



BlueChoice® Solutions Summary Chart Guide and Definitions

The graphic displays provide “snapshot” comparisons to peers.

The **Comorbidity Index** summarizes the disease burden in a practice.

- The bar indicates the range of values of the Comorbidity Index for the Working Specialty Peers in the Rating Area.
- The numerical value on the bar indicates how sick your patients are.

The **Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI)** reflects differences in the cost of care managed by physicians, relative to peers within the same specialty in the same geographic region, in the same time period, when treating patients with similar clinical conditions.

- The bar indicates the range of the RACI for working specialty peers in the rating area.
- The numerical value on the bar indicates your RACI for your working specialty.

The **Cost and Utilization Comparisons** indicate the contribution various components make to differences in the RACI.

- Values greater than zero indicate components that increase the RACI.
- Values less than zero indicate components that lower the RACI.

For more detailed information on Medical Episode Groups (MEGs), Episodes of Care, Severity, Comorbidity Groups, Geographic Regions, and additional detail on methodology, please visit: www.bcbstx.com/provider/bluechoice_solutions/index.htm

Definitions of the following fields:

Solutions ID: Group provider IDs affiliated at the level of the Tax Identification Number. Solo provider IDs identified by UPIN or BPIN.

Working Specialty: The specialty by which you are compared to your peers.

Rating Area: One of 22 geographic regions in Texas used to adjust for regional differences.

Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI): Total cost for all qualified episodes attributed to the working specialty and rating area divided by the total expected cost for those episodes.

Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI) for the Solutions ID: Total cost for all qualified episodes attributed to the Solutions ID (all modeled working specialties in all rating areas) divided by the total expected cost for those episodes.

Incurred Claims Date Range: Data for this analysis includes services incurred between these dates.

Note:

- All comparisons are made to specialty peers in the same geographic area on episodes in the same Medical Episode Group (MEG) at the same level of Severity, in the same Comorbidity Group and during the same time period.
- For the practice of one physician in a single geographic area, Sol ID RACI (Upper right corner) and the RACI for [specialty] in [rating area] for Solution ID will be the same. For a practice of two or more physicians located in one or more rating areas with the same or different specialties, they can be different.
- Data points on the comparison charts are determined from peers in the same working specialty and rating area that have sufficient episodes. If the RACI or Comorbidity Index for the Solutions ID/working specialty/rating area that the report was created for does not appear on the chart, then the Solutions ID/working specialty/rating area combination did not have sufficient episodes.
- RACIs are determined for Solutions IDs with sufficient episodes. A RACI is not available for Solutions IDs with insufficient episodes.