# Methodology for Identifying Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports Expenditures and Users, 2019–2021

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This document describes the methods to produce annual Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) expenditures and user counts for a given state by category, setting (institutional services and home and community-based services [HCBS]), and delivery system (fee-for-service [FFS], managed care) for 2019 to 2021.

Data tables for 2019–2021, research briefs summarizing key findings, and a document describing state data notes and anomalies are available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/reports-evaluations/index.html">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/reports-evaluations/index.html</a>.

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#### Data source and resources

The calculations for the data tables and research briefs use interim Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) Analytic Files (TAF) that are used to create the public release versions, known as the TAF Research Identifiable Files (RIF)...<sup>1,2</sup>

Data source <sup>a</sup>	Includes T-MSIS data submitted, ingested, and processed by:
2019 TAF Release 2	February 2023
2020 TAF Release 1	March 2022
2021 TAF Release 1	March 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> States can make updates to their T-MSIS submissions in previous calendar years, which may be reflected in subsequent versions of the TAF. Therefore, results can differ for a given state and calendar year depending on whether and when a state resubmitted its T-MSIS files, whether and when the TAF for a given state and calendar year was reproduced, and which release of the TAF is used for the analysis.

TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files; T-MSIS = Tranformed Medicaid Statistical Information System.

The variable names used in this document reflect the interim TAF source data. Because TAF is based on T-MSIS, variable names are often similar between the two sources; for example, the TYPE-OF-SERVICE variable in T-MSIS corresponds to the TOS\_CD in TAF. The T-MSIS Data Guide<sup>3</sup> includes information on all data elements, including valid values and references to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). For example, states can review the CFR associated with each type of service value in the Data Guide's data dictionary appendices, <sup>4</sup> and this documentation would apply to the TAF type of service data element as well.

# **Definitions**

- Institutional LTSS expenditures include nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID), mental health facilities, and disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to mental health facilities.<sup>5</sup>
- **HCBS**<sup>6</sup> **expenditures** include section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, section 1915(k) Community First

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For more information regarding T-MSIS, TAF, and TAF RIF data, see "Production of the TAF Research Identifiable Files (RIF)" at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9010-Production-of-TAF-RIF.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9010-Production-of-TAF-RIF.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TAF record layouts and codebooks are available at <a href="https://www2.ccwdata.org/web/guest/data-dictionaries">https://www2.ccwdata.org/web/guest/data-dictionaries</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The T-MSIS Data Guide is available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide">https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> T-MSIS Data Guide data dictionary appendices are available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide/appendices">https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide/appendices</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For expenditures, we identify mental health facility DSH payments. Because these payments cannot be linked to an individual, we do not identify them in the user count methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> We excluded the Health Homes program category, which was historically reported in LTSS expenditures reports, because (1) it is not included in the definition of HCBS under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) and (2) we could not identify a way to capture the program's expenditures in TAF.

Choice, MFP demonstration, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), personal care services, home health services, rehabilitative services, case management services, and private duty nursing services.

# Approach for LTSS expenditures

#### **Calculating LTSS expenditures using TAF**

#### A. Methodology to identify FFS claims and managed care encounter records for LTSS

Calculating FFS and managed care expenditures requires identifying the initial pool of claims and encounter records from the Long-Term Care (LT) and Other Services (OT) claims files (see Table 1) and classifying those claims into each LTSS category (see Table 2). We also include supplemental payment records and analyze them in much the same way as FFS claims.<sup>8</sup> Before calculating expenditures, we join all of the LTSS claims to eligibility information from the Demographic and Eligibility (DE) file (as shown in Table 3) to ensure the claims link to a Medicaid—and not Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)—enrollees in the same month of service.

Instructions for identifying the initial pool of records and the calculation of PACE expenditures and mental health facility DSH payments are found in the next subsection (B. Methodology to identify other financial transactions related to LTSS).

Using the claims that meet the criteria in Table 1, classify each into an LTSS category (Table 2). Each record should be assigned to only one LTSS category. Refer to Appendix A or the T-MSIS Data Guide.<sup>9</sup> for more details on each variable and valid values.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> We excluded expenditures and users for the MFP demonstration in aggregate HCBS and LTSS calculations because it is not included in the definition of HCBS under ARP section 9817. However, we report MFP expenditures and users as an individual category as contextual information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> We define supplemental payments as add-on or supplemental wraparound payments associated with a specific beneficiary above the negotiated per-service rate, which is distinct from supplemental payments made under the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) demonstration. In 2019, five states reported supplemental payments for LTSS categories. Service categories with the highest level of supplemental payment expenditures were nursing facilities, section 1915(c) waiver programs, personal care services, and case management services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The T-MSIS Data Guide is available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide">https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide</a>.

**Table 1.** Steps for identifying FFS and managed care records

Step	Description
1.1. Identify fee-for-service claims and managed care encounter records.	Pull OT and LT claim header records where claim type code (CLM_TYPE_CD) = 1 (fee-for-service claim), 3 (managed care encounter record), or 5 (supplemental payment records).
1.2. Remove claim headers that were at least partially paid by Medicare (crossover claims).	Remove claim header records where crossover claim indicator (XOVR_IND) = 1.
1.3. Join claim lines to claim headers.	Pull LT and OT claim line records and merge to header records using the file type's link keys (OT_LINK_KEY, LT_LINK_KEY).
1.4. Remove claim lines that are denied.	Remove claim lines with claim line status code (CLL_STUS_CD) = 542, 585, or 654.
1.5. Remove irrelevant supplemental payment records.	Among records with claim type code = 5, remove those where any of the lines has type of service code (TOS_CD) = 123: DSH payments <sup>a, b</sup>
	131: Drug rebates
	132: Supplemental payment – inp <sup>a</sup>
	133: Supplemental payment – nursing <sup>a</sup>
	134: Supplemental payment – outpatient <sup>a</sup>
	135: EHR payments to provider
	139: PMPM payments for Medicare Part A premiums
	140: PMPM payments for Medicare Part B premiums
	141: PMPM for other payments for Medicare Advantage D-SNP –
	Medicare Part C
	142: PMPM payments for Medicare Part D premiums

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> We exclude these payments from the analysis because we cannot confirm that t they are related to LTSS delivered through FFS or managed care.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> DSH payment records are used in a separate step to identify mental health facility DSH expenditures FFS = fee-for-service; LT = long-term care; OT = other services.

