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Session 170: Panel Discussion

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CMS Public Use Files

- CMS public use files have evolved since 2006 MMA
 - Potential to improve understanding the program
 - Plans, providers, researchers, and members
 - Remember to read the CMS usage limitations
- Plans, and others, have evolved their use of the files
 - Simple reports
 - Complex customer integrated reports
 - Widely enhanced use of the information
- Medicare plans have more information than most other markets
- We will provide some ideas of what has been done
- Open discussion

Market drivers

- Partnerships have become mergers
 - UHG continues smaller strategic acquisitions (already had PBM, Optum Health, Optum Consulting)
 - CVS/Aetna merger
 - Cigna/ESI merger
 - Wellcare/Centene?
- Smaller players have niche play and implement competitive ideas
- Health care is still a local business
- Health cost pressure
 - ACA increased enrollment, but still many uninsured
 - MA affordability significantly reduced with ACA, but growth continued

Why Public Use Files?



Market assessment

- Overview of total Medicare market
- Overview of the local market
- Understand the competition



CMS bids

- Significant 2020 Part D bid proposals
- MA local market issues



Medicare public resources

- Historical public use files
- Office of the actuary trustee report
- Corporate earnings calls
- Many public websites (court documents are interesting)
- Full Medicare dataset — separate presentation

Medicare Public Resources

Medicare information is available — look for free Medigap information or employer market data

Examining trends

- The industry?
- With the competition?
- My products?
- Research groups?

Derived information — enhanced data

- Example: How do plans estimate the Part D benchmarks?
- Projecting impact of policy changes — winners and losers
- What to expect from competitive products
- Better knowledge of market drivers

Wide range of usage

Medicare Public Resources (not complete)

- CMS statistics file
- Trustee report
- Landscape
- Enrollment reports
- Audit findings
- Star ratings
- Formulary, pricing and benefits
- Hospital cost to charge reporting
- “5%” sample
- PBP information (annual PBP files all plans)
- Plan payment reports and medical loss ratio

Medicare Public Resources

Medicare landscape files combined with enrollment files

- Probably most used file by Part D actuaries
- Determine membership shift drivers
- NAB/LIB models estimates
- Forecasting and projections
- Review competitively
- Average percentile
- De Minimis percentage
- Competitor analysis
- Sanctioned competition

Medicare Public Resources

Audit findings

- Plan sanctions
- OACT bid audits
- Operation audits
- CARs and ICARs
- Plan enrollment sanctions
- Financial penalties
- OMB audits and CMS audits
- What should the plan focus on next?

Medicare Public Resources

Star reporting

- Where is the “silver bullet?!”
- Lots of competitive information
- Who has the best adherence rates?
- Reviewing large year over year movement
- What are the best Star ratings and impact on competition?
- Determining reasons for plan differences
- Personally, the Star reports answer and raise many questions

Medicare Public Resources

Part D formulary and quarterly pricing information

- Discounts and Premium (POS vs. DIR)
- Industry direction
- Clinical analysis — Add OOPC model information
- Policy monitoring (copay and network)
- Benefit discrimination analysis
- Competitive analysis
 - Drugs covered; selection issues
 - Tiers alignment
 - PA/ST

Medicare Public Resources

PBP information (annual PBP files all plans)

CMS released all PBP information since 2014 — Part D trends (old)

- MAPD EA plans preferred networks increased from 16.9%–28.7%
- Total PDP preferred network penetration went from 71.8%–86.7%
- 5-Tier plans increased from 83.4%–93.4%
- MAPD-EA plans with no deductibles dropped from 87%–75%
- PDP deductibles increased 29% in total and by 57% for MAPD EA plans
 - Medium for MAPD EA moved from 100–150
- PDP Generic (Tier 2) coverage dropped from 21.5–16%
- PDP Tier 3&4 Brand coverage increased — 10% GAP rule?

Update: Some plans use the benefits to estimate competitive rates and relative risk and price — evolution in the reporting

Medicare Public Resources

People have evolved from using public use files from:

verification to *analysis* to *modeling the competition* to *strategic decisions*

The new data files provided by CMS with proper development will lead strategic decisions

- Part C and Part D claim data files are now synchronized (are yours?)
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What happens next?

- CMS derived information added — external data, surveys, etc.
- Projection including policy changes
- Policy changes normalizing practice patterns analysis

Thank you.

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Claims/utilization data from CMS

Learning the Acronyms

- **LDS – Limited Data Set**
 - Medicare FFS
 - Also known as the 5% sample
- **VRDC - Virtual Research Data Center**
 - Medicare and Medicaid
 - Different types of data, but often more dated
- **QE - Qualified Entity Program**
 - 100% Parts A, B, and D
 - Payer data as contributed to individual QEs
 - Ability for a payer to tie a member's De-identified history together

CMS Data Release Programs

CMS Data Assets	“Public” LDS Releases	Virtual Research Data Center (VRDC)	Qualified Entity (QE) Program
Medicare FFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly updates through 1/2017 Annual through 2016 No Part D 5% of Professional Claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual through 2017 Part D through 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly updates of Parts A & B through Q3/2018 Part D updated annually through 2017 ID and De-ID
Medicare Advantage	Not Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 2015 Encounter data released to date Schedule unclear 	Not available
Medicaid/CHIP FFS	Not Available	Limited states available through 2014	Limited states available through 2014
Managed Medicaid/CHIP	Not Available	Unclear	Not available
Access & Use			
Commercialization	Broad commercialization with limited review	Broad commercialization with extensive review	Commercialization limited
Cost	Nominal	Per seat licensing	Determined by QE
Data Access & Matching	No matching	No direct data, must use SAS platform, matching available	Access limited to qualified orgs (ex. providers), matching for ID

