

DECEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023

**COMPARISON OF GEORGIA CARE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
ENCOUNTER DATA TO CASH
DISBURSEMENTS FOR
CARESOURCE**



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The Department of Community Health (DCH) engaged Myers and Stauffer LC to analyze Georgia Families encounter data that has been submitted by the care management organizations (CMO) to Georgia's fiscal agent contractor (FAC), Gainwell Technologies (formerly DXC Technology), and complete a comparison of the encounters to cash disbursement journals (CDJ) provided by each CMO. For purposes of this analysis, "encounter data" are claims that have been paid by CMOs or delegated vendors (e.g., dental and pharmacy) to health care providers that have rendered health care services to members enrolled with the CMO.

Myers and Stauffer LC receives encounter data on a weekly basis from the FAC in a standardized data extract. This data extract contains paid and denied CMO institutional, medical (including mental health services, where appropriate), dental, and pharmacy encounters that were submitted by the CMO to the FAC and were subsequently loaded into the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

Myers and Stauffer LC analyzes the header reported information of each paid encounter in the MMIS to capture the amount paid on the entire claim. In certain instances, we identify potential duplicate and calculated void encounters and conclude that some of these potential duplicates appear to be partial payments, some are actual duplicate submissions, and some are replacement encounters without a matching void when the encounter data is compared to the CDJ submissions.

Once the potential duplicate and calculated void encounters have been identified, we adjust the encounter totals to reflect the actual payment made (i.e. removing the duplicate payment amounts from our analysis). The net encounter total is then used for the reconciliation analysis and compared to the CMO submitted CDJs based on common fields, such as CMO identification number (ID), CMO paid date, and specific delegated vendor criteria.

Our work was performed in accordance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) professional standards for consulting engagements. We were not engaged to, nor did we perform, an audit, examination, or review services; accordingly, we express no opinion or conclusion related to the procedures performed or the information and documentation we reviewed. In addition, our engagement was not specifically designed for, and should not be relied on, to disclose errors, fraud, or other illegal acts that may exist.

The results of our engagement and this report are intended only for the internal use of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), and should not be used for any other purpose.



SUMMARY

DCH requested that, for this study, we review the CMO's entire plan, each delegated vendor, and fee-for-service (non-vendor) paid encounters to determine if the paid encounters meet the state contract minimum completeness requirement of **99 percent** when compared to the CDJ files that are submitted by the CMO. The encounters and CDJ files utilized in this study met the following criteria:

- Encounters were paid within the reporting period of December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023;
- CDJ transactions had payment dates within the reporting period of December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023;
- Encounters were received and accepted by the FAC and transmitted to Myers and Stauffer LC through January 8, 2024.

Table A — CareSource Cumulative Completion Totals and Percentages

Description	Entire Plan	Fee-for-Service (Non-Vendor)	Delegated Vendor		
			Express Scripts (Pharmacy Benefits)	Skygen (Dental Services)	Versant Health (Vision Services)
Encounter Total (FAC reported)	\$2,329,526,719	\$1,940,072,354	\$274,238,885	\$109,671,872	\$5,543,608
<i>Total Encounter Adjustments (\$)</i>	<i>(\$443,951)</i>	<i>(\$417,029)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$22,645)</i>	<i>(\$4,277)</i>
<i>Total Encounter Adjustments (%)</i>	<i>-0.01%</i>	<i>-0.02%</i>	<i>0.00%</i>	<i>-0.02%</i>	<i>-0.07%</i>
Net Encounter Total	\$2,329,082,768	\$1,939,655,326	\$274,238,885	\$109,649,227	\$5,539,331
CDJ Total	\$2,332,140,041	\$1,941,957,873	\$274,854,793	\$109,780,784	\$5,546,591
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$3,057,273)</i>	<i>(\$2,302,547)</i>	<i>(\$615,908)</i>	<i>(\$131,557)</i>	<i>(\$7,260)</i>
Completion (%)	99.86%	99.88%	99.77%	99.88%	99.86%
Contract Minimum Completeness Requirement (%)	99.00%				





ENCOUNTER DATA ANALYSIS

For this study, Myers and Stauffer analyzes the encounter data that is submitted by the CMOs to the FAC's subcontracted data warehouse vendor, Gainwell Technologies, and loaded into the FAC MMIS. Therefore, encounters submitted by any CMO that were rejected by the FAC for errors in submission or other reasons are not transmitted to Myers and Stauffer.

Furthermore, Myers and Stauffer analyzes the encounter data from the FAC MMIS and makes the following adjustments. Table B below outlines the impact of applying these encounter analysis adjustments to the encounter paid amounts, when compared to the raw data received.