**Table 2.** Steps for identifying LTSS categories on FFS claims, managed care encounter records, and supplemental payment records

Category	Identification method
Institutional service	Use LT claims
Nursing facilities	Type of service code = 009, 047, or 059; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 006 or 050
ICFs/IID	Type of service code = 046; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 039
Mental health facilities <sup>a</sup>	Type of service code = 044, 045, 048, or 146; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 037, 038, or 040
HCBS	Use OT claims
Section 1915(c) waiver programs	Program type code = 07; or Missing program type and waiver type code = 06-20 or 33; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 4
Section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option	Program type code = 13; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 1
Section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services	Program type code = 16; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 2; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, missing HCBS service code, and benefit type code = 106
Section 1915(k) Community First Choice	Program type code = 11; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 3; or Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, missing HCBS service code, and benefit type code = 054
MFP demonstration	Program type code = 08
Personal care services <sup>b</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and procedure code = T1019, T1020, 99509, S5125, or S5126
Home health services <sup>d</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 064, or 079; or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing, and benefit type code = 015, 016, 017, 022, 068, or 076
Rehabilitative services <sup>e</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 043 <sup>f</sup> ; or Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing,
	and benefit type code = 036 <sup>f</sup>
Case management services	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 053, 054, 062, or 077; or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> , type of service code is missing, and benefit type code = 042
Private duty nursing services <sup>e</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 022; <sup>f</sup> or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing, and benefit type code = 023 or 069 <sup>f</sup>

- <sup>a</sup> Mental health facilities include institutions for mental diseases for people ages 65 and older and inpatient psychiatric facilities for people younger than 21. TAF contains separate codes for these two settings.
- <sup>b</sup> This category includes state plan personal care services and excludes personal care services covered through the section 1915(j) state plan option.
- <sup>c</sup> Program-based claims, defined as those for which enrollment information exists, include section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, section 1915(k) Community First Choice, MFP demonstration, and PACE. MFP demonstration services are not included in the aggregate calculations of total HCBS or total LTSS expenditures or users because they are not part of section 9817 of the ARP. State plan benefits refer to section 1905(a) state plan services.
- <sup>d</sup> This category includes state plan benefit services and excludes all relevant services provided through section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, and section 1915(k) Community First Choice HCBS authorities.
- <sup>e</sup> Under section 9817 of the ARP, rehabilitative services rendered in any setting are considered HCBS, while only private duty nursing services rendered in beneficiaries' homes are considered HCBS. To simplify the identification of these services in TAF data, we include rehabilitative and private duty nursing services delivered in non-institutional settings in the definition of HCBS.
- <sup>f</sup> We excluded the following settings: prisons/correctional facilities, inpatient hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, custodial care facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities, ICFs/IID, residential substance abuse treatment facilities, psychiatric residential treatment centers, and comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation facilities.
- ARP = The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; HCBS = home and community-based services; FFS = fee-for-service; ICFs/IID = intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; LT = long-term care; LTSS = long-term services and supports; MFP = Money Follows the Person; OT = other services; TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files.

After categorizing each LTSS claim by a primary category, we linked claims to states' eligibility files using MSIS ID, as described in Table 3. We only kept claims for which an individual was enrolled in Medicaid in the same month of service. <sup>10</sup> We do not include individuals enrolled in CHIP.

**Table 3.** Steps for identifying Medicaid eligibility in the month of service

Step	Description
3.1. Identify Medicaid eligibility in each month of the year.	An individual is eligible for Medicaid and not CHIP in a given month if: CHIP code (CHIP_CD) = 1 (non-CHIP Medicaid); or
	CHIP code = missing and eligibility group code (ELGBLTY_GRP_CD) = 1-60 or 69-75 (all eligibility group codes except for those that indicate CHIP enrollment and uninsured individuals eligible for COVID-19 testing).
3.2. Identify individuals with at least one month of Medicaid (not CHIP) eligibility in the year.	An individual with at least one month of Medicaid (not CHIP) eligibility has at least one month that meets the criteria in Step 3.1.

Finally, we identified the appropriate payment field to use for expenditure calculations. <sup>11</sup> On FFS claims, managed care encounter records, and supplemental payment records, we used the total Medicaid payment amount on the header record (TOT\_MDCD\_PD\_AMT). On FFS claims, the payment amount represents billed services processed and paid by the state Medicaid or CHIP agency to providers. On the selected supplemental payment records, the payment amount represents add-on or supplemental wraparound payments associated with a specific beneficiary above the negotiated per-service rate, processed and paid by the state Medicaid or CHIP agency to providers. On managed care encounter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Linking claims to enrollment information is necessary because we limit our sample to non-CHIP Medicaid beneficiaries and the TAF claim type variable alone cannot distinguish payments made for them from Medicaid-expansion CHIP enrollees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> We developed our approach based on expenditure benchmarking and payments topic areas in the DQ Atlas, available at: <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/</a>

records, the payment amount represents billed services processed and paid by a managed care plan to providers..<sup>12</sup>

#### B. Methodology to identify other financial transactions related to LTSS

For most of the institutional and HCBS categories, we computed expenditures based on claims, encounter records, and supplemental payment records (as described in the previous subsection). However, we needed to pull additional capitation payment records, service tracking claims, and supplemental payment records to identify and calculate expenditures for PACE and mental health facility DSH payments.

#### **PACE**

We used eligibility records to identify PACE *users* but cannot use those same records to identify PACE expenditures. Therefore, we used capitation payments made by states to PACE plans to calculate PACE expenditures (Table 4). We classify PACE expenditures as HCBS and managed care expenditures only (not FFS).