Things to keep in mind

	Public Use File	Limited Data Sets	Research Identifiable
Requires Privacy Board Review?	No	No	Yes
Requires a Data Use Agreement?	No	Yes	Yes
Files include beneficiary-level data?	No	Yes	Yes
Researchers may request customized cohorts (e.g. Diabetics residing in MN)?	No	No	Yes
Data can be linked at beneficiary level to non-CMS data using a beneficiary identifier?	No	No	Yes
Claim run off period	NA	Annual file: 6-month run off	Annual file: 12-month run off
		Quarterly file: 3-month run off	Quarterly file: 3-month run off

Limited Data Set – 5% sample

Useful, but lives up to its name

- **What it does well**

- Provides cost and utilization information at service level detail
- Develop overall trends, both cost and utilization
- Geographic comparison
- Provider contracting insights
- Bid pricing tool

- **Where it struggles**

- No Part D data
- Physician/population variability across markets/performance
- Credibility may be low when looking at very specific segments of population
- Longitudinal analysis at member level on FFS data
- Longitudinal analysis at member level across all lines of business
- Augmentation of data for risk scores, social determinants of health and other factors.

Virtual Research Data Center

May be a good fit for some research

- Satisfies all CMS privacy and security requirements
- Researchers can access and perform their own analysis and manipulation of CMS data using the CMS infrastructure
- Researchers can upload external data files into their workspace to analyze with the approved CMS data files
- Provides access to the Research Identifiable Files
- Provides access through a Virtual Private Network and virtual desktop

Stipulations/Conditions

<https://www.resdac.org/cms-virtual-research-data-center-vrdc-faqs>

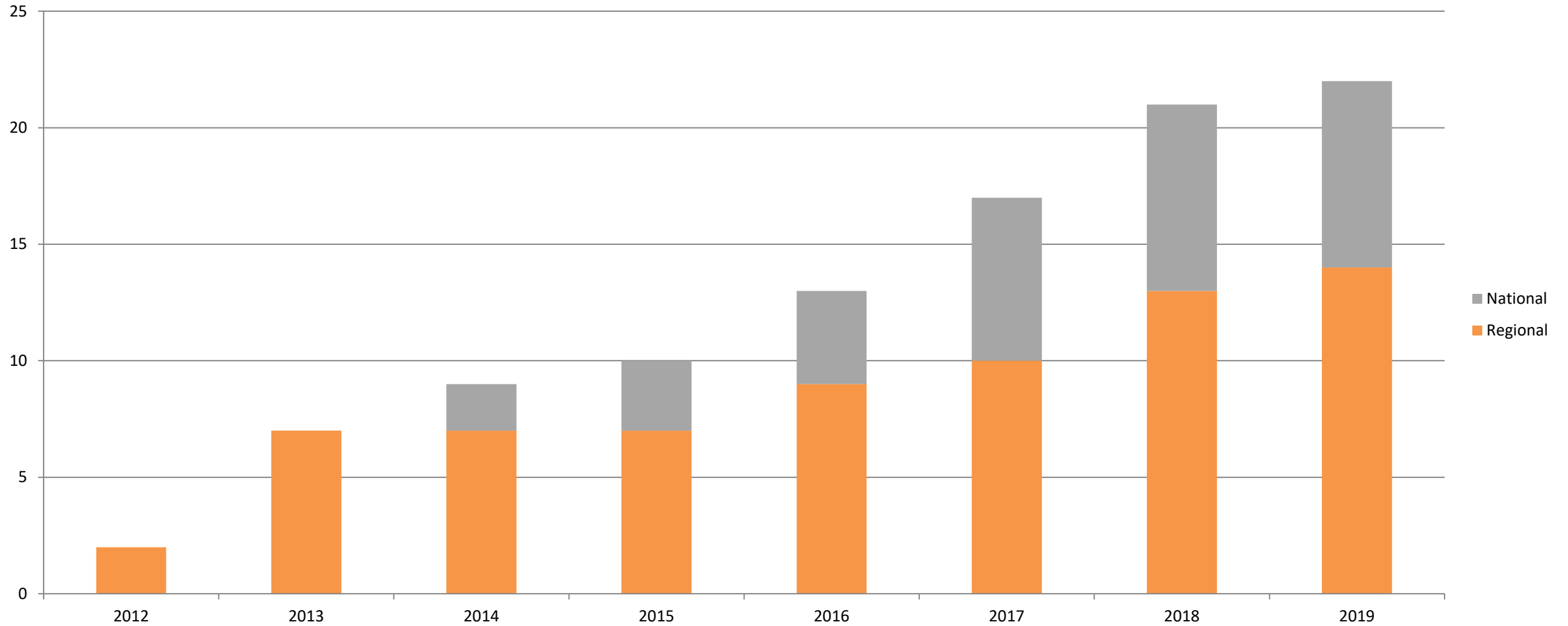
What is a Qualified Entity (QE)?

The CMS Qualified Entity (QE) Program (also known as the Medicare Data Sharing for Performance Measurement Program) establishes a pathway for capable organizations to receive Medicare claims data under Parts A, B, and D for use in evaluating provider performance, i.e. “100p.”

