



BlueChoice® Solutions RACI by Working Specialty and Rating Area Guide and Definitions

This report provides the **Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI)** by working specialty and rating area for your group. The 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 conditions. Similar clinical conditions are episodes of care within the same level of severity in the same Medical Episode Group (MEG) for patients with similar Comorbidity.

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.

Report Date: The date the report was created.

Incurred Period: Data for this analysis includes services incurred between these dates.

Solutions ID Eligibility Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI): 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.

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. Some practices have locations in more than one Rating Area. In these instances, the report may have multiple rows for one specialty with a different RACI for each Rating Area.

Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI): On this report, the RACI is the total cost for all qualified episodes attributed to each specialty within a practice divided by the total expected cost for those episodes for that working specialty. If there is a single specialty or a single physician in the practice, there will be only one line on this report.