**Table 4.** Steps for identifying PACE expenditures

Step	Description
4.1. Identify capitation payment records and service tracking claims.	Pull OT claim header records where claim type code (CLM_TYPE_CD) = 2 (capitation payment record) or 4 (service tracking claims).
4.2. Join claim lines to claim headers.	Pull OT claim line records and merge to header records using the OT link key (OT_LINK_KEY).
4.3. Keep only records that could be classified as a payment to a PACE plan.	Keep header records where type of service code = 119 (capitated payments to HMOs, HIOs, or PACE plans).
4.4. Identify PACE plans in the monthly managed care plan files.	Pull managed care plan records where managed care plan type (MC_PLAN_TYPE_CD) = 17 (PACE).
4.5. Merge capitation payment records and service tracking claims to PACE plan records from the managed care plan files.	Merge capitation payment records and service tracking claims from the OT file to managed care plan records in the managed care plan file by state, month, and managed care plan ID (MC_PLAN_ID). Keep only capitation payment records and service tracking claims for managed care plans identified as PACE plans in step 4.4.
4.6. Select enrollment records for PACE participants.	Pull records from the TAF DE managed care supplemental files where at least one of the individual's managed care plans has type code (MC_PLAN_TYPE_CD) = 17 (PACE).
4.7. Merge the PACE capitation payment records from step 4.5 with the DE records from step 4.6.	Only the capitation payment records with a plan ID that merges to the PACE plan records from the managed care plan files as well as a DE record for a beneficiary enrolled in PACE for at least 1 month remain.  Skip this step for service tracking records, as they do not link to individuals. Continue with service tracking records at step 4.9.
4.8. Identify capitation payment records that were made in the month a beneficiary was enrolled in PACE.	Identify the month of OT claim using the file date (OT_FIL_DT). If the individual is enrolled in PACE in the same month (according to the managed care supplemental files), then keep the claim. Drop all other claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> TAF technical guide for using claims: <a href="https://resdac.org/sites/datadocumentation.resdac.org/files/2022-06/TAF-TechGuide-Claims-Files.pdf">https://resdac.org/sites/datadocumentation.resdac.org/files/2022-06/TAF-TechGuide-Claims-Files.pdf</a>.

Step	Description
4.9. Sum expenditures across all remaining capitation payment records and service tracking claims.	On standard capitation payment records (claim type 2), use the total Medicaid payment amount on the header.
	On a service tracking claim (claim type 4), use the service tracking payment amount (SRVC_TRKNG_PYMT_AMT); if the service tracking payment amount is zero or missing, use the total Medicaid payment amount.

DE = Demographic and Eligibility; OT = other services; PACE = Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files

#### Mental health facility DSH payments

Mental health facility DSH payments are most often found on service tracking claims in the LT file, though we also include supplemental payment records to account for the rare case that DSH payments appear there (Table 5). We classify mental health facility DSH expenditures as institutional LTSS and do not classify them as either managed care or FFS.

**Table 5.** Steps for identifying mental health facility DSH expenditures

Step	Description
5.1. Identify service tracking claims and supplemental payment records.	Pull LT claim header records where claim type code (CLM_TYPE_CD) = 4 (service tracking claims) or 5 (supplemental payment records).
5.2. Remove claim headers that were at least partially paid by Medicare (crossover claims).	Remove claim header records where crossover claim indicator (XOVR_IND) = 1.
5.3. Join claim lines to claim headers.	Pull LT claim line records and merge to header records using the file type's link key (LT_LINK_KEY).
5.4. Remove claim lines that are denied.	Remove claim lines with claim line status code (CLL_STUS_CD) = 542, 585, or 654.
5.5. Keep claim headers that indicate DSH payments.	<ul> <li>Keep claim headers where any line has any of the following attributes:</li> <li>Type of service code (TOS_CD) = 123 (DSH payments)</li> <li>Service tracking type code (SRVC_TRKNG_TYPE_CD) = 2 (DSH)</li> <li>Title 19 category code (XIX_SRVC_CTGRY_CD) = 002B (Mental Health Facility - DSH)</li> </ul>
5.6. Sum payment amounts across all remaining service tracking claims and supplemental payment records.	On a service tracking claim (claim type 4), use the service tracking payment amount (SRVC_TRKNG_PYMT_AMT); if the service tracking payment amount is zero or missing, use the total Medicaid payment amount on the header.  On supplemental payment records (claim type 5), use the total Medicaid payment amount on the header.

DSH = disproportionate share hospital; LT = long-term care.

### Limitations of methodology used to identify LTSS expenditures

Although the methodology includes managed care encounter records, the LTSS expenditures reported as managed care in the output cannot be interpreted as managed LTSS (MLTSS) program expenditures. MLTSS expenditures are specific to the programs and populations that select states use to cover a range of institutional and HCBS under capitated arrangements. This methodology broadly captures managed care encounter records that have codes that align with the LTSS service categories described above, including MLTSS program encounters and encounters for LTSS provided through other managed care

programs. For example, some states might not operate any MLTSS programs, but they might cover home health services through another managed care program. The users and expenditures for these state plan home health services would be reported in the output as managed care expenditures, but they cannot be interpreted as MLTSS expenditures since they were not covered under an MLTSS program. There is wide variation in how states report MLTSS and managed care encounters in the TAF, and more research is needed to determine the quality of these data. Managed care expenditures also differ from FFS expenditures in that FFS expenditures represent *state payments* to providers, whereas managed care expenditures represent *managed care plan payments* to providers (except for PACE expenditures, which represent capitation payments from states to PACE plans).

In addition, we could not include all authorities through which states can deliver LTSS, owing to the limitations of the beneficiary identification methodology. For example, we could not include adults ages 21 to 64 in institutions for mental diseases who are covered through the section 1115 demonstration authority because, when we developed the expenditure methodology, there was no reliable way to identify such services in the TAF. <sup>13</sup> It is possible that users and expenditures covered under authorities difficult to separately identify in TAF, such as other section 1115 demonstrations, are still included in the overall LTSS counts and expenditures even though we cannot distinguish them in the reporting.

Finally, some states have issues with TAF data quality that could affect the accuracy of their LTSS expenditures. Users should therefore review state data quality for all relevant calendar years before drawing conclusions from the data. To assess data quality, please see the following <u>DQ Atlas</u> topics, which are relevant to the identification of LTSS expenditures:

- **Medicaid-only enrollment**—Whether all Medicaid enrollees (excluding CHIP enrollees) in the state were reported in the TAF
- Availability of CMC (comprehensive managed care) plan encounter data—Whether most or all
   Medicaid managed care plans in the state reported any encounter data
- **Linking expenditures to beneficiaries**—Whether the state's Medicaid and CHIP expenditures link to an eligibility record in the same month of service in the TAF
- Claims volume—OT—Whether the state reported an expected volume of claim header and line records in the OT TAF
- **Type of service—OT and LT**—Whether the state reported complete and valid type-of-service code information in medical claims in the OT and LT TAF
- **FFS long-term care expenditures**—Whether state-reported FFS expenditures for institutional long-term care services in the TAF align with the expenditures the state submitted via the CMS-64
- Missing payment data—FFS claims and encounters—Whether FFS claims or managed care
  encounter records have problematic payment amounts (zero, missing, or negative values)
- Service tracking claims—Whether the state's service tracking claims have unexpected coding patterns

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> A valid value for inpatient psychiatric services for people aged 21 to 64 was added for the type of service field in T-MSIS in 2021. It is not clear how long it will take for states to begin using the value consistently.