REQUIREMENTS:

- Organizations approved as QEs are required to combine Medicare and Commercial claims data to produce and publicly disseminate CMS-approved reports on provider performance annually.
- Under the MACRA Expanded Use provisions, QEs are also permitted to create and sell non-public analyses (NPAs) to Authorized Users. In addition, QEs may license combined data at a cost or Medicare claims data alone at no cost, to certain Authorized Users.
- In order to qualify, the QE must meet stringent security standards, demonstrate capabilities in calculation and reporting of health system performance measures, combine the Medicare data with their own claims data, and issue public interest reports around such measures at least annually.
- Expanded Use opportunities have strict re-disclosure requirements so analyses cannot be shared beyond the intended recipient under particular agreements
- Analyses prepared under Expanded Use cannot be used for marketing, harming patients, or seeking to effectuate fraud
- QEs are required to report on sold analyses including the topics and purposes, total fees received and types of organizations that have purchased analyses

Total Number of QEs by Year



As of 5/1/2019 - <https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/monitoring-programs/qemedicaredata/index.html>

Payer analytics - examples

Key questions that can be answered at a National/State/County Level:



- What is the value proposition of my MA/EGWP plan relative to FFS?
- How many members have migrated from traditional Medicare to MA program?
- What trend is seen by category of service for hospital and physician coverage?
- What trend is seen by drug type for pharmacy?
- What is the average number of comorbid conditions?
- What percentage of total cost for hospital and physician is paid by beneficiary?
- What is the movement in medications between medical and pharmacy benefits?
- What is the average hospital and physician spend for members with and without pharmacy coverage?
- What percentage of total members have chronic conditions like diabetes, CHF etc.?
- What is the ratio of specialty physicians to general physicians?
- What is the distribution of members by type (Dual vs. Non-Dual) by geography?
- What is the average risk score of the population by Dual vs. Non-Dual?
- What percentage of total members are institutionalized?
- What is the distribution of Special Needs Population (SNP)?
- What percentage of total members are eligible for ESRD subsidy?
- What is the level of non-Low-Income brand discount amount?

Expanded Use Matrix – All Use Cases

Authorized Users	Authorized Users	(1) Beneficiary De-Identified Non-Public Analyses (NPA's)	(2) Beneficiary De-Identified Data License	(3) Beneficiary-Identifiable Data License and/or Non-Public Analyses
Providers	Providers	✓	✓	✓
Suppliers	Suppliers	✓	✓	✓
Medical Societies	Medical Societies	✓	✓	
Hospital Associations	Hospital Associations	✓	✓	
Employers	Employers	✓		
Health Insurance Issuers	Health Insurance Issuers	✓		
Healthcare Provider or Supplier Associations	Healthcare Provider or Supplier Associations	✓		
State Entities	State Entities	✓		
Federal Agencies	Federal Agencies	✓		
Permitted Uses per CMS Regulations:	Permitted Uses per CMS Regulations:	May not be used for marketing (§ 401.703(s)), harming patients, and/or effectuating fraud and abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthcare Operations (qualified under paragraphs 1 and 2 of 45 CFR 164.501) - Quality improvement, care coordination, patient safety, and population based activities, evaluating practitioner and provider performance 2. Treatment (qualified under 45 CFR 164.501) 3. Fraud and abuse detection or compliance activities (qualified under 45 CFR 164.506(c)(4)(ii)) 	

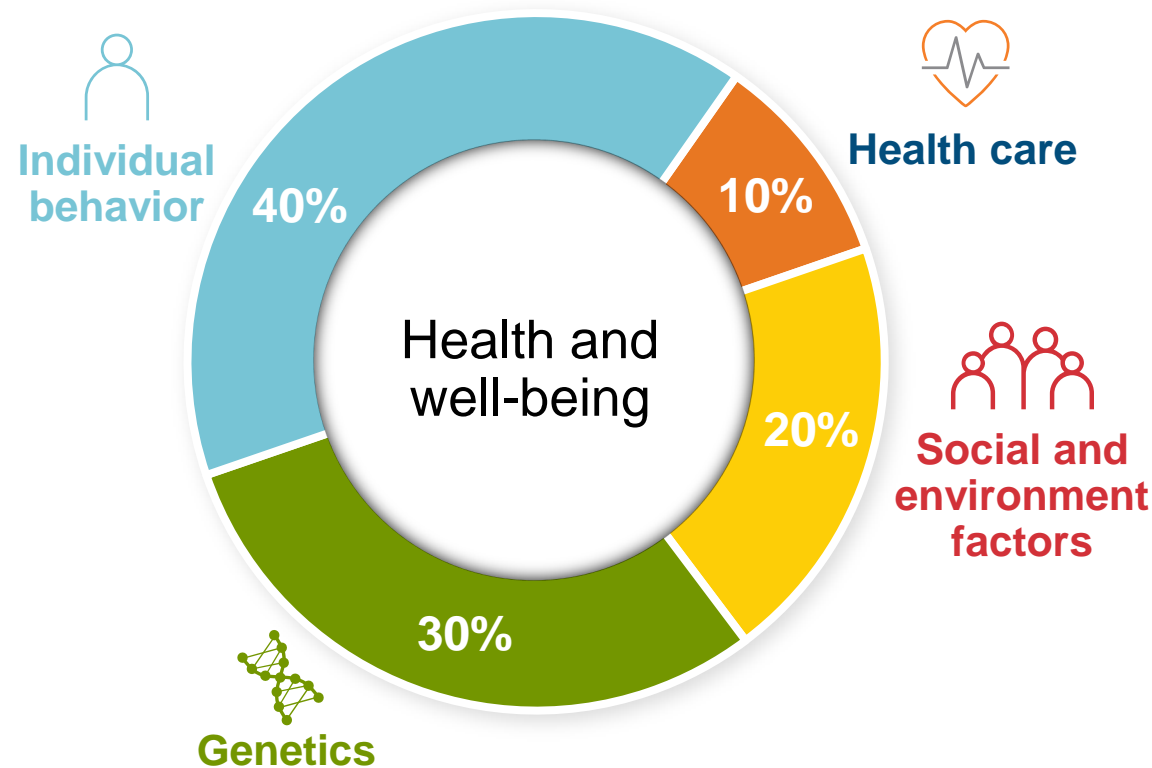
Note: Providers have the right to directly access the linked, de-identified data, and receive non-public analyses (NPA); Payers are not allowed direct access to the data, and can only receive NPAs if contribute data (50% rule).

