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### **RE: 2022 Medical Data Report – Minnesota Opioid Utilization Supplement – Minnesota**

The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc. (MWCIA) is sharing the 2022 Medical Data Report and the Opioid Utilization Supplement for the state of Minnesota. These reports have been compiled by the National Council on Compensation Insurance to provide insight into the medical cost drivers that impact the workers' compensation system in Minnesota. The reports are accessible under the Carriers menu below the State of the Market item.

The NCCI's Medical Data Call (MDC) serves as the source of the metrics displayed in the report. The MDC solicits detailed workers' compensation medical information from insurance carriers in states where the NCCI has ratemaking jurisdiction and serves as the collecting agency for Minnesota as well. The data contained in the reports represent medical transactions for Service Year 2021 (medical services provided from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021), except where otherwise noted. This data set consists of more than 66,000 claims, representing 1.14 million transactions, \$242 million in medical payments and 96% of insurance carrier statewide written premium in 2021. Please note that insurer-only data are reflected. No data adjustments have been made for the reporting of COVID-19 related claims.

The Medical Data Report illustrates the breakdown of services by category as follows:

- Physician
- Hospital Outpatient
- Hospital Inpatient
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Drugs
- Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)
- Other

The Opioid Utilization Supplement Report includes sections on:

- Prescription Drug Statistics
- Opioid Claim Statistics
- Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines
- Changes in Opioid Prescribing Patterns
- Morphine Milligram Equivalents
- Claim Distribution by Claim Maturity
- Diagnosis Group and Body System Opioid Claim Experience

If you have questions, please contact our Actuarial staff by calling 952.897.1737, Option 3 or by emailing [actuarial@mwcia.org](mailto:actuarial@mwcia.org).

# MN Medical Data Call Highlights

## Telemedicine:

- physician services utilization dropped to 5.3% from 11.3%
- evaluation and management payments exceed countrywide and Midwest region by 9%

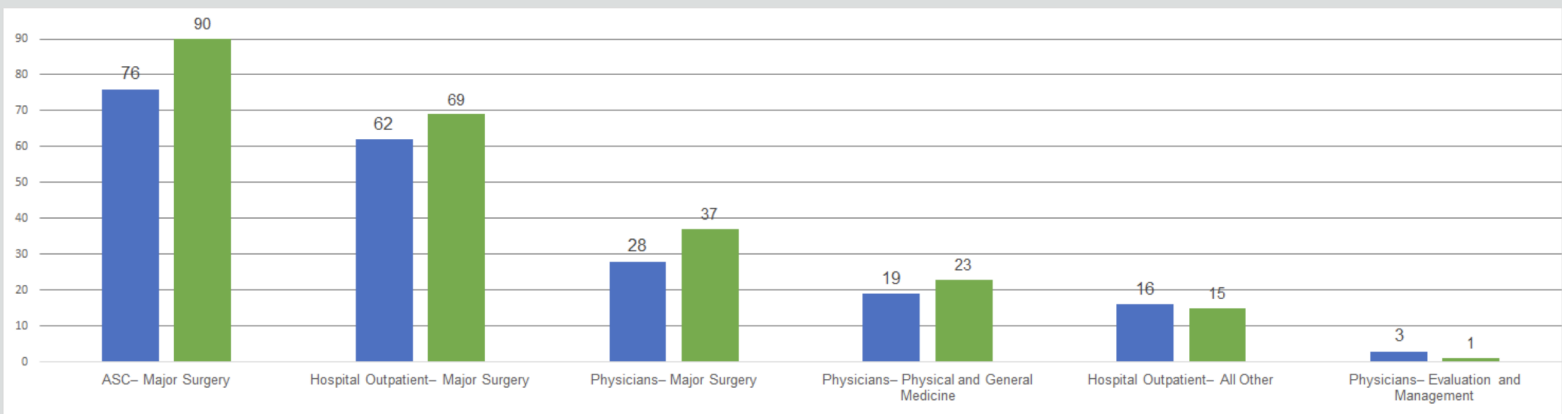
## Hospital Inpatient: Since Service Year 2019,

- average payment per stay increased 18%
- rate of stays decreased by 3 per 1,000 active claims

## Hospital Outpatient:

- Average payment per visit increased nearly 10%
- Nonemergency Major Surgery rate is 45% below the Midwest region and 24% below the countrywide rate

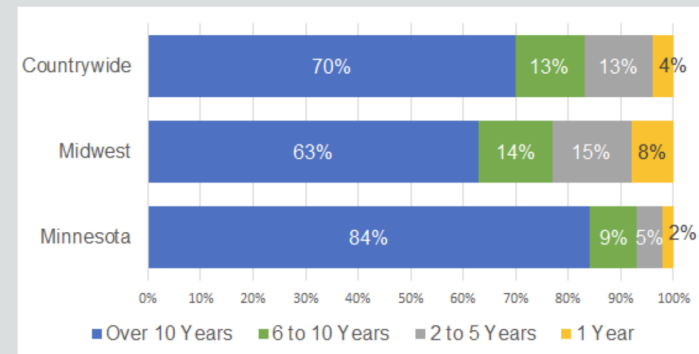
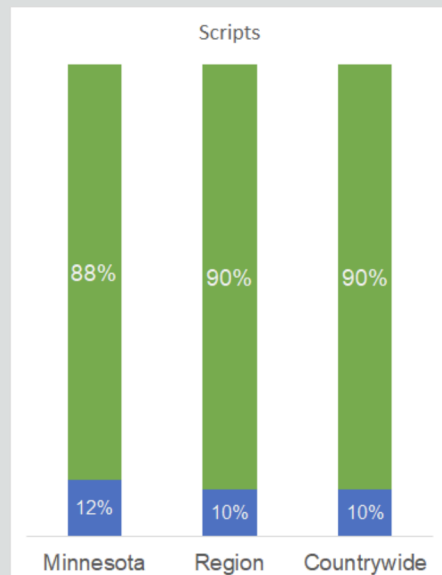
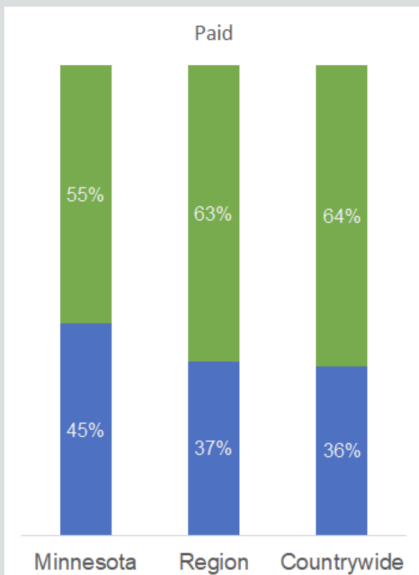
## Median Days Until First Treatment: Minnesota and Countrywide



## Opioids:

- In Service Year 2021, 20% of drug payments in Minnesota were opioids.
  - This is 6% higher than the Midwest region and countrywide distribution.
- Oxycontin<sup>®</sup> is the top drug by paid amount in MN at 8.1%.
  - Oxycontin<sup>®</sup> ranks 7th countrywide.

## Distribution of Drugs by Brand Name and Generic SY21 MME per Opioid Claim Share by Maturity



[Read the Medical Data Call Report](#)

[Read the Opioid Supplement](#)