If a state's data are deemed unusable or there is a high level of concern about the state's data quality for any of these topics, values should not be interpreted or should be interpreted with caution. For more information on the TAF DQ Atlas methods, including thresholds for determining data usability, please see the Background and Methods section for each topic, available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/</a>.

#### **Comparison to historical LTSS annual expenditures reports**

Historical annual Medicaid LTSS Expenditures Reports were based primarily on three data sources—the CMS-64, state-reported MLTSS data, and the MFP budget worksheet—and there are many differences between these sources and the TAF data that could cause misalignment in benchmarking expenditures even if none have an issue with data quality. Table 6 provides a high-level summary of these differences, which are explored in greater detail in the below subsections describing the methodological differences between TAF data and the data sources used to produce the LTSS report.

**Table 6.** Methodology for historical LTSS expenditures reports vs. TAF-based expenditure calculations

Item	Historical LTSS expenditures reports	TAF-based expenditure calculations
Definition of managed care	Expenditures under specific MLTSS programs	All managed care expenditures for a given LTSS category
	Subset of LTSS categories	All LTSS categories
Source of managed care expenditures	Capitation payments from states to MLTSS plans	Payments from managed care plans to providers (except for PACE) reported on encounter records
		Capitation payments from states to plans (for PACE only) <sup>a</sup>
Source of FFS expenditures	• CMS-64	FFS claims
	MFP Budget Worksheet for Proposed Budget data	
Date of expenditures	Claim payment date	Claim service date
Time frame of expenditures	Payments made in FY	Payments (including adjustments) for
	Payments made in FY to adjust amounts reported in prior year(s)	services provided during CY

Source: Details about the LTSS expenditures report data methodology appear in the FY 2019 report's Appendices A and B, available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/downloads/ltssexpenditures2019.pdf.

Differences between the CMS-64 and TAF are described in a TAF methodology brief available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9020-TAF-CMS-64-Comparison.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9020-TAF-CMS-64-Comparison.pdf</a>.

CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; CY = calendar year; FFS = fee-for-service; FY = fiscal year; LTSS = long-term services and supports; MFP = Money Follows the Person; MLTSS = managed long-term services and supports; PACE = Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; T-MSIS = Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System; TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Encounter records for PACE plans are not uniformly available in TAF. Therefore, we relied on the capitation payments that states paid to PACE plans to calculate PACE expenditures.

#### A. CMS-64 vs. TAF data

Historical LTSS expenditures reports used CMS-64 data for FFS and financial transaction expenditures. <sup>14</sup> Although the CMS-64 and TAF contain similar expenditures and LTSS categories, their structures make direct comparisons challenging. <sup>15</sup>

Important differences between the CMS-64 and TAF include the organization of the data and application of adjustments to original expenditure amounts, as noted in the DQ Atlas resource: <sup>16</sup>

- TAF claims are organized by service date. Adjustments to original claims are reflected as voided and
  resubmitted records, and they are attributed to the period in which the service was initially
  delivered (as opposed to the period in which the adjustment was made).
- CMS-64 expenditures are summarized by claim payment date and category of service. States can
  adjust the expenditures reported on the CMS-64 for up to two years after the original form
  submission, and these adjustments are made to the quarter in which the payment was made, not
  when the service was delivered.

Another important difference is that the definitions used for the service types in TAF may not align with those in the CMS-64, and no mechanism exists for ensuring consistency for services reported in a state's quarterly CMS-64 and monthly T-MSIS submissions. As a result, state staff may report a given service (and corresponding expenditures) in separate LTSS categories that are not expected to align between the data sources.

In summary, differences between the CMS-64 and TAF may come from any or all of the following:

- **1.** Aggregate expenditures in the 12 months of the fiscal year may not be similar to aggregate expenditures in the 12 months of the calendar year.
- 2. Expenditures based on service date may not be similar to expenditures based on payment date.
- 3. Prior period adjustments in the CMS-64 may not be similar from year to year.
- 4. States may not consistently categorize the same expenditures in different data sources.

#### B. MFP Budget Workbook data vs. TAF data

The MFP expenditures included in the historical LTSS expenditures reports came from the MFP Budget Workbook that states submit to CMS annually. The historical LTSS expenditures reports used three of the aggregate categories reported in the MFP Budget Workbook:

**1. Qualified HCBS**, defined as HCBS waiver and state plan services that are covered under the state's Medicaid program. States receive enhanced rates for provision of these services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The historical LTSS expenditures reports used the following CMS-64 forms: Medicaid Financial Management Report (FMR) net services, waiver expenditures by category of service (COS), and supplemental feeder form 4C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Differences between the CMS-64 and TAF are described in a TAF methodology brief available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9020">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/supplemental/9020</a> TAF CMS-64 Comparison.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Source: DQ Atlas topic, "Total Medicaid Expenditures." Available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/background">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/downloads/background</a> and methods/TAF DQ Total Expenditures.pdf.

- 2. **Demonstration HCBS**, defined as HCBS waiver and state plan services that can be covered under Medicaid but are not covered under the state's Medicaid program. States receive enhanced rates for provision of these services.
- **3. Supplemental expenditures,** defined as short-term services to support an MFP participant's transition that are otherwise not allowable under the Medicaid program. States use MFP grant funds to cover 100 percent of these supplemental expenditures...<sup>17</sup>

As noted in the historical LTSS expenditures reports, each year's MFP data were typically projected, rather than actual expenditures, due to the timing of available data. TAF contains actual expenditures for MFP participants on FFS claims and encounter records.

In summary, differences between MFP Budget Workbook and TAF data may come from any or all of the following:

- 1. Projected MFP expenditures may not be similar to actual expenditures for the year.
- **2.** Supplemental service expenditures reported in the MFP Budget Workbook may not be captured in TAF data.

#### C. State-reported MLTSS data vs. TAF managed care data

The managed care data in the historical LTSS expenditures reports come from states with MLTSS programs and consisted of capitation payments that states made to MLTSS plans. The advantage of this approach was that many states reported capitation payments disaggregated by LTSS category. However, not all states responded to Mathematica's request for data every year; in FY 2019, five states with MLTSS programs did not submit data for use in the LTSS Expenditures Report...<sup>18</sup> In addition, states only reported MLTSS expenditures for a subset of the LTSS categories.

