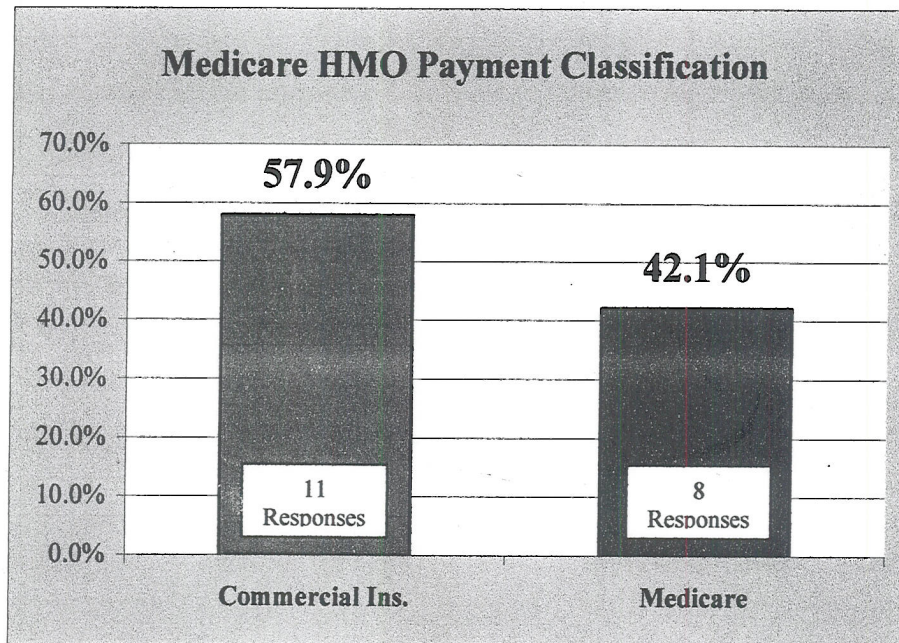


Trauma Talk Survey

04/01/10 - 19 Responses

Question: How do you enter a Medicare HMO (such as SummaCare or Anthem) in your registry?



- There is inconsistent data collection among Ohio's Trauma Registries in regards to Medicare HMO.
- The State and NTDB do not currently acknowledge, nor define, Medicare HMO's in their data dictionaries.
- Internet sources of data do not give a clear definition or classification of this type of payer source.
- A health insurance expert defines Medicare HMOs as commercial insurance.
- The NTDB defines Medicare HMOs as "Medicare".
 - "We would consider a Medicare HMO to be "Medicare". As you know, a Medicare HMO is an HMO that has contracted with the federal government under the Medicare Advantage program (formerly called Medicare+ Choice) to provide health benefits to persons eligible for Medicare that choose to enroll in the HMO, instead of receiving their benefits and care through the traditional fee for service Medicare program. Thus, these recipients are still receiving only Medicare benefits....but through an HMO."