Social Determinants of Health: Data and Applications



What impacts health outcomes

Impact of different factors on impact of pre-mature death



Source: Schroeder, SA. (2007). We Can Do Better — Improving the Health of the American People. NEJM. 357:1221-8.

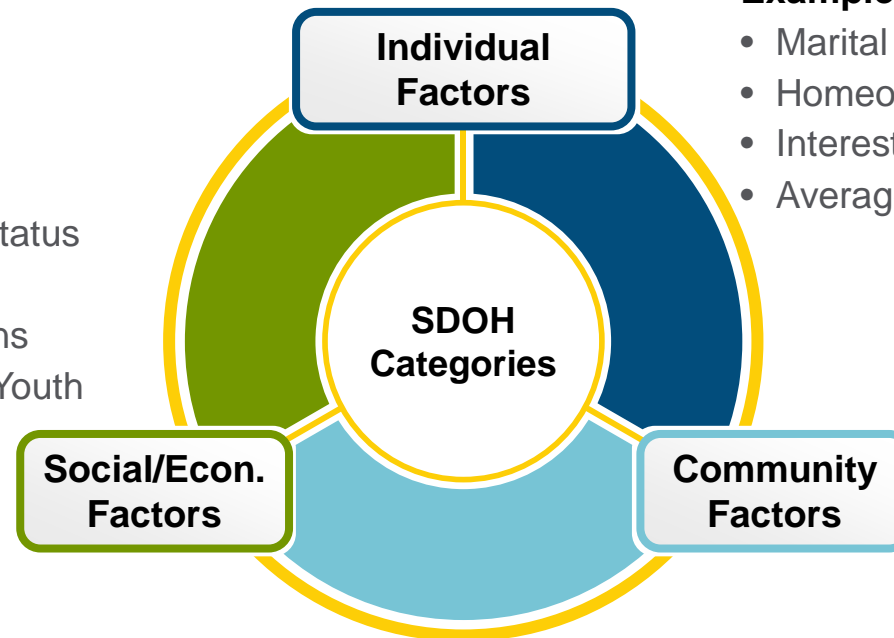
Data categories: Individual, socioeconomic and community factors

Three categories of data are typically used in analyzing and understanding social determinants of health:

- **Individual factors:** Include consumer and health behavior measures
- **Community factors:** Include clinical access, housing, transportation, safety and food security measures
- **Socioeconomic factors:** Include education, income, poverty, family and social support

Examples:

- Socioeconomic Status
- % below poverty
- Social associations
- % Disconnected Youth
- Education level



Examples:

- Marital status
- Homeowner status
- Interests and hobbies
- Average online spending

Examples:

- Violent crime rate
- Food access and security
- Transportation access
- Access to clinical care

Data elements and output: not Claims data!

BASE LEVEL OF DATA INPUT

DATA INPUTS

Eligibility data

- First name
- Last name
- Address, city, state
- ZIP code
- Date of birth
- Member ID

INDICES AND ANALYTICAL OUTPUT

Social determinants

- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Language
- Education level
- Socioeconomic score
- Health factor summary
- Health outcome summary

Types of Propensity models that can be developed using this data:

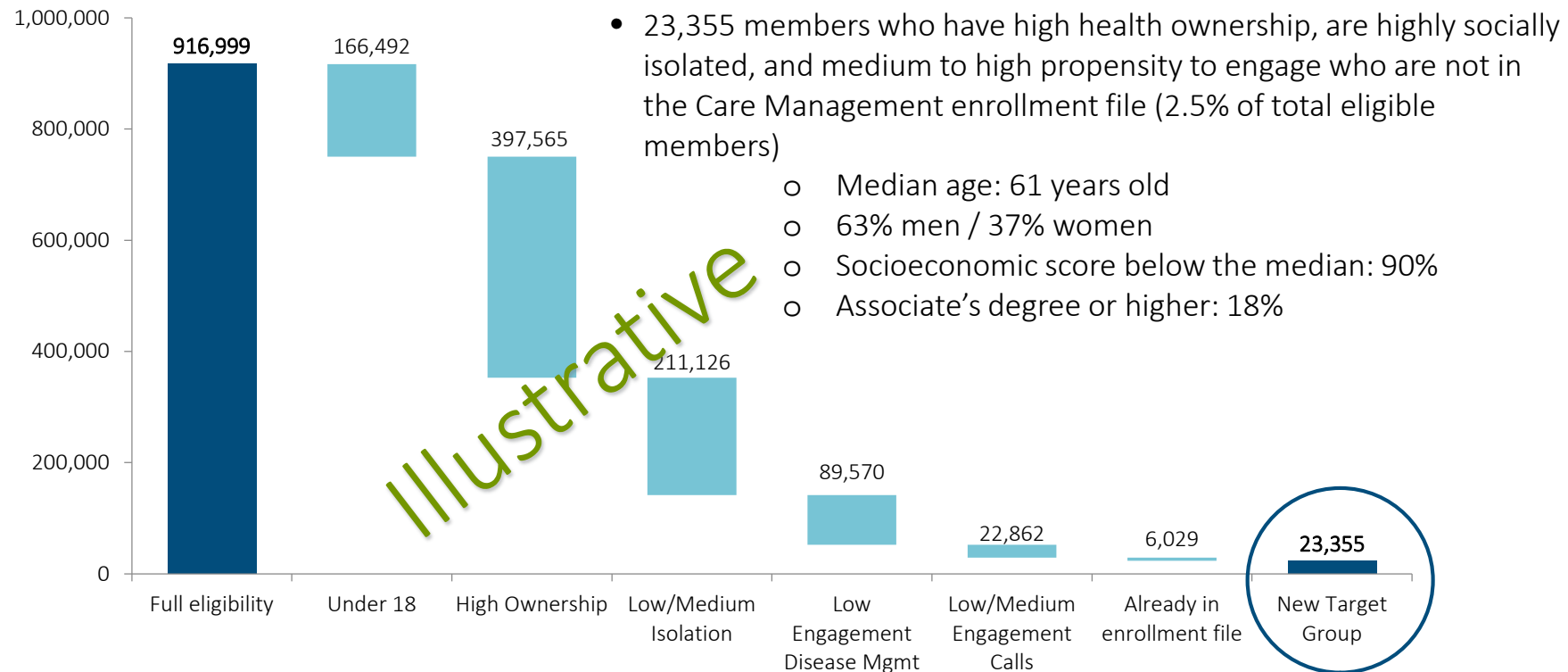
- Propensity to engage
- Social isolation
- Health ownership
- Network leakage
- Predicting Readmission and ED admits

HOTSPOTTING

Reallocates data resources to focus on a small subset of high-needs, high-cost patients

Hotspotting example: Identifying hidden risk members

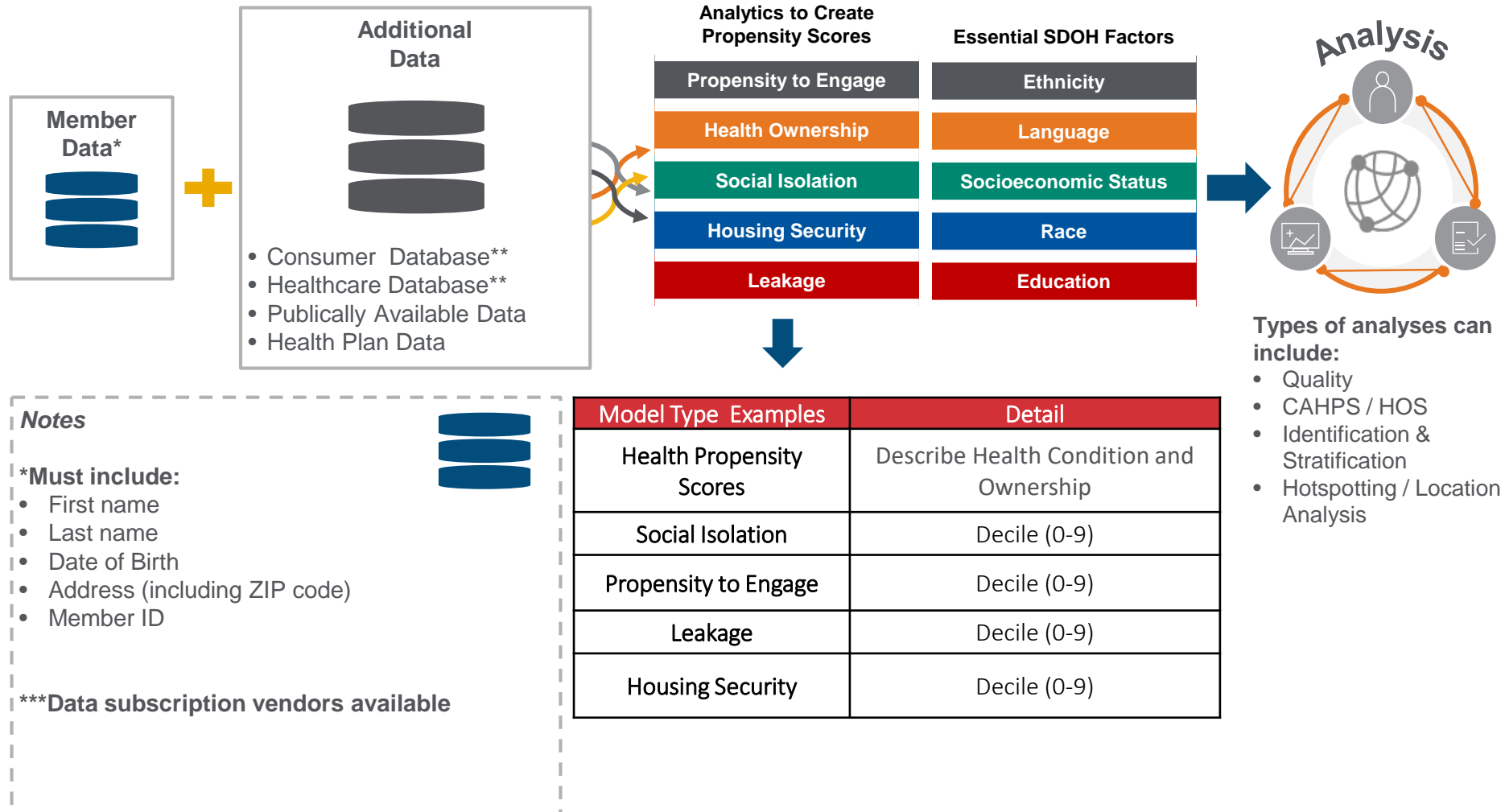
Engaging members in need



These members currently have low levels of personal health ownership, are socially isolated, and are at least moderately likely to enroll in disease management programs. They should be prioritized in outreach campaigns because they are the most likely to enroll and benefit in the short term.