In TAF, capitation payments are available but cannot be disaggregated by LTSS category. Therefore, we used the provider payments on encounter records, which can be assigned to an LTSS category in the same way as FFS claims, to calculate managed care expenditures. The drawback is that the payments on encounter records represent payments from managed care plans to providers, rather than from the state. Because we included all relevant LTSS encounter records from any type of managed care plan and not just specific MLTSS plans, the TAF-based LTSS managed care expenditures include data from states with and without MLTSS programs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> On March 31, 2022, CMS notified MFP grantees that, effective January 1, 2022, the reimbursement rate for MFP supplemental services was increased from the state's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate to 100% federally funded with no state share. CMS also expanded the definition of supplemental services. Previously, supplemental services were defined as one-time services to support an MFP participant's transition that are otherwise not allowable under the Medicaid program. For more information, see <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/downloads/mfp-supplemental-services-notice.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/downloads/mfp-supplemental-services-notice.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See "Table A.1. MLTSS programs reported by state" in the FY 2019 LTSS Expenditures Report, available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/downloads/ltssexpenditures2019.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/downloads/ltssexpenditures2019.pdf</a>, to identify MLTSS programs and submission status by state.

In summary, differences between MLTSS and TAF managed care expenditures may come from any or all of the following:

- **1.** State payments to plans may be higher than plan payments to providers to account for additional costs to the plan, such as administrative overhead and profit.
- **2.** States' categorization of their capitation payments to MLTSS plans by LTSS category may not align with the distribution of expenditures across LTSS categories found on encounter records.
- **3.** Aggregate expenditures for specific MLTSS programs may be lower than aggregate expenditures for LTSS provided via all managed care plans in a state.
- **4.** Managed care expenditures for some or all LTSS categories are not available in the historical LTSS expenditures reports (depending on the state's ability to disaggregate capitated payment data), whereas managed care expenditures for all LTSS categories are available in TAF.

# Approach for LTSS user counts

## **Calculating LTSS user counts using TAF**

#### A. Methodology to identify FFS claims and managed care encounter records for LTSS

Counting users of services provided under both FFS and managed care delivery systems requires identifying the initial pool of claims and encounter records from the LT and OT claims files (see Table 7), and classifying those claims into each LTSS category (see Table 8)..<sup>19</sup> Before calculating user counts, we join all of the LTSS claims to eligibility information from the DE file (as shown in Table 9) to ensure the claims link to people with Medicaid—and not CHIP—enrollment for at least one month in the year..<sup>20</sup>

**Table 7.** Steps for identifying FFS and managed care records

Step	Description
7.1. Identify FFS claims and managed care encounter records.	Pull OT and LT claim header records where claim type code (CLM_TYPE_CD) = 1 (fee-for-service claim) or 3 (managed care encounter record).
7.2. Remove claim headers that were at least partially paid by Medicare (crossover claims).	Remove claim header records where crossover claim indicator (XOVR_IND) = 1.
7.3. Join claim lines to claim headers.	Pull LT and OT claim line records and merge to header records using the file type's link keys (OT_LINK_KEY, LT_LINK_KEY).
7.4. Remove claim lines that are denied.	Remove claim lines with claim line status code (CLL_STUS_CD) = 542, 585, or 654.

FFS = fee-for-service; LT = long-term care; OT = other services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> In the LTSS expenditures methodology, we also include supplemental payment records. These records are not needed in user counts because they represent payments associated with a specific beneficiary above the negotiated per service rate. Thus, we assume that the beneficiaries identified on supplemental payment records would already have been identified on FFS claims or managed care encounter records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> In the LTSS expenditures methodology, we also ensure the claims link to a Medicaid—and not CHIP—enrollee in the same month of service. This step is not required for the LTSS user count methodology.

Using the claims that meet the criteria in Table 7, classify each into an LTSS category (Table 8). Each record should be assigned to only one LTSS category (Table 8). Refer to Appendix A or the T-MSIS Data Guide.<sup>21</sup> for more details on each variable and valid values.

**Table 8.** Steps for identifying LTSS categories on FFS claims and managed care encounter records

Category	Identification method
Institutional service	Use LT claims
Nursing facilities	Type of service code = 009, 047, or 059; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 006 or 050
ICFs/IID	Type of service code = 046; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 039
Mental health facilities <sup>a</sup>	Type of service code = 044, 045, 048, or 146; or
	Missing type of service code and benefit type code = 037, 038, or 040
HCBS	Use OT claims
Section 1915(c) waiver	Program type code = 07; or
programs	Missing program type and waiver type code = 06-20 or 33; or
	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 4
Section 1915(i) HCBS state plan	Program type code = 13; or
option	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 1
Section 1915(j) self-directed	Program type code = 16; or
personal assistance services	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 2;
	or
	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, missing HCBS service code,
	and benefit type code = 106
Section 1915(k) Community First	Program type code = 11; or
Choice	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, and HCBS service code = 3;
	Or Missing program type code missing weight type code missing LICES consists code
	Missing program type code, missing waiver type code, missing HCBS service code, and benefit type code = 054
MFP demonstration	Program type code = 08
Personal care services <sup>b</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and procedure code = T1019,
Personal care services	T1020, 99509, S5125, or S5126
Home health services <sup>d</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 016,
	017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 064, or 079; or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, type of service code is missing,
	and benefit type code = 015, 016, 017, 022, 068, or 076
Rehabilitative services <sup>e</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 043, <sup>f</sup>
	or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing,
	and benefit type code = 036 <sup>f</sup>
Case management services	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 053, 054, 062, or 077; or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing,
	and benefit type code = 042
	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The T-MSIS Data Guide is available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide">https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide</a>.

Category	Identification method
Private duty nursing services <sup>e</sup>	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim <sup>c</sup> and type of service code = 022; <sup>f</sup>
	or
	Claim is not identified as a program-based claim, <sup>c</sup> type of service code is missing,
	and benefit type code = 023 or 069 <sup>f</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Mental health facilities include institutions for mental diseases for people 65 and older and inpatient psychiatric facilities for people younger than 21. TAF contains separate codes for these two settings.

ARP = The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; FFS = fee-for-service; HCBS = home and community-based services; ICFs/IID = intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; LT = long-term care; LTSS = long-term services and supports; MFP = Money Follows the Person; OT = other services; TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files.

