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Physician Efficiency,
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Physician Performance Insights Reports

As part of our **Physician Efficiency, Appropriateness, & QualitySM** program, you may receive a PPI report. The PPI report shows how you compare to peers in your working specialty. **PEAQSM** results help our members find care.

This guide has details on reading your PPI report. See our [PEAQ page](#) for the program’s methodology.

Options for Accessing Your Report

- Sign in to [Availity[®] Essentials](#).
 - Select Payer Spaces from the navigation menu.
 - Under Applications, select **PEAQ Report**.
 - If you don’t yet have an Availity account, [register here](#) at no cost.
- Contact your [Network Representative](#) with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana.

If you have questions about PEAQ, email [PEAQ Inquiries](#).

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Composite Summary

- A** If you have questions about the header demographics or would like to report an error, email [PEAQ Inquiries](#). A representative will respond.
- B** A **Top Performing Physician** designation means you've received high composite scores. The designation appears in [Provider Finder](#)[®].
- C** This section shows **Your Composite Score** related to **Tier Performance**. Dotted vertical lines indicate approximate tier cutoffs. The blue line shows your individual ranking.
- D** **Composite Scores** are based on a weighted average of the PEAQ components you were scored on during the reporting period.
If you haven't met the minimum criteria for a component, you won't receive a report for that component.
- E** This row indicates **Your Tier**. This may impact cost-sharing for members in employer groups participating in a tiered benefit option.
- F** The blue dots on the left indicate how Provider Finder summarizes your performance. Only you have access to the evaluation details in this report.
- G** This section summarizes your performance among peers in PEAQ components. Details about these results are in the following pages of the PPI report.
The dark blue dot represents your individual ranking among your peer group. The aqua dots represent where peers rank among the group.

Overall Performance Insights

National Provider ID

State **Montana**

Board Certified **Yes**

Working Specialty **Pulmonary**

Tier **1**

Top Performing Physician

Your Overall Results

This is a transparent professional evaluation of performance based on adherence to clinical guidelines and best practices for quality of patient care, cost efficiency of care, as well as medical appropriateness. What are the components that comprise your **PEAQ performance**?

C Your Composite Score

— Your Score : 6.04
--- Tier Cutoffs

Understanding Your Performance Relative to Your Peers

	Below Average Performance (Tier 3)	Average Performance (Tier 2)	High Performance (Tier 1)
Your Tier			★ You are here
Tier Performance	● ○ ○	● ● ○	● ● ●
# of Providers in Tier	8	14	7

Components of your Composite Score

- 60% Efficiency
- 20% Appropriateness
- 20% Quality

Your Detailed Results

How do your **detailed** results compare to your peers?

Component	Your Scores vs Your Peers	
Cost Efficiency		6.57
Medical Appropriateness		4.50
Quality of Patient Care		5.89

0 Below Average Performance 5 Average Performance 10 High Performance

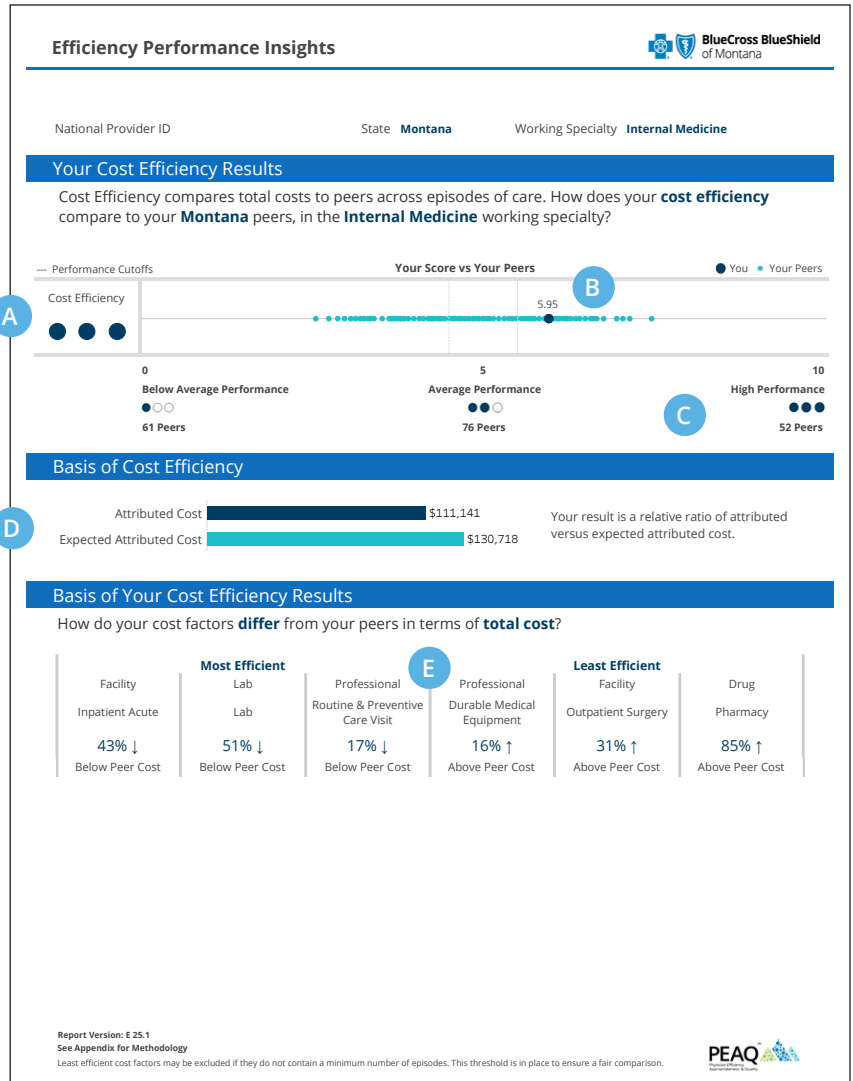
Report Version: C 25.1
See Appendix for Methodology
Only Providers who are scored in more than 1 component and are in Tier 1 are qualified for "Top Performing Provider" badge.