Enhanced member profile

Data process flow example



Analytics help you transform data into action

GOALS

1. Identify high risk, high want members with no claims data
2. Identify and implement Care Management Programs based on member characteristics to reduce clinical risk

Integrated data

Bring together data for population health, social determinants, behavioral, consumer, eligibility, care management and claims

Descriptive analytics

Historical care management, claims and utilization data for the full population to identify those without any health plan interaction

Diagnostic analytics

Consumer analytics models to identify common traits and propensities

Predictive analytics

Statistical and predictive models that identify the high-risk, high-want members based on their propensities and characteristics

Prescriptive analytics

Identify, recommend, and implement care management outreach campaigns to the identified members. Measure, adjust, deploy.

Appendix



ER Admission / Hospital Readmission and SDOH: Supporting Evidence

Members experiencing issues related to social determinants of health tend to use the ER more frequently and report inpatient visits.

- A Canadian study found that frequent emergency medical services callers experienced higher rates of poverty and food insecurity than average Ontario citizens

(<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-019-6964-1>)

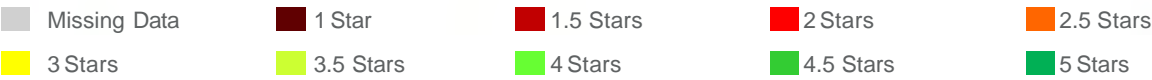
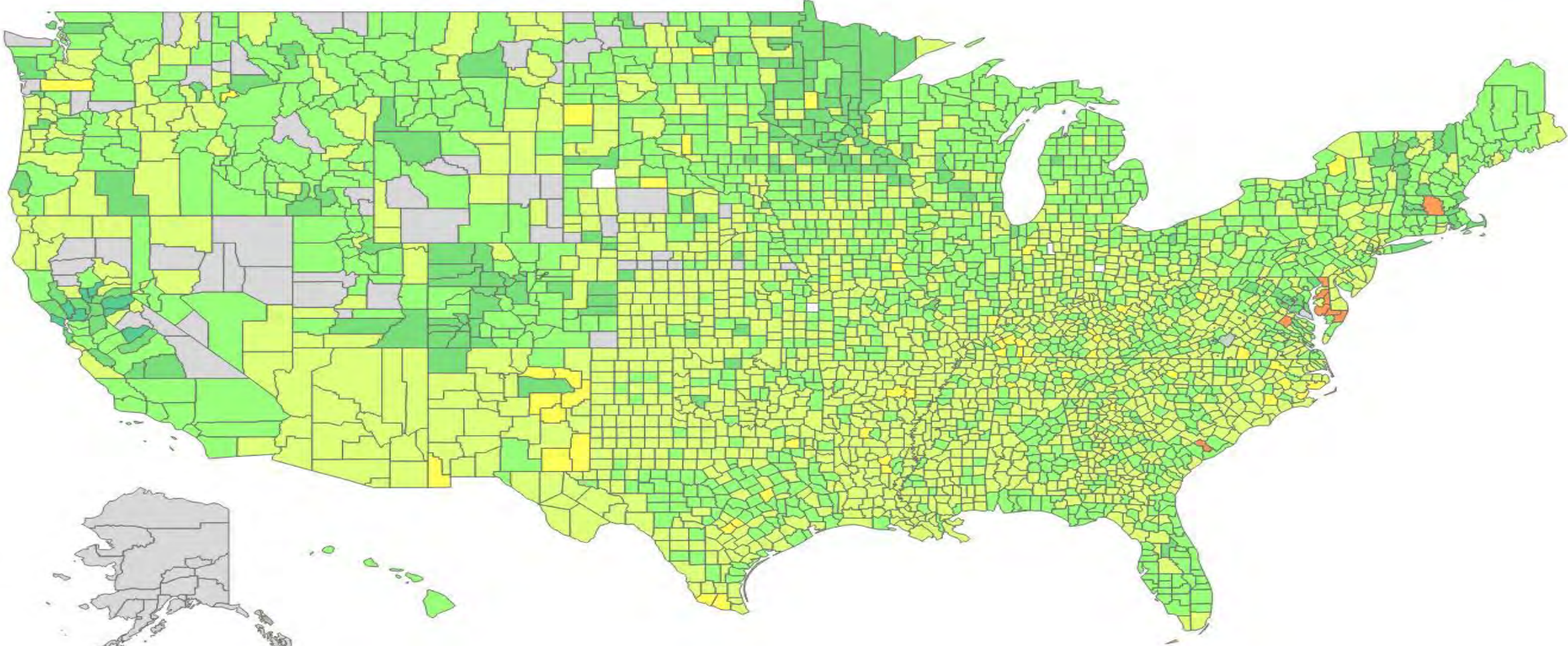
- A McKinsey study found that survey respondents who indicated food insecurity were 2.4x as likely to report multiple ER visits and 2x as likely to report an inpatient visit over a 12-month period