1. The payment amounts associated with denied encounters are identified as zero dollars in the encounter reconciliation analysis since they bear no impact on cash disbursements.
2. We identified potential duplicate encounters using our encounter review logic. Based on a comparison to the CDJ files, we noted some of these potential duplicates are partial payments, some are actual duplicate submissions, and some are replacement encounters without a matching void. At the direction of DCH, we have attempted to adjust our totals to reflect the actual payment made and have removed duplicate payment amounts from our analysis. Lists of these potential duplicates, noted in previous reports, were provided to CareSource for examination. We have reviewed CareSource's disputed duplicate response files submitted to us prior to December 2, 2023. The accepted responses have been incorporated into the analysis for this report. Responses requiring further explanation have not been added to this report and will be resubmitted to the CMO.

Table B — Myers and Stauffer LC's Adjustments to CareSource Encounters			
Description	Encounter Count	Paid Amount	Paid Amount (% of Total*)
Total Encounter Amount (FAC Reported)	18,171,268	\$2,329,526,719	100.00%
<i>Adjustment Type</i>			
<i>Denied</i>	<i>(1,376,677)</i>	<i>\$73</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
<i>Calculated Void</i>	<i>(175)</i>	<i>(\$44,787)</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
<i>Duplicate</i>	<i>(809)</i>	<i>(\$399,237)</i>	<i>-0.01%</i>
<i>Total Adjustments Made</i>	<i>(1,377,661)</i>	<i>(\$443,951)</i>	<i>-0.01%</i>
Net Encounter Amounts	16,793,607	\$2,329,082,768	99.99%

* Percentage ratios are rounded down for each adjustment type and may not add up to the total percentage of adjustments made for this reporting period. Please see data analysis assumption number 7 on page 15 for further explanation.





DATA ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During this analysis, Myers and Stauffer identified potential data issues that may impact the completion percentages for specific delegated vendor and/or fee-for-service (non-vendor).

Please reference Tables 1 through 5 starting on page 7 for CareSource's entire plan, delegated vendor, and fee-for-service (non-vendor) reconciliation period tables. These contain detailed reconciliation totals, completion percentages, and encounter analysis adjustments.

Data issues and notes that currently may not impact compliance:

1. **Fee-for-Service (non-vendor) (Table 2):** The CMO appears to be in compliance, but we have identified instances of potentially missing encounter sequences, including voids, causing a few inflated monthly completion percentages. These records have a CDJ transaction from a prior month with a void at a later date, but an encounter sequence (e.g., void) appears to be missing (e.g., June 2022, August 2022, September 2022, November 2022, and May 2023). This may cause potential issues with confirming the accuracy of encounter values as well as the allocation of payments to the incorrect month.
 - We have identified instances of potentially mismatched paid dates in recent months. This seems to be impacting October 2023 and November 2023 most significantly where October is overstated and November is understated.
 - **We recommend CareSource continue to work with DCH and Gainwell to identify and correct any encounter and CDJ claim sequence issues.**
2. **Skygen (Table 4):** Skyen appears to be in compliance for the period, but we noted a few instances of missing encounter sequences that appear to be causing multiple months throughout the reporting period to be slightly inflated. This appears to be due to submitted CDJ transactions without associated encounters with non-zero paid amounts. These CDJs show transaction dollars for the initial amount and the adjustment/void, while the encounter is missing one of the claim sequences (e.g., initial payment, adjustment, or void) or shows a zero dollar payment. We also identified instances of CDJ records with a recoupment or void shortly after the record is paid, with no associated encounter reflecting these transactions. These instances appear to be causing the encounter payments to be misallocated to the wrong month when compared to the CDJ transactions or encounters to be missing entirely, causing months like August 2022 to be overstated.
 - **We recommend CareSource continue to work with DCH and Gainwell to identify and correct any encounter claim sequence issues.**
3. **Versant Health (Table 5):** The cumulative completion percentage is in compliance, but we have identified a small number of instances of unmatched paid amounts that may be causing the inflated completion percentages for 8 months in the reporting period. We also identified instances of missing encounter sequences, including voids where the adjustment/void encounter payment amount doesn't match to the CDJ transaction or a portion is allocated to the incorrect paid date. Additionally, we noted instances of encounter sequences only showing the zero dollar denied record, but two CDJ records showing the initial transaction and a subsequent negative sequence occurring at a later date. This is impacting completion percentages since we would expect to see all payments and recoupments in both the CDJ and encounter data.
 - **We recommend CareSource work with Versant Health to review and correct its CDJs and/or resubmit any potentially missing encounters.**