After categorizing each LTSS claim by a primary category, we linked claims to states' eligibility files using MSIS ID, as described in Table 9. We only kept claims for people who are enrolled in Medicaid for at least one month in the year. <sup>22</sup> We do not include people only enrolled in CHIP during the year. Among the remaining enrollees, we calculate the number of unique enrollees who have at least one service record for a given LTSS category (except for PACE). Instructions for identifying PACE enrollees are in the next subsection.

**Table 9.** Steps for identifying Medicaid eligibility in the month of service

Step	Description
9.1. Identify Medicaid eligibility in each month of the year.	An individual is eligible for Medicaid and not CHIP in a given month if: CHIP code (CHIP_CD) = 1 (non-CHIP Medicaid); or
	CHIP code = missing and eligibility group code (ELGBLTY_GRP_CD) = 1-60 or 69-75 (all eligibility group codes except for those that indicate CHIP enrollment and uninsured individuals eligible for COVID-19 testing)
9.2. Identify individuals with at least one month of Medicaid (not CHIP) eligibility in the year.	An individual with at least one month of Medicaid (not CHIP) eligibility has at least one month that meets the criteria in Step 3.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> This category includes state plan personal care services and excludes personal care services covered through the section 1915(j) state plan option.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Program-based claims, those for which enrollment information exists, include section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, section 1915(k) Community First Choice, MFP demonstration, and PACE. MFP demonstration services are not included in the aggregate calculations of total HCBS or total LTSS expenditures or users because they are not part of section 9817 of the ARP. State plan benefits refer to section 1905(a) state plan services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> This category includes state plan benefit services and excludes all relevant services provided through section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, and section 1915(k) Community First Choice HCBS authorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Under section 9817 of the ARP, rehabilitative services rendered in any setting are considered HCBS, while only private duty nursing services rendered in beneficiaries' homes are considered HCBS. To simplify the identification of these services in TAF data, we include rehabilitative and private duty nursing services delivered in non-institutional settings in the definition of HCBS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> We excluded the following settings: prisons/correctional facilities, inpatient hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, custodial care facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities, ICFs/IID, residential substance abuse treatment facilities, psychiatric residential treatment centers, and comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Linking claims to enrollment information is necessary because we limit our sample to non-CHIP Medicaid beneficiaries, and the TAF claim type variable alone cannot distinguish claims for them from Medicaid-expansion CHIP enrollees.

#### B. Methodology to identify PACE users on eligibility records

For most of the institutional and HCBS categories, we counted users based on claims and encounter records (as described in the previous subsection). However, we needed to pull eligibility records to identify PACE enrollees (Table 10)..<sup>23</sup> We classify PACE users as HCBS and managed care service users only (not FFS service users).

**Table 10.** Steps for identifying PACE enrollees

Step	Description
10.1. Identify enrollment records for PACE enrollees.	Pull records from the TAF DE managed care supplemental files where at least one of the enrollee's managed care plans has type code (MC_PLAN_TYPE_CD) = 17 (PACE).
10.2. Count unique PACE enrollees.	Count unique enrollees that are enrolled in a PACE plan for at least one month in the year.

DE = Demographic and Eligiblity; PACE = Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; TAF = T-MSIS Analytic Files.

#### Identifying HCBS users via TAF claims versus enrollment information

For program-based HCBS, such as section 1915(c) waiver programs, researchers can identify service users based on enrollment flags available in the DE file or program indicators on claim records in the OT file. Although there may be slight discrepancies between the two files (for example, if an enrollee in a program did not require a service and therefore did not generate any claims), we expect the roster of users in both files to align considerably with one another. However, in our analysis, we found notable differences in user counts between the DE and OT files. Based on these findings, we report the number of program-based HCBS users (section 1915(c) waiver programs, section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option, section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services, section 1915(k) Community First Choice, MFP demonstration) identified in the OT file for all programs except for PACE. For PACE, we report the user counts from the DE file because we did not identify any beneficiaries with relevant claims in the OT file. For the other HCBS state plan options (personal care services, home health services, rehabilitative services, case management services, and private duty nursing services), we also use the OT file to identify these users because there are not identifiers in the DE file.

In our TAF data quality checks, we identify states with significant differences between the DE and OT files by program. Table 11 describes how to identify HCBS users in the DE file for comparison purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> In the LTSS expenditures methodology, we used capitation payments made by states to PACE plans to calculate PACE expenditures.

**Table 11.** Steps for identifying HCBS program enrollment in the DE file

Step	Description
11.1. Identify section 1915(c) waiver program enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in the waiver if any of their waiver fields (WVR_TYPE_CD) in any month of the year = 06-20 or 33.
11.2. Identify section 1915(i) HCBS state plan option enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in the option if their 1915(i) State Plan Option Indicator (_1915I_SPO_FLAG) = 1 in any month of the year.
11.3. Identify section 1915(j) self-directed personal assistance services enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in the option if their 1915(j) State Plan Option Indicator (_1915J_SPO_FLAG) = 1 in any month of the year.
11.4. Identify section 1915(k) Community First Choice enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in the option if their Community First Choice State Plan Option Indicator (CMNTY_1ST_CHS_SPO_FLAG) = 1 in any month of the year.
11.5. Identify MFP demonstration enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in the MFP demonstration if their MFP participant flag (MFP_PRTCPNT_FLAG) = 1 in any month of the year.
11.6. Identify PACE enrollment in the year.	An individual is enrolled in PACE if any of their managed care plans listed in the managed care supplemental files has type code (MC_PLAN_TYPE_CD) = 17 (PACE).

Note: Except for PACE, HCBS user counts for the categories in this table were reported based on identification in the OT file, and the counts from the DE file were used for comparison purposes only.

DE = Demographic and Eligibility; HCBS = home and community-based services; MFP = Money Follows the Person; OT = other services; PACE = Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

#### Limitations of methodology used to identify LTSS users

LTSS user counts are calculated using distinct MSIS ID and state code combinations. Some states assign new MSIS IDs to people as they move through the Medicaid system, which can result in multiple MSIS IDs for one person. In these states, the methodology for counting LTSS users will overestimate the true number of users.

Although the methodology includes managed care encounter records, managed care LTSS users cannot be interpreted as managed LTSS (MLTSS) enrollees. There is wide variation in how states report MLTSS enrollees and managed care encounters in the TAF, and more research is needed to determine the quality of these data.