Efficiency Summary

- A** This section indicates how Provider Finder summarizes your **Efficiency** performance.
- B** The dark blue dot represents your individual ranking among your peer group. The smaller aqua dots represent where peers rank among the group.
- C** There are three performance tiers. Each physician within the peer group is assigned to one of the performance tier groups based on the calculated result and its relationship to the peer group's mean.
- D** **Attributed Cost** is the allowed amount from claims attributed to you, weighted by the proportion of Relative Value Units you contributed to each of the measured episodes.

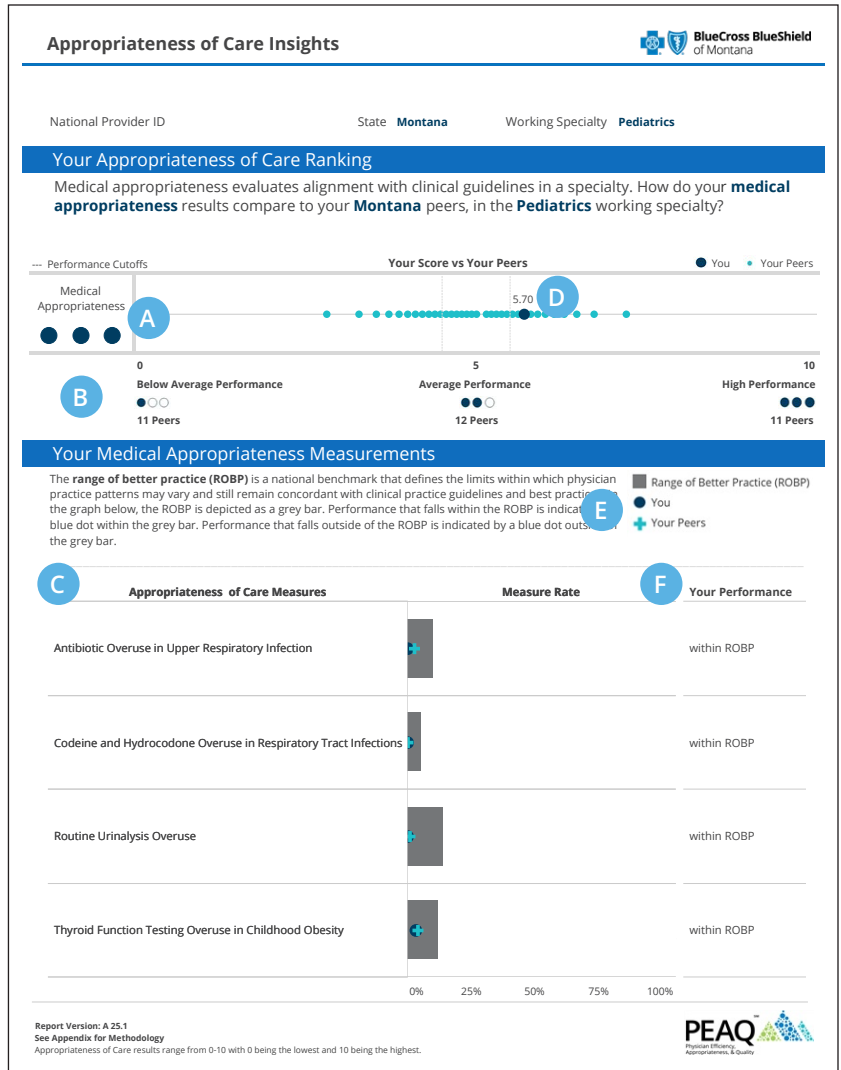
Expected Attributed Cost is the peer group's average. It assumes the same mix of diagnostic groups and episode counts, adjusted for the physicians' patients' risk and the proportion of RVUs the physicians contributed to each measured episode.
- E** All medical and pharmaceutical services for Episodes of Care attributed to you are grouped into 27 cost factors based on procedure code and place of treatment.

