

Physician Performance Measurement Program Report

This program will provide you with detailed analysis results that will show you how your use of resources for healthcare delivery compares with other Blue Shield preferred physicians within your practice specialty and geographical region. For this program, the term “resource” can apply to diagnostic, laboratory, facilities, procedures, office visits, equipment or other resources used in the process of healthcare delivery, depending upon your practice specialty or patient population needs.

1. YOUR OVERALL RELATIVE EFFICIENCY SCORE : 0.75

This is your score compared with other physicians in the same practice specialty and geographical region. The average efficiency score among your specialty-specific peer group, using a standardized set of medical condition episodes, is 1.0. Scores *above* 1.0 are less efficient than average, and scores *below* 1.0 are more efficient. For example, a score of 1.6 may be interpreted to mean that your resource consumption is 60 percent above that of the average specialist in your peer group, in your region. Your score was derived using claims data covering 2001 to 2003.

2. RESOURCE UTILIZATION: VARIATION BY SERVICE CATEGORY

The graph below identifies utilization variances for specific service categories that correlate with **your practice specialty**.

Please refer to the Service Category Definitions on page five for more information on applicable service categories.

Utilization Variation from Peers by Service Category