For program-based HCBS, such as section 1915(c) waiver programs, TAF users can identify service users based on enrollment flags available in the annual DE file or program indicators on claim records in the OT file. The dashboard methodology uses the number of program-based HCBS users identified in the OT file for all programs except for PACE..<sup>24</sup> Because there are notable differences in user counts between the DE and OT files, some states might have more accurate user counts in the DE file than in the OT file.

Like expenditures, we could not include all authorities for user counts through which states can deliver LTSS, owing to the limitations of the beneficiary identification methodology. For example, we could not include adults ages 21 to 64 in institutions for mental diseases who are covered through the section 1115

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> We did not find any PACE encounter records in the TAF. We therefore used the DE file to obtain counts of PACE enrollees.

demonstration authority because, when we developed the methodology, there was no reliable way to identify such services in the TAF. This particular limitation could affect around two-thirds of states..<sup>25</sup>

Finally, some states have issues with TAF data quality that could affect the accuracy of their LTSS user counts. Users should therefore review state data quality for all relevant calendar years before drawing conclusions from the data. To assess data quality, please see the following <u>DQ Atlas</u> topics, which are relevant to identifying LTSS users:

- **Medicaid-only enrollment**—Whether all Medicaid enrollees (excluding CHIP enrollees) in the state were reported in the TAF
- Availability of CMC (comprehensive managed care) plan encounter data—Whether most or all
   Medicaid managed care plans in the state reported any encounter data
- **Linking claims to beneficiaries**—Whether the state reported service use records that link to an eligibility record in the same month of service in the TAF
- **Claims volume—OT**—Whether the state reported an expected volume of claim header and line records in the OT TAF
- **Type of service—OT and LT**—Whether the state reported complete and valid type of service code information on medical claims in the OT and LT TAF

If a state's data are deemed unusable or there is a high level of concern about the state's data quality for any of these topics, values should not be interpreted or should be interpreted with caution. For more information on the TAF DQ Atlas methods, including thresholds for determining data usability, please see the Background and Methods section for each topic, available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/</a>.

# Approach for LTSS user characteristics

We determine enrollee characteristics using data from the DE file. Enrollee characteristics are based on the most recent valid values in the calendar year, unless otherwise specified.

**Age group.** We use enrollees' birth date to calculate their age as of January 1 of the calendar year and condense age into three age categories: 0–20, 21–64, and 65 or older.

**Sex or gender.** We identify enrollee sex using the same two categories that the DE file uses: female or male.

**Primary language.** We condense primary language into three categories: English, Spanish, or all other languages.

**Dual-eligible status.** We condense dual-eligible status into three categories: full-benefit dual eligibility, partial-benefit dual eligibility, and not dually eligible. Table 12 shows the dual-eligible status categories included in the measure and the dual-eligible codes used to assign enrollees to each category. Dually eligible enrollees are Medicaid or CHIP enrollees also enrolled in Medicare Part A or B or in a Medicare

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> For more details on states with Section 1115 Medicaid institutions for mental diseases payment waivers, see <a href="https://www.macpac.gov/subtopic/section-1115-waivers-for-substance-use-disorder-treatment/">https://www.macpac.gov/subtopic/section-1115-waivers-for-substance-use-disorder-treatment/</a>.

Savings Program. Medicare is the primary payer for services delivered to dually eligible enrollees who are jointly covered by both programs. Enrollees with full dual eligibility are entitled to full-scope Medicaid coverage, including for health services that Medicare does not cover, such as LTSS. Enrollees with partial dual eligibility are entitled to have Medicaid pay for only some of the expenses they incur under Medicare, such as premiums and cost-sharing.

We assign people to one of the three dual-eligible status categories based on the category that applies to most of their enrolled months during the year in the DE file. If an enrollee spends the same number of months enrolled in more than one dual-eligible status category, we prioritize full dual eligibility over partial dual eligibility, and partial dual eligibility over not dually eligible.

**Table 12.** Codes for assigning dual-eligible status

<b>Dual-eligible status categories</b>	Dual-eligible codes and descriptions
Full dual eligibility	02: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) plus
	04: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) plus
	08: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—other full dual eligibles (not QMB, SLMB, Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI), or Qualified Individual (QI))
	10: Separate CHIP eligible entitled to Medicare
Partial dual eligibility	01: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—QMB only
	03: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—SLMB only
	05: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—QDWI
	06: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—QI
	09: Eligible is entitled to Medicare—other
Not dually eligible	00: Eligible is not a Medicare enrollee
	Missing dual-eligible code

**Urban or rural area of residence.** We identify enrollees' area type by comparing their ZIP code to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service designation for rural-urban commuting area (RUCA) codes (Table 13). The most recent RUCA codes use 2010 census data; an updated RUCA file using 2020 census data is expected in 2024.

Race and ethnicity. Owing to concerns about the completeness of self-reported race and ethnicity information for some states and communities of color in the TAF DE file, we use hybrid race and ethnicity probability values from the Race and Ethnicity Imputation (REI) TAF companion file for years when the file is available. The REI file estimates race and ethnicity based on enrollee information in the TAF DE file (first name, surname, self-reported race and ethnicity, and American Indian or Alaska Native certification); data from the TAF geocoded address companion file for enrollees; and geographic, race/ethnicity, and surname data from the Census Bureau. If an enrollee's self-reported race/ethnicity information is missing, and for enrollees in states with known issues with data quality, we use an estimated probability (from 0 to 1) of the enrollee being a given race/ethnicity. If an enrollee self-reported a race/ethnicity value and the state does not have known issues with data quality, the enrollee has a probability of 1 for the self-reported race and a probability of 0 for all other races.