CareSource Encounter and CDJ Comparison



CARESOURCE ENTIRE PLAN MONTHLY TABLE

Table 1 — CareSource (Entire Plan)							
Paid Month	Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)	Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)	Percentage of Encounters Adjusted	Monthly Encounter Net Total	CDJ Monthly Reported Total	Monthly Variance	Monthly Completion Percentage
December 2021	\$83,910,497	\$0	0.00%	\$83,910,497	\$83,961,319	(\$50,822)	99.93%
January 2022	\$92,877,479	\$0	0.00%	\$92,877,479	\$93,034,805	(\$157,326)	99.83%
February 2022	\$82,336,531	\$42	0.00%	\$82,336,573	\$82,461,772	(\$125,199)	99.84%
March 2022	\$94,792,607	\$0	0.00%	\$94,792,607	\$94,801,196	(\$8,589)	99.99%
April 2022	\$92,865,324	\$0	0.00%	\$92,865,324	\$93,031,112	(\$165,788)	99.82%
May 2022	\$91,091,204	\$0	0.00%	\$91,091,204	\$91,175,703	(\$84,499)	99.90%
June 2022	\$87,533,495	\$0	0.00%	\$87,533,495	\$87,413,922	\$119,573	100.13%
July 2022	\$82,329,882	\$0	0.00%	\$82,329,882	\$82,417,114	(\$87,232)	99.89%
August 2022	\$107,131,741	(\$2,684)	0.00%	\$107,129,056	\$107,062,639	\$66,417	100.06%
September 2022	\$90,353,734	(\$134)	0.00%	\$90,353,600	\$90,354,103	(\$502)	99.99%
October 2022	\$105,498,128	(\$709)	0.00%	\$105,497,419	\$105,522,262	(\$24,843)	99.97%
November 2022	\$107,579,926	(\$3,292)	0.00%	\$107,576,634	\$107,551,467	\$25,168	100.02%
December 2022	\$103,851,621	(\$27,560)	-0.02%	\$103,824,061	\$104,688,641	(\$864,580)	99.17%
January 2023	\$89,837,537	\$11	0.00%	\$89,837,548	\$89,992,586	(\$155,039)	99.82%
February 2023	\$99,163,695	\$0	0.00%	\$99,163,695	\$99,200,673	(\$36,979)	99.96%
March 2023	\$106,855,394	(\$4,355)	0.00%	\$106,851,039	\$106,907,464	(\$56,425)	99.94%
April 2023	\$98,190,076	\$0	0.00%	\$98,190,076	\$98,208,324	(\$18,248)	99.98%
May 2023	\$120,089,766	(\$56)	0.00%	\$120,089,711	\$120,042,800	\$46,911	100.03%
June 2023	\$98,117,759	(\$36)	0.00%	\$98,117,723	\$98,345,284	(\$227,561)	99.76%
July 2023	\$99,850,655	\$0	0.00%	\$99,850,655	\$99,975,037	(\$124,382)	99.87%
August 2023	\$98,684,559	\$0	0.00%	\$98,684,559	\$99,085,820	(\$401,261)	99.59%
September 2023	\$93,866,253	\$0	0.00%	\$93,866,253	\$94,156,953	(\$290,699)	99.69%
October 2023	\$105,058,472	(\$234)	0.00%	\$105,058,237	\$104,594,737	\$463,500	100.44%
November 2023	\$97,660,384	(\$404,943)	-0.41%	\$97,255,441	\$98,154,309	(\$898,868)	99.08%
Cumulative Totals	\$2,329,526,719	(\$443,951)	-0.01%	\$2,329,082,768	\$2,332,140,041	(\$3,057,273)	99.86%
<i>State Contract Minimum Completeness Percentage Requirement</i>							<i>99.00%</i>



CARESOURCE SUMMARY REPORTING CHARTS

Chart 1. Monthly CDJ totals and encounter submissions for CareSource's entire plan