Up to three factors depict where you are **Most Efficient** compared to peers. Up to three depict where you are **Least Efficient**. If you are a highly efficient physician, you will see up to six of your Most Efficient factors.



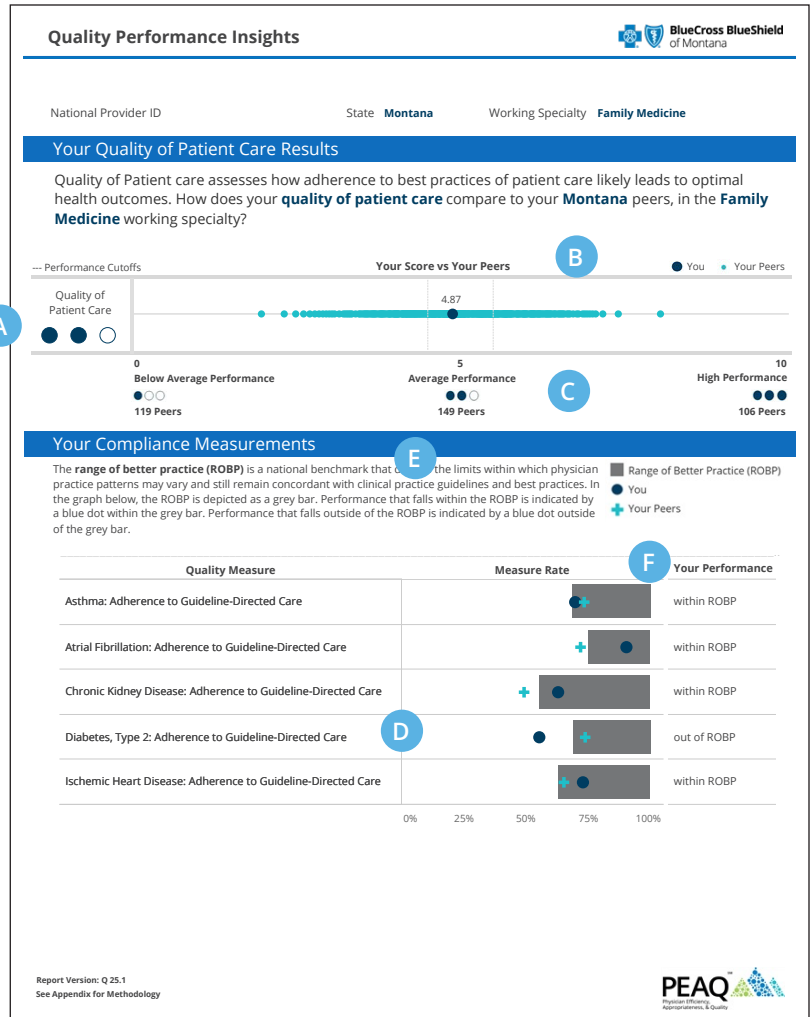
Appropriateness Summary

- A** This section indicates how Provider Finder summarizes your **Appropriateness** performance.
- B** There are three performance tiers. Each physician within the peer group is assigned to one of the performance tier groups based on the calculated result and its relationship to the peer group's mean.
- C** BCBSMT selected a subset of Appropriateness measures representative of your working specialty.
- D** The dark blue dot represents your individual ranking among your peer group. The smaller aqua dots represent where peers rank among the group.
- E** **Range of Better Practice:** This is the variation in performance that may reasonably occur among physicians within the same specialty. The area within the gray bar indicates appropriate practice.
You: Your performance within the measure is depicted with a dark blue dot.
Your Peers: Your peer group's performance within the measure is depicted with a plus sign.
- F** The **Your Performance** column indicates if performance is within or outside the ROBP. Performance outside of ROBP does not always equate to inappropriate behavior.