**Table 13.** Codes for assigning area type

Area types	Rural-urban commuting area (RUCA) codes and descriptions
Urban	1: Metropolitan area core: primary flow within an urbanized area (UA)
	2: Metropolitan area high commuting: primary flow 30% or more to a UA
	3: Metropolitan area low commuting: primary flow 10% to 30% to a UA
Rural	4: Micropolitan area core: primary flow within an urban cluster of 10,000 to 49,999 (large UC)
	5: Micropolitan high commuting: primary flow 30% or more to a large UC
	6: Micropolitan low commuting: primary flow 10% to 30% to a large UC
	7: Small town core: primary flow within an urban cluster of 2,500 to 9,999 (small UC)
	8: Small town high commuting: primary flow 30% or more to a small UC
	9: Small town low commuting: primary flow 10% to 30% to a small UC
	10: Rural areas: primary flow to a tract outside a UA or UC
	99: Not coded: Census tract has zero population and no rural-urban identifier information

#### Limitations of methodology used to identify LTSS enrollee characteristics

Some states have quality issues with their TAF data that could affect the accuracy of their enrollee characteristics. Users should therefore review state data quality for all relevant calendar years before drawing conclusions from the data. To assess data quality, please see the following <u>DQ Atlas</u> topics, which are relevant to the calculation of enrollee characteristics:

- **Medicaid-only enrollment**—Whether all Medicaid enrollees (excluding CHIP enrollees) in the state were reported in the TAF
- Age—Whether the state reported complete and valid age data in the TAF DE file
- Gender—Whether the state reported complete and valid gender data in the TAF DE file
- **Dual eligibility code**—Whether the state reported complete and valid dual-eligibility data in the TAF DE file and reported enrollment in all expected categories
- **Primary language**—Whether the state reported complete and valid language data in the TAF DE file and whether distribution of languages (English, Spanish, or other) match the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data
- **ZIP code**—Whether the state reported complete and valid ZIP code data in the TAF DE file

If a state's data are deemed unusable or there is a high level of concern about the state's data quality for any of these topics, values should not be interpreted or should be interpreted with caution. For more information on the TAF DQ Atlas methods, including thresholds for determining data usability, please see the Background and Methods section for each topic, available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/">https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/</a>.

# Appendix A

# Value sets used in identification of LTSS categories on claims and encounter records

**Table A.1.** Values used in identification of LTSS categories

Variable	Values
Nursing facilities	
Type of service code	009: Nursing facility services for individuals age 21 or older (other than services in an institution for mental diseases)
	047: Nursing facility services, other than in institutions for mental diseases 059: Skilled nursing facility services for individuals under age 21
Benefit type code	006: Nursing Facility Services for 21 and over
	050: Any other medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary - Nursing facility services for patients under 21
Intermediate care facilit	ies for individuals with intellectual disabilities
Type of service code	046: Intermediate care facility (ICF)/ Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IIDICF)/ Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IID) services
Benefit type code	039: Intermediate Care Facility Services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions
Mental health facilities	
Type of service code	044: Inpatient hospital services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for mental diseases
	045: Nursing facility services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for mental diseases
	048: Inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 21
	146: Inpatient Psychiatric Services for beneficiaries between the ages of 22 and 64 who receive services in an institution for mental diseases (IMD)
Benefit type code	037: Services for individuals over age 65 in IMDs - Inpatient hospital services
	038: Services for individuals over age 65 in IMDs - Nursing facility services
	040: Inpatient psychiatric facility services for under 21
Section 1915(c) waiver p	programs
Program type code	07: Home and Community Based Care Waiver Services
Waiver type code	06: 1915(c) – Aged and Disabled
	07: 1915(c) – Aged
	08: 1915(c) – Physical Disabilities
	09: 1915(c) – Intellectual Disabilities
	10: 1915(c) – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
	11: 1915(c) – Brain Injury
	12: 1915(c) – HIV/AIDS
	13: 1915(c) – Technology Dependent or Medically Fragile
	14: 1915(c) – Disabled (other)
	15: 1915(c) – Enrolled in 1915(c) waiver for unspecified or unknown populations
	16: 1915(c) – Autism/Autism spectrum disorder
	17: 1915(c) – Developmental Disabilities
	18: 1915(c) – Mental Illness – Age 18 or Older
	19: 1915(c) – Mental Illness – Under Age 18
	20: 1915(c) waiver concurrent with an 1115 or 1915(b) managed care authority
	33: 1915(c) waiver

Variable	Values
HCBS service code	4: The HCBS service was provided under a 1915(c) HCBS Waiver
Section 1915(i) HCBS st	ate plan option
Program type code	13: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) State Plan Option (1915(i))
HCBS service code	1: The HCBS service was provided under 1915(i)
Section 1915(j) self-dire	ected personal assistance services
Program type code	16: 1915(j) (Self- directed personal assistance services/personal care under State Plan or 1915(c) waiver)
HCBS service code	2: The HCBS service was provided under 1915(j)
Benefit type code	106: Self-directed Personal Assistance Services under 1915(j)
Section 1915(k) Commu	ınity First Choice
Program type code	11: Community First Choice (1915(k))
HCBS service code	3: The HCBS service was provided under 1915(k)
Benefit type code	054: Community First Choice
Money Follows the Pers	on demonstration
Program type code	08: Money Follows the Person (MFP)
Personal care services	
Procedure code	T1019: Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant)  T1020: Personal care services, per diem, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant)  99509: Home Visit Services  S5125: Attendant care services; per 15 minutes  S5126: Attendant care services; per diem
Home health services	
Type of service code	016: Home health services - Nursing services 017: Home health services - Home health aide services 018: Home health services - Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home 019: Home health services - Physical therapy provided by a home health agency or by a facility licensed by the State to provide medical rehabilitation services 020: Home health services - Occupational therapy provided by a home health agency or by a facility licensed by the State to provide medical rehabilitation services 021: Home health services - Speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or by a facility licensed by the State to provide medical rehabilitation services 064: HCBS - Home health aide services
	079: HCBS-65-plus - Home health aide services

Variable	Values
Benefit type code	015: Home Health Services - Intermittent or part-time nursing services provided by a home health agency
	016: Home Health Services - Home Health Aide Services Provided by a Home Health Agency
	017: Home Health Services - Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home
	022: Home Health Services - Physical therapy; occupational therapy; speech pathology; audiology provided by a home health agency
	068: Home Health Services - Home health aide services provided by a home health agency
	076: Home Health Aide
Rehabilitative services	
Type of service code	043: Rehabilitative services
Benefit type code	036: Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services - Rehabilitative Services
Case management servi	ces
Type of service code	053: Targeted case management services 054: Case Management services other than those that meet the definition of primary care case management services or targeted case management services 062: HCBS - Case management services 077: HCBS-65-plus - Case management services
Benefit type code	042: Case Management Services and TB related services - Case management services as defined in the State Plan in accordance with section 1905(a)(19) or 1915(g)
Private duty nursing serv	vices
Type of service code	022: Private duty nursing services
Benefit type code	023: Private Duty Nursing
	069: Private duty nursing services

Note: The full list of values for each variable can be found in the data elements section of the T-MSIS Data Guide, available at <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide/data-elements">https://www.medicaid.gov/tmsis/dataguide/data-elements</a>.

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