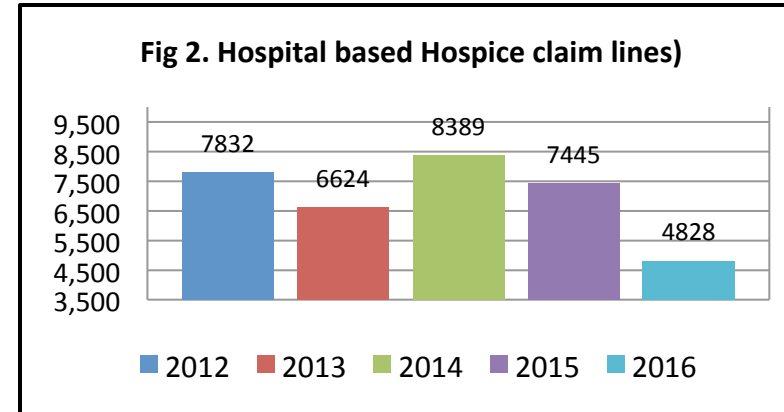
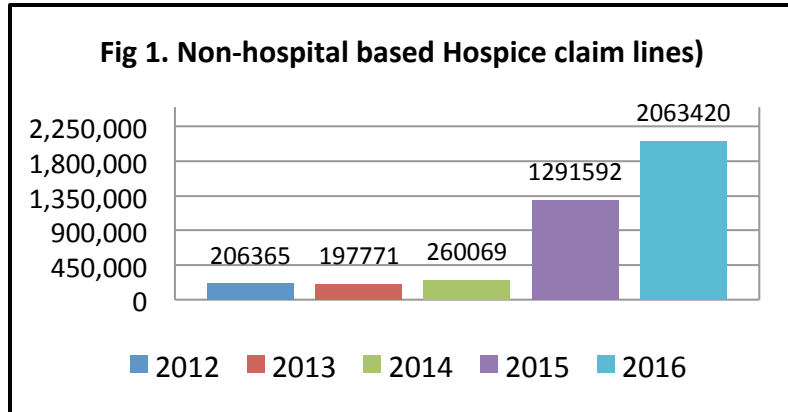


Answer: Hospice claims can be found by using the field MC036 - Type of Bill on Facility Claims Codes:

'81' = Hospice (non-hospital based)

'82' = Hospice (hospital based)

In MA APCD Release 6.0, the highest volume of hospice claim lines are for non-hospital based hospice care, see figures 1 and 2 below.



Please note that there are specific revenue codes, HCPCS codes, CPT codes, occurrence codes, and patient status codes used to describe hospice care. For example, see patient status codes in Table 1.

Table 1. Patient Status Codes Relevant to Hospice Care

- 40** Expired at home (hospice claims only)
- 41** Expired in a medical facility such as hospital, SNF, ICF, or freestanding hospice. (Hospice claims only)
- 42** Expired - place unknown (Hospice claims only)
- 43** Discharged/transferred to a federal hospital
- 50** Hospice - home
- 51** Hospice - medical facility