Use of Medicare Information to Improve Health Care Delivery

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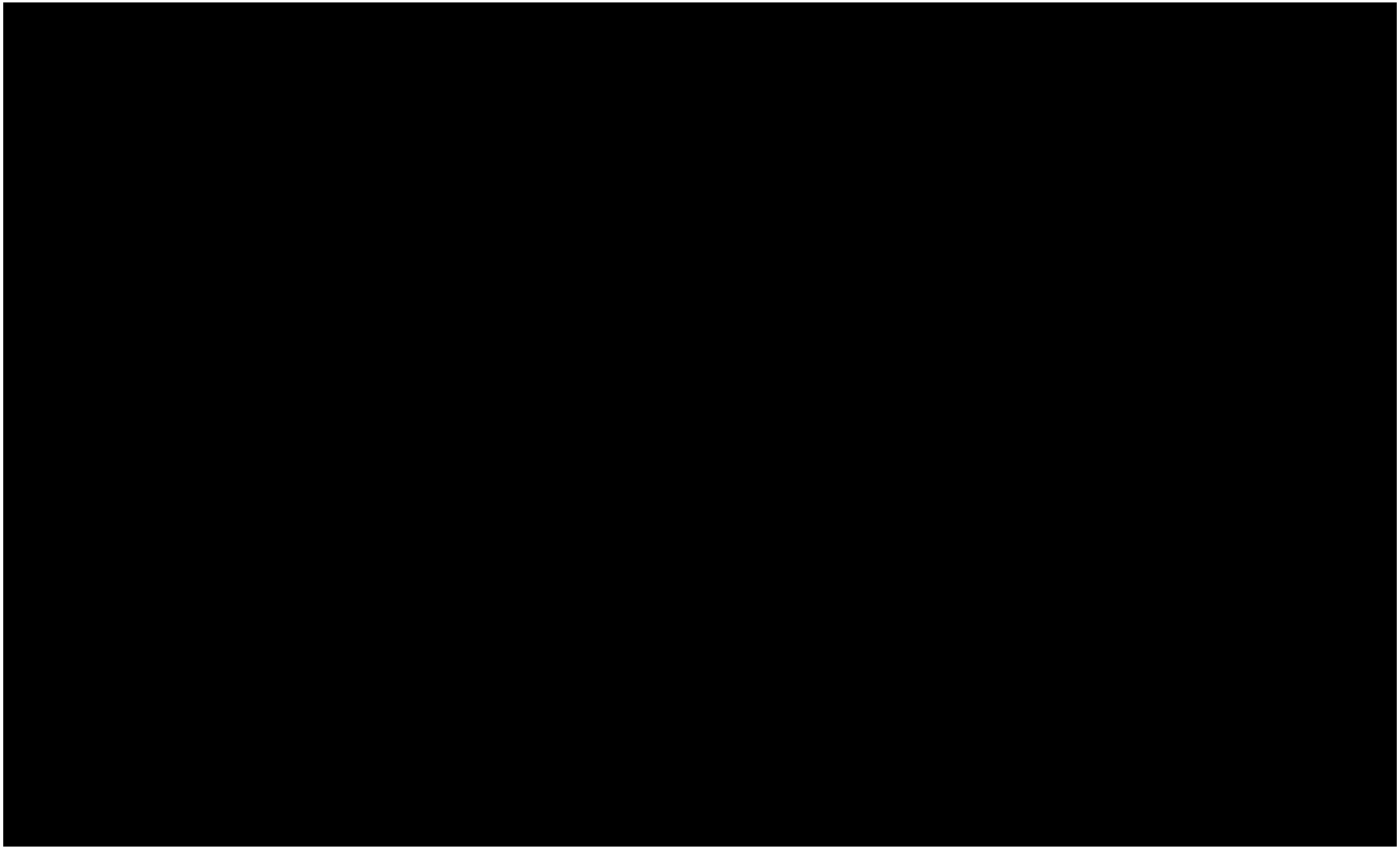
Different Consumer Choices

- Health Plans
- Providers
- Treatments

Compare Websites



Hospital Compare

- Clinical Process Measures
- Safety
- Mortality rates for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia
- Patient Experience of Care
- Reimbursement Rates
- Volume
- Searchable by hospital name, zip code, city, county or state