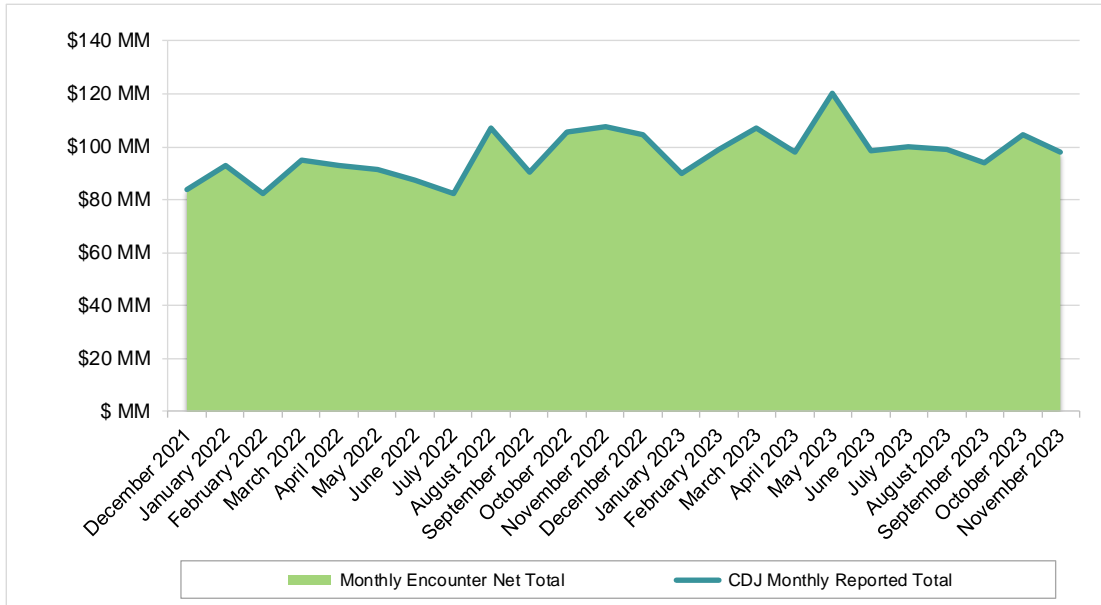
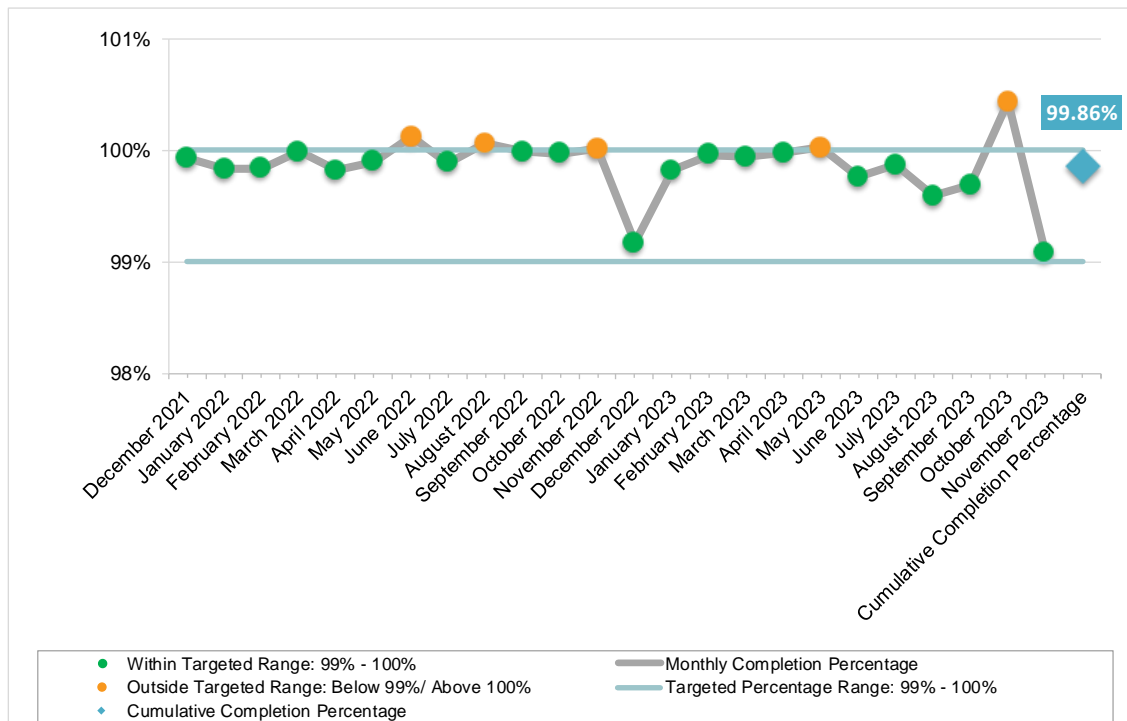


Chart 2. CareSource's monthly encounter submissions expressed as a percentage of payments submitted to the FAC to reported CMO monthly CDJ payments for the entire plan



CareSource Encounter and CDJ Comparison



CARESOURCE FEE-FOR-SERVICE (NON-VENDOR) MONTHLY TABLE

Table 2 — CareSource Fee-for-Service (Non-Vendor)

