

Question and Answer on CHF Extra Payment Reporting - October 16, 2001

Q: I am preparing to submit my CHF extra payment results to CMS and noticed that my second denominator (*the number of M+C enrollees with a greater than one day stay for a principal inpatient discharge diagnosis of CHF during index time frame who had left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD)*) is greater than the first numerator (*the number of M+C enrollees with a greater than one day stay for a principal inpatient discharge diagnosis of CHF during index time frame who had, as of October 1 of reporting year, evaluation of left ventricular function (LVF)*). Is this correct?

A: No. The second denominator should always be **less than or equal to** the first numerator, which should be less than or equal to the first denominator. This is because the second denominator is a subset of the first numerator which is a subset of the first denominator. Also, for your information, the second numerator should always be less than or equal to the second denominator. This pattern is irrespective of whether or not you used sampling.