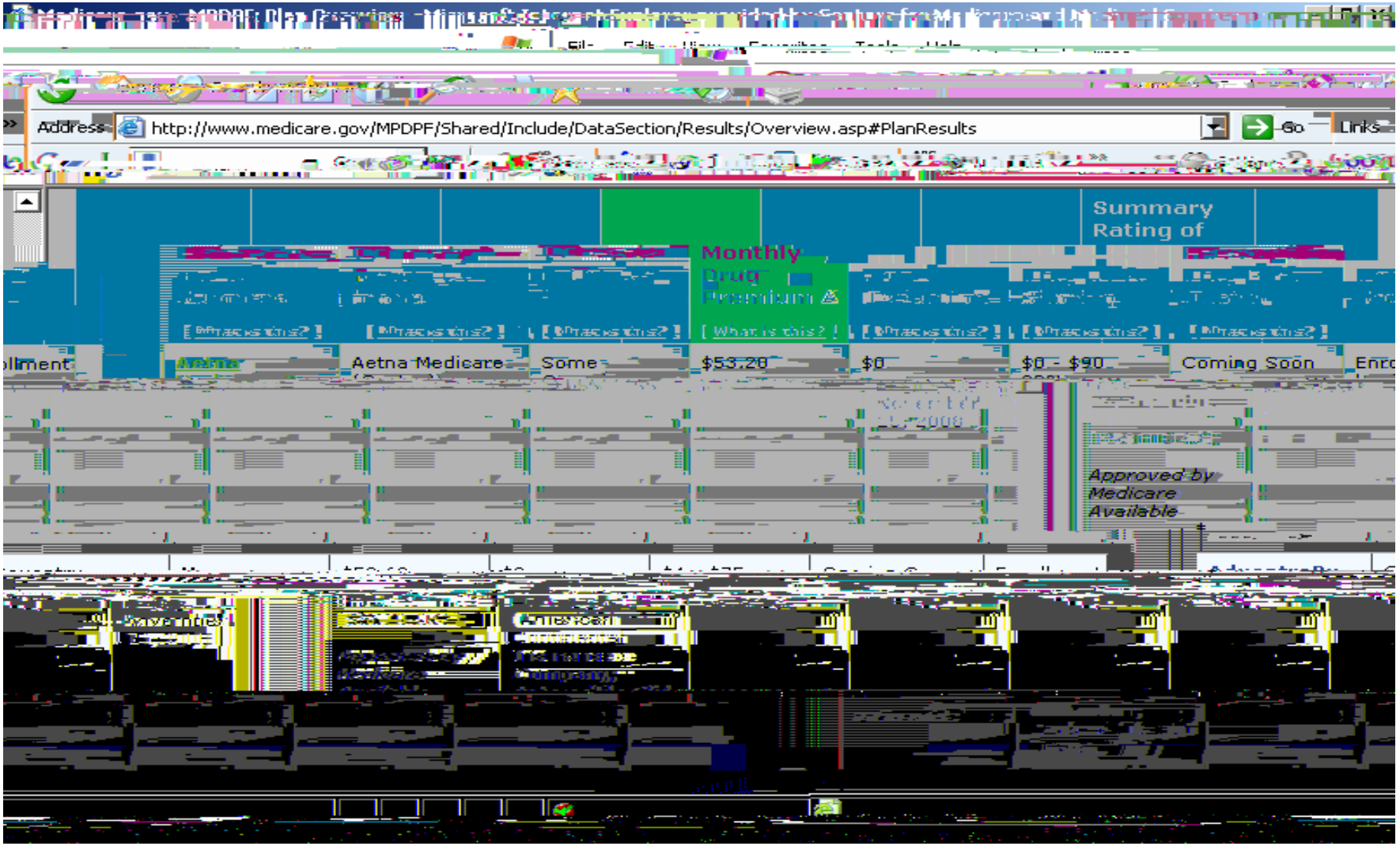
Provider Reimbursement Information

- **Common and Elective Procedures**
  - Hospital Inpatient - included on Hospital Compare
  - Outpatient
  - Physician Office
  - Ambulatory Surgery Center
- **Available at www.cms.hhs.gov/healthcareconinit**
- **Episodes of Care**

Plan Finder Websites

- Medicare Advantage Private Health Plans
- Prescription Drug Plans
- Quality, Cost, and Coverage information designed to help beneficiaries select the plan that best meets their needs
- Available at www.medicare.gov

Plan Finder Tool



Continuing Efforts

Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

- **Four Key Laws**
  - **Social Security Act – Authorizes release of data for limited set of purposes**
  - **HIPPA – Protects patient identifiable health information**
  - **Privacy Act of 1974 – Protects individually identifiable information (patients and physicians)**
  - **FISMA – Security requirements for use and release of individually identifiable information**

Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

- **Use and Release only for limited statutorily authorized purposes**
  - **Payment-Related**
  - **Research**
  - **Demonstration**
  - **Quality Improvement Organization**
  - **Payment and Care Coordination for Duals Population**
  - **Patient Consent**

For more information…

- www.medicare.gov
- www.cms.hhs.gov
- www.hhs.gov/valuedriven
- www.resdac.umn.edu