Paid Month	Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)	Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)	Percentage of Encounters Adjusted	Monthly Encounter Net Total	CDJ Monthly Reported Total	Monthly Variance	Monthly Completion Percentage
December 2021	\$70,565,370	\$0	0.00%	\$70,565,370	\$70,600,013	(\$34,643)	99.95%
January 2022	\$79,198,231	\$0	0.00%	\$79,198,231	\$79,349,204	(\$150,972)	99.80%
February 2022	\$68,361,400	\$0	0.00%	\$68,361,400	\$68,485,373	(\$123,973)	99.81%
March 2022	\$79,030,643	\$0	0.00%	\$79,030,643	\$79,023,388	\$7,255	100.00%
April 2022	\$78,927,363	\$0	0.00%	\$78,927,363	\$79,093,361	(\$165,998)	99.79%
May 2022	\$73,707,914	\$0	0.00%	\$73,707,914	\$73,785,546	(\$77,633)	99.89%
June 2022	\$73,189,328	\$0	0.00%	\$73,189,328	\$73,059,726	\$129,601	100.17%
July 2022	\$68,444,737	\$0	0.00%	\$68,444,737	\$68,508,537	(\$63,799)	99.90%
August 2022	\$89,210,356	(\$2,684)	0.00%	\$89,207,672	\$89,153,071	\$54,602	100.06%
September 2022	\$73,778,149	(\$134)	0.00%	\$73,778,015	\$73,757,110	\$20,906	100.02%
October 2022	\$88,119,037	(\$709)	0.00%	\$88,118,328	\$88,138,589	(\$20,261)	99.97%
November 2022	\$91,240,622	(\$3,292)	0.00%	\$91,237,330	\$91,199,761	\$37,568	100.04%
December 2022	\$88,149,720	(\$27,560)	-0.03%	\$88,122,160	\$88,959,413	(\$837,253)	99.05%
January 2023	\$73,961,733	\$0	0.00%	\$73,961,733	\$74,107,276	(\$145,543)	99.80%
February 2023	\$83,367,545	\$0	0.00%	\$83,367,545	\$83,378,041	(\$10,496)	99.98%
March 2023	\$88,963,942	(\$89)	0.00%	\$88,963,853	\$88,986,713	(\$22,860)	99.97%
April 2023	\$81,996,184	\$0	0.00%	\$81,996,184	\$81,998,676	(\$2,492)	99.99%
May 2023	\$100,892,802	(\$56)	0.00%	\$100,892,746	\$100,836,339	\$56,407	100.05%
June 2023	\$80,136,436	(\$36)	0.00%	\$80,136,400	\$80,289,497	(\$153,097)	99.80%
July 2023	\$83,841,527	\$0	0.00%	\$83,841,527	\$83,944,687	(\$103,160)	99.87%
August 2023	\$80,624,017	\$0	0.00%	\$80,624,017	\$80,761,581	(\$137,563)	99.82%
September 2023	\$76,254,400	\$0	0.00%	\$76,254,400	\$76,505,947	(\$251,548)	99.67%
October 2023	\$86,929,905	(\$234)	0.00%	\$86,929,671	\$86,412,736	\$516,935	100.59%
November 2023	\$81,180,994	(\$382,236)	-0.47%	\$80,798,758	\$81,623,290	(\$824,532)	98.98%
Cumulative Totals	\$1,940,072,354	(\$417,029)	-0.02%	\$1,939,655,326	\$1,941,957,873	(\$2,302,547)	99.88%
State Contract Minimum Completeness Percentage Requirement							99.00%

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CARESOURCE EXPRESS SCRIPTS MONTHLY TABLE

Table 3 — Express Scripts (Pharmacy Benefits)