(<https://medcitynews.com/2019/05/social-determinants-of-health-utilization-rates/>)

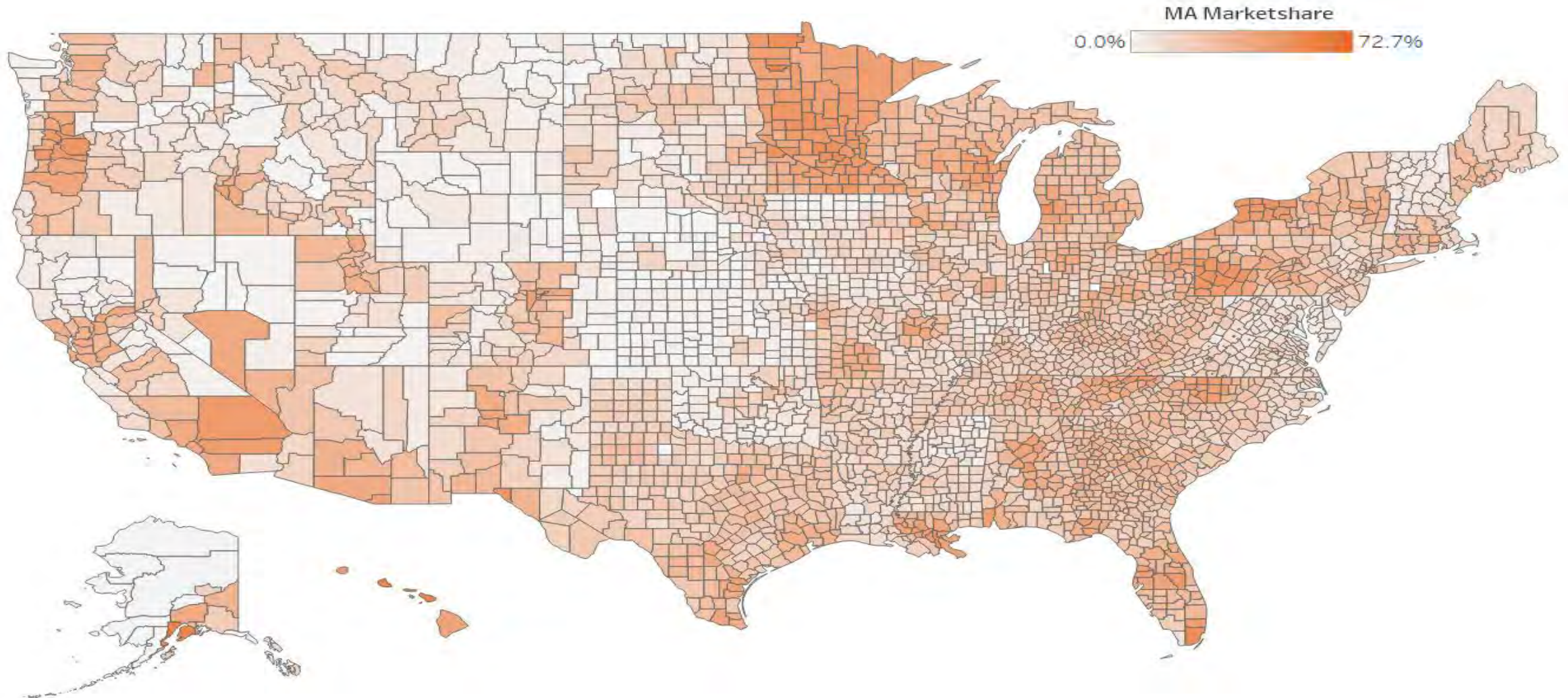
- Those who indicated transportation issues are 2.6x as likely to report multiple ER visits and 2.2x as likely to report an inpatient visit over a 12-month period

