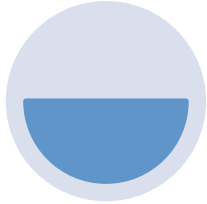


Question: What is the difference between the information on pharmaceuticals in administrative Case Mix data and the MA APCD?



Answer: The Case Mix data includes revenue codes, CPT codes and HCPCS codes for pharmaceuticals administered in the Massachusetts acute care setting without detailed drug name nor dosage information. The MA APCD includes the revenue codes, CPT codes and HCPCS for all inpatient and outpatient care settings and detail pharmacy claims drug information. See Table Below.

Comparison of Types of Pharmacy Information Contained in Case Mix Data and APCD

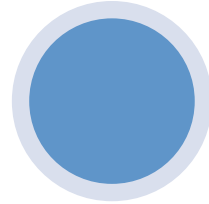


Case Mix Pharmacy Information

Inpatient revenue codes on generic, non-generic, take-home, experimental, IV therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, charges (**Inpatient Acute Care in Massachusetts**)

CPT Codes on professionally administered home injectable/infusion, inhalation, therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, and charges (**ED or Observation Stay in Massachusetts**)

HCPCS codes on therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, and charges (**ED or Observation Stay in Massachusetts**)



MA APCD Pharmacy Information

Inpatient revenue codes on generic, non-generic, take-home, experimental, IV therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, charges and paid amount (**All Inpatient Care Settings including Acute Care, Specialty Hospitals, and Nursing Homes**)

CPT Codes on professionally administered home injectable/infusion, inhalation, therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, charges and paid amount (**All outpatient care settings including home health services**)

HCPCS codes on therapeutic and diagnostic pharmaceuticals, charges and paid amount (**All outpatient care settings including home health services**)

Detailed Pharmaceutical Claims which include drug Codes, units of measure, refills, days supply, quantity dispensed, route of administration, sales tax, rebates, charges and paid amount