Paid Month	Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)	Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)	Percentage of Encounters Adjusted	Monthly Encounter Net Total	CDJ Monthly Reported Total	Monthly Variance	Monthly Completion Percentage
December 2021	\$9,667,345	\$0	0.00%	\$9,667,345	\$9,680,270	(\$12,925)	99.86%
January 2022	\$9,454,765	\$0	0.00%	\$9,454,765	\$9,458,302	(\$3,537)	99.96%
February 2022	\$9,240,647	\$0	0.00%	\$9,240,647	\$9,244,682	(\$4,036)	99.95%
March 2022	\$11,307,454	\$0	0.00%	\$11,307,454	\$11,317,868	(\$10,414)	99.90%
April 2022	\$9,762,632	\$0	0.00%	\$9,762,632	\$9,764,535	(\$1,903)	99.98%
May 2022	\$11,724,442	\$0	0.00%	\$11,724,442	\$11,726,250	(\$1,808)	99.98%
June 2022	\$10,616,506	\$0	0.00%	\$10,616,506	\$10,623,316	(\$6,810)	99.93%
July 2022	\$9,749,498	\$0	0.00%	\$9,749,498	\$9,755,132	(\$5,634)	99.94%
August 2022	\$13,063,257	\$0	0.00%	\$13,063,257	\$13,068,357	(\$5,100)	99.96%
September 2022	\$11,536,113	\$0	0.00%	\$11,536,113	\$11,552,526	(\$16,414)	99.85%
October 2022	\$11,555,371	\$0	0.00%	\$11,555,371	\$11,558,641	(\$3,270)	99.97%
November 2022	\$11,838,438	\$0	0.00%	\$11,838,438	\$11,848,839	(\$10,401)	99.91%
December 2022	\$11,358,642	\$0	0.00%	\$11,358,642	\$11,383,857	(\$25,215)	99.77%
January 2023	\$11,244,206	\$0	0.00%	\$11,244,206	\$11,252,614	(\$8,408)	99.92%
February 2023	\$11,001,774	\$0	0.00%	\$11,001,774	\$11,014,916	(\$13,142)	99.88%
March 2023	\$13,093,204	\$0	0.00%	\$13,093,204	\$13,129,727	(\$36,523)	99.72%
April 2023	\$11,589,209	\$0	0.00%	\$11,589,209	\$11,606,754	(\$17,545)	99.84%
May 2023	\$13,446,945	\$0	0.00%	\$13,446,945	\$13,453,284	(\$6,339)	99.95%
June 2023	\$12,464,607	\$0	0.00%	\$12,464,607	\$12,524,691	(\$60,085)	99.52%
July 2023	\$12,024,750	\$0	0.00%	\$12,024,750	\$12,036,819	(\$12,070)	99.89%
August 2023	\$13,835,189	\$0	0.00%	\$13,835,189	\$14,079,206	(\$244,017)	98.26%
September 2023	\$10,927,465	\$0	0.00%	\$10,927,465	\$10,955,171	(\$27,706)	99.74%
October 2023	\$12,464,866	\$0	0.00%	\$12,464,866	\$12,500,235	(\$35,369)	99.71%
November 2023	\$11,271,561	\$0	0.00%	\$11,271,561	\$11,318,799	(\$47,238)	99.58%
Cumulative Totals	\$274,238,885	\$0	0.00%	\$274,238,885	\$274,854,793	(\$615,908)	99.77%
<i>State Contract Minimum Completeness Percentage Requirement</i>							99.00%

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CARESOURCE SKYGEN MONTHLY TABLE

Table 4 — CareSource Skygen (Dental)

Paid Month	Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)	Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)	Percentage of Encounters Adjusted	Monthly Encounter Net Total	CDJ Monthly Reported Total	Monthly Variance	Monthly Completion Percentage
December 2021	\$3,531,974	\$0	0.00%	\$3,531,974	\$3,534,647	(\$2,674)	99.92%
January 2022	\$4,027,628	\$0	0.00%	\$4,027,628	\$4,030,011	(\$2,383)	99.94%
February 2022	\$4,538,526	\$42	0.00%	\$4,538,568	\$4,534,919	\$3,649	100.08%
March 2022	\$4,225,028	\$0	0.00%	\$4,225,028	\$4,229,685	(\$4,658)	99.88%
April 2022	\$3,978,892	\$0	0.00%	\$3,978,892	\$3,975,041	\$3,851	100.09%
May 2022	\$5,457,153	\$0	0.00%	\$5,457,153	\$5,461,945	(\$4,792)	99.91%
June 2022	\$3,539,343	\$0	0.00%	\$3,539,343	\$3,542,134	(\$2,792)	99.92%
July 2022	\$3,891,691	\$0	0.00%	\$3,891,691	\$3,912,193	(\$20,502)	99.47%
August 2022	\$4,595,819	\$0	0.00%	\$4,595,819	\$4,578,672	\$17,147	100.37%
September 2022	\$4,827,110	\$0	0.00%	\$4,827,110	\$4,831,339	(\$4,229)	99.91%
October 2022	\$5,580,261	\$0	0.00%	\$5,580,261	\$5,580,590	(\$330)	99.99%
November 2022	\$4,299,923	\$0	0.00%	\$4,299,923	\$4,301,971	(\$2,048)	99.95%
December 2022	\$4,160,251	\$0	0.00%	\$4,160,251	\$4,161,195	(\$944)	99.97%
January 2023	\$4,383,139	\$11	0.00%	\$4,383,150	\$4,384,466	(\$1,316)	99.96%
February 2023	\$4,564,568	\$0	0.00%	\$4,564,568	\$4,577,871	(\$13,303)	99.70%
March 2023	\$4,523,469	\$11	0.00%	\$4,523,479	\$4,521,083	\$2,397	100.05%
April 2023	\$4,320,386	\$0	0.00%	\$4,320,386	\$4,318,783	\$1,603	100.03%
May 2023	\$5,505,803	\$0	0.00%	\$5,505,803	\$5,509,141	(\$3,338)	99.93%
June 2023	\$5,287,755	\$0	0.00%	\$5,287,755	\$5,302,055	(\$14,300)	99.73%
July 2023	\$3,668,808	\$0	0.00%	\$3,668,808	\$3,677,544	(\$8,736)	99.76%
August 2023	\$3,938,691	\$0	0.00%	\$3,938,691	\$3,956,238	(\$17,547)	99.55%
September 2023	\$6,451,398	\$0	0.00%	\$6,451,398	\$6,463,308	(\$11,910)	99.81%
October 2023	\$5,389,424	\$0	0.00%	\$5,389,424	\$5,407,793	(\$18,369)	99.66%
November 2023	\$4,984,833	(\$22,708)	-0.45%	\$4,962,126	\$4,988,160	(\$26,034)	99.47%
Cumulative Totals	\$109,671,872	(\$22,645)	-0.02%	\$109,649,227	\$109,780,784	(\$131,557)	99.88%
State Contract Minimum Completeness Percentage Requirement							99.00%