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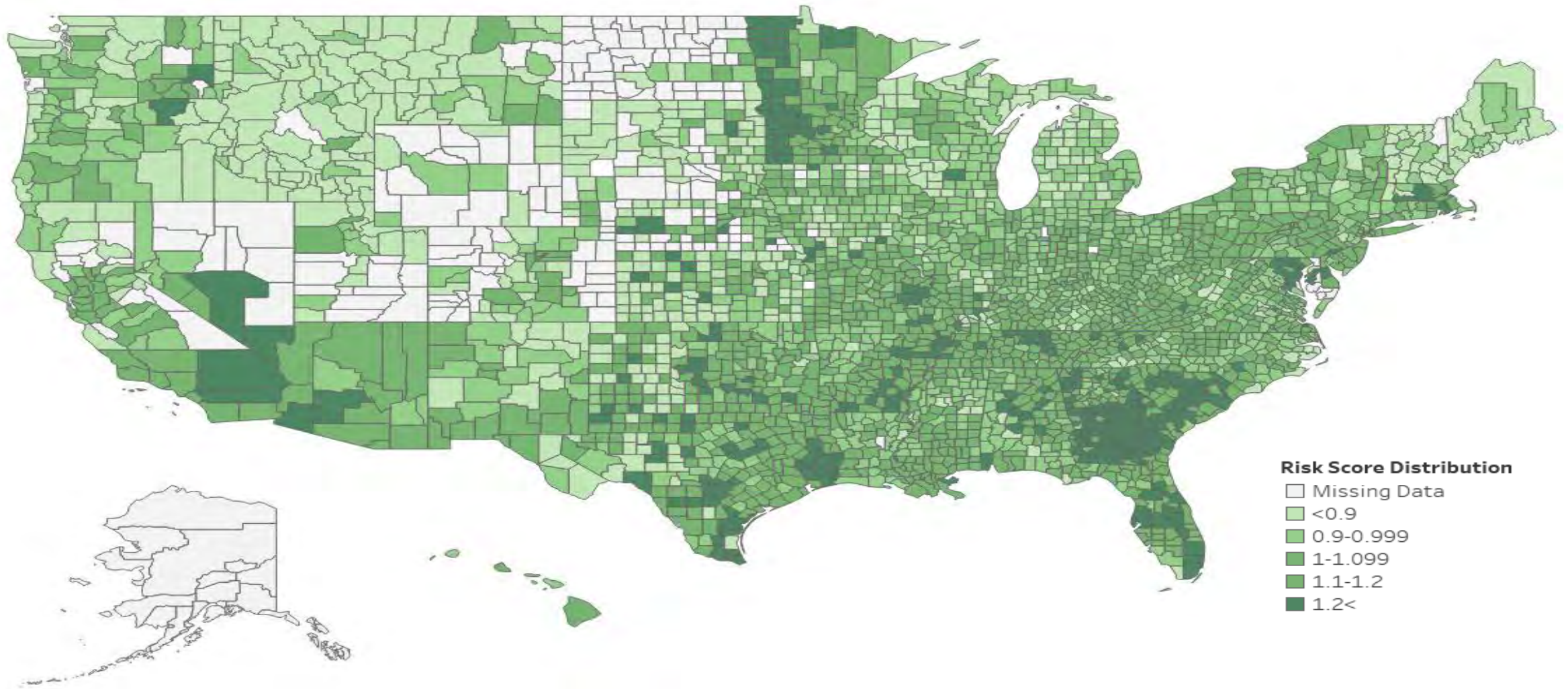
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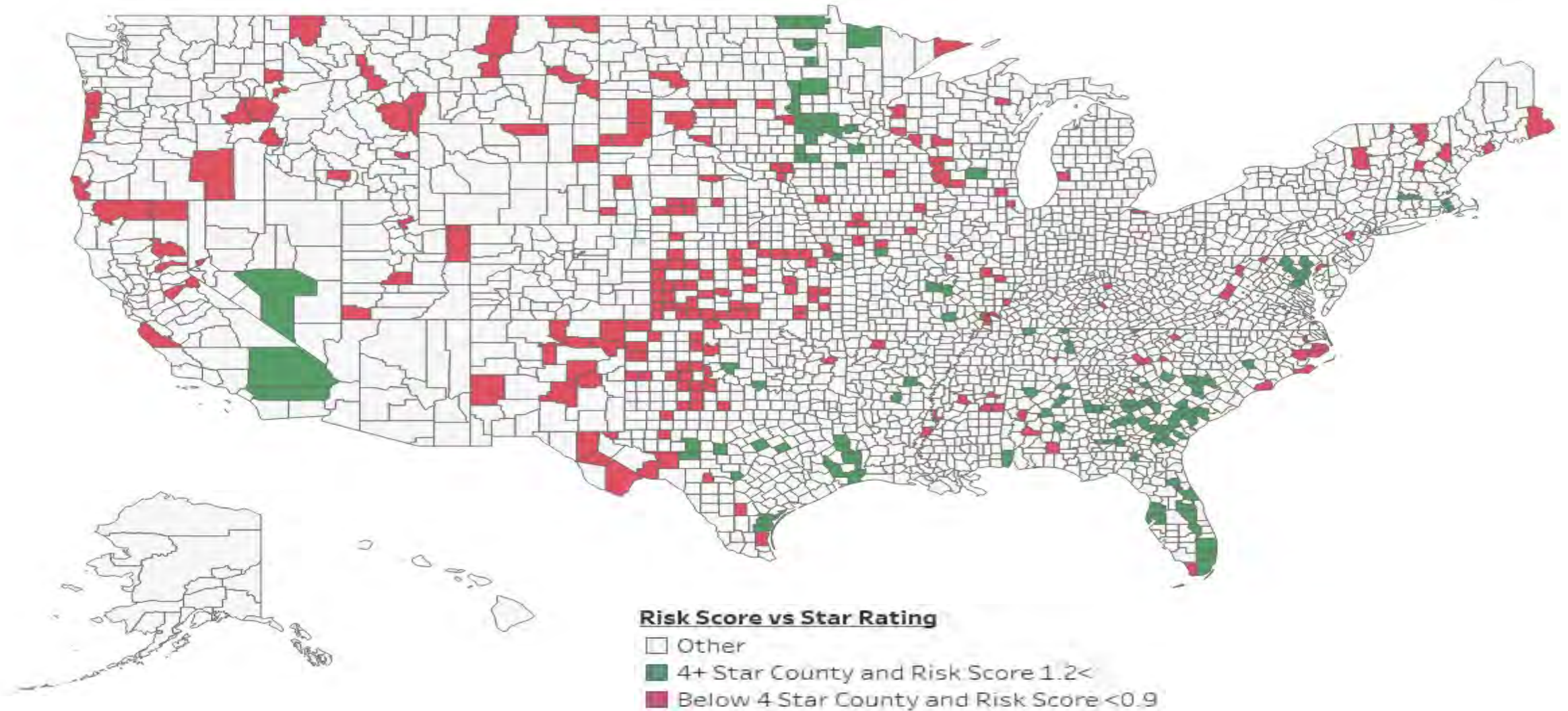
2018 MA Market Share



2018 MA County Weighted Average Risk Scores



Risk Score and Star Rating Intersection



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