CareSource Encounter and CDJ Comparison



CARESOURCE VERSANT HEALTH MONTHLY TABLE

Table 5 — Versant Health (Vision)							
Paid Month	Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)	Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)	Percentage of Encounters Adjusted	Monthly Encounter Net Total	CDJ Monthly Reported Total	Monthly Variance	Monthly Completion Percentage
December 2021	\$145,808	\$0	0.00%	\$145,808	\$146,389	(\$581)	99.60%
January 2022	\$196,855	\$0	0.00%	\$196,855	\$197,288	(\$433)	99.78%
February 2022	\$195,958	\$0	0.00%	\$195,958	\$196,798	(\$840)	99.57%
March 2022	\$229,483	\$0	0.00%	\$229,483	\$230,254	(\$772)	99.66%
April 2022	\$196,437	\$0	0.00%	\$196,437	\$198,175	(\$1,738)	99.12%
May 2022	\$201,695	\$0	0.00%	\$201,695	\$201,961	(\$266)	99.86%
June 2022	\$188,319	\$0	0.00%	\$188,319	\$188,746	(\$427)	99.77%
July 2022	\$243,955	\$0	0.00%	\$243,955	\$241,253	\$2,703	101.12%
August 2022	\$262,308	\$0	0.00%	\$262,308	\$262,540	(\$232)	99.91%
September 2022	\$212,363	\$0	0.00%	\$212,363	\$213,128	(\$765)	99.64%
October 2022	\$243,459	\$0	0.00%	\$243,459	\$244,442	(\$983)	99.59%
November 2022	\$200,944	\$0	0.00%	\$200,944	\$200,895	\$49	100.02%
December 2022	\$183,008	\$0	0.00%	\$183,008	\$184,176	(\$1,168)	99.36%
January 2023	\$248,459	\$0	0.00%	\$248,459	\$248,230	\$228	100.09%
February 2023	\$229,807	\$0	0.00%	\$229,807	\$229,846	(\$39)	99.98%
March 2023	\$274,780	(\$4,277)	-1.55%	\$270,503	\$269,941	\$561	100.20%
April 2023	\$284,298	\$0	0.00%	\$284,298	\$284,111	\$187	100.06%
May 2023	\$244,217	\$0	0.00%	\$244,217	\$244,036	\$181	100.07%
June 2023	\$228,961	\$0	0.00%	\$228,961	\$229,040	(\$79)	99.96%
July 2023	\$315,570	\$0	0.00%	\$315,570	\$315,986	(\$416)	99.86%
August 2023	\$286,662	\$0	0.00%	\$286,662	\$288,795	(\$2,133)	99.26%
September 2023	\$232,990	\$0	0.00%	\$232,990	\$232,526	\$464	100.19%
October 2023	\$274,276	\$0	0.00%	\$274,276	\$273,973	\$303	100.11%
November 2023	\$222,996	\$0	0.00%	\$222,996	\$224,060	(\$1,064)	99.52%
Cumulative Totals	\$5,543,608	(\$4,277)	-0.07%	\$5,539,331	\$5,546,591	(\$7,260)	99.86%
							<i>State Contract Minimum Completeness Percentage Requirement</i>
							99.00%



APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

The following terms are used throughout this document:

- **Care Management Organization (CMO)** – A private organization that has entered into a risk-based contractual arrangement with the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) to obtain and finance care for enrolled Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® members. CMOs receive a per capita or capitation claim payment from DCH for each enrolled member. Effective July 1, 2017, four CMOs were operating in the state of Georgia during the reconciliation period. They were Amerigroup Community Care (Amerigroup or AMG), CareSource (CS), Peach State Health Plan (PSHP), and WellCare of Georgia (WellCare or WCG). Effective May 1, 2021, Peach State and WellCare merged.
- **Cash Disbursement Journal (CDJ) Monthly Reported Total** – The sum of all payments from a CMO or delegated vendor to service providers for a given month as reported by the CMO to DCH.
- **Department of Community Health (DCH)** – The agency in charge of overseeing the health services for the citizens of the state of Georgia.
- **Fiscal Agent Contractor (FAC)** – A contractor selected to design, develop, and maintain the claims processing system, Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); Gainwell Technologies, formerly DXC Technology, became the effective FAC on November 1, 2010.
- **Gainwell Technologies** – State fiscal agent contractor effective November 1, 2010, formerly known as DXC Technology (DXC).
- **Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)** – The claims processing system used by the FAC to adjudicate Georgia Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® claims. CMO submitted encounters are loaded into this system and assigned a unique claim identifier.
- **Monthly Completion Percentage** – The percentage of the monthly encounter net total in relation to the CDJ monthly reported total.
- **Monthly Encounter Net Total** – The sum of the encounter submissions for a given month incorporating the Myers and Stauffer LC encounter data adjustments made to the encounter submissions stored in the FAC's encounter data warehouse.
- **Monthly Encounter Total (Adjustments)** – The sum of all Myers and Stauffer LC adjustments for a given month that were removed from the encounter submissions stored in the FAC's encounter data warehouse.
- **Monthly Encounter Total (FAC Reported)** – The sum of all encounter submissions for a given month stored in the FAC's encounter data warehouse.
- **Monthly Variance** – The difference between the monthly encounter net total and the CDJ monthly reported total.





APPENDIX B – ANALYSIS

Encounters from institutional, medical, and pharmacy service types were combined on like data fields. We analyzed the header reported information of each encounter to capture the amount paid on the entire claim. Encounter totals were calculated by summarizing the data by the CMO paid date, CMO identification number (ID), and specific delegated vendor criteria. Each CMO submitted cash disbursement was summarized by paid date, CMO ID, and specific delegated vendor criteria to create a matching table. These matching tables were combined using common fields and were used to produce the results.

Based on criteria provided by the FAC and/or the CMO, we identified the **CareSource** encounters as follows:

- ❖ ***Skygen (formerly Scion) - Dental Services***
 - Dental claim type of 'D'.
 - Patient account number field contains 'D'.
- ❖ ***Express Scripts - Pharmacy Benefits***
 - Pharmacy claim types of 'P' and 'Q'.
 - Dates of service from January 1, 2020.
- ❖ ***Versant Health – Vision Services***
 - Patient account number field contains a 'V' in the 15th character.
 - Dates of Service from June 1, 2020.
- ❖ ***CareSource - Fee-for-Service (Non-Vendor)***
 - All other plan submitted encounters that do not meet the listed criteria.





APPENDIX C – DATA ANALYSIS ASSUMPTIONS

1. There are instances where the monthly completion percentages in the entire plan, delegated vendor, and/or fee-for-service (non-vendor) completion monthly tables exceeded 100 percent during some months of the reporting period. These overstated monthly completion rates may be due to certain claim voids and replacements that were absent from the encounter data, but were accounted for in the CDJ. Also, duplicate records may have existed in the encounter data that we were unable to identify and remove. Additionally, CDJ payment date may not have matched the payment dates that were reported in the encounter data.
2. Since CDJ files submitted by the plans and their delegated vendors are not separated by Georgia Families region, the data does not permit providing region-specific information for any CMO.
3. When the CMO submits an adjustment encounter, the FAC's encounter processing system automatically creates a void for the original (replaced) encounter. These system-generated voids bear the same paid date as the original encounter. At the direction of DCH, and in order to more accurately reconcile to the cash payments, we have attempted to match these voids' paid dates to the adjustment dates.
4. Instances were noted where a record's transaction type implied a specific sign valuation for the CMO paid amount (e.g., a void implied that the amount should be negative). However, the data submitted for these records did not accurately reflect the correct sign valuation. Where possible, these CDJ and/or encounter payment amounts were adjusted to reflect the expected sign of the payment in accordance with the transaction type.
5. We instructed the CMOs to exclude referral fees, management fees, and other non-encounter related fees from the CDJ data that is submitted to Myers and Stauffer LC. We reviewed the CDJs for these payments and removed them from the analysis when they were identified.
6. Separately itemized interest expenses are excluded from the CDJ and encounter totals when the interest amounts are included in the CMO paid amounts on the encounters and/or CDJ transaction amounts.
7. Percentage ratios noted in this report are rounded down. The sum of the percentages may not add up to the percentage sum total (Tables A and B).
8. Opportunities for improving the encounter reconciliation process have been identified during the analysis of the encounter data and cash disbursement journals, as well as frequent interactions with the CMOs, their delegated vendors, DCH, and its FAC. While we have attempted to account for these situations, other potential issues within the data may exist that have not yet been identified, which may require us to restate prior reports or modify reconciliation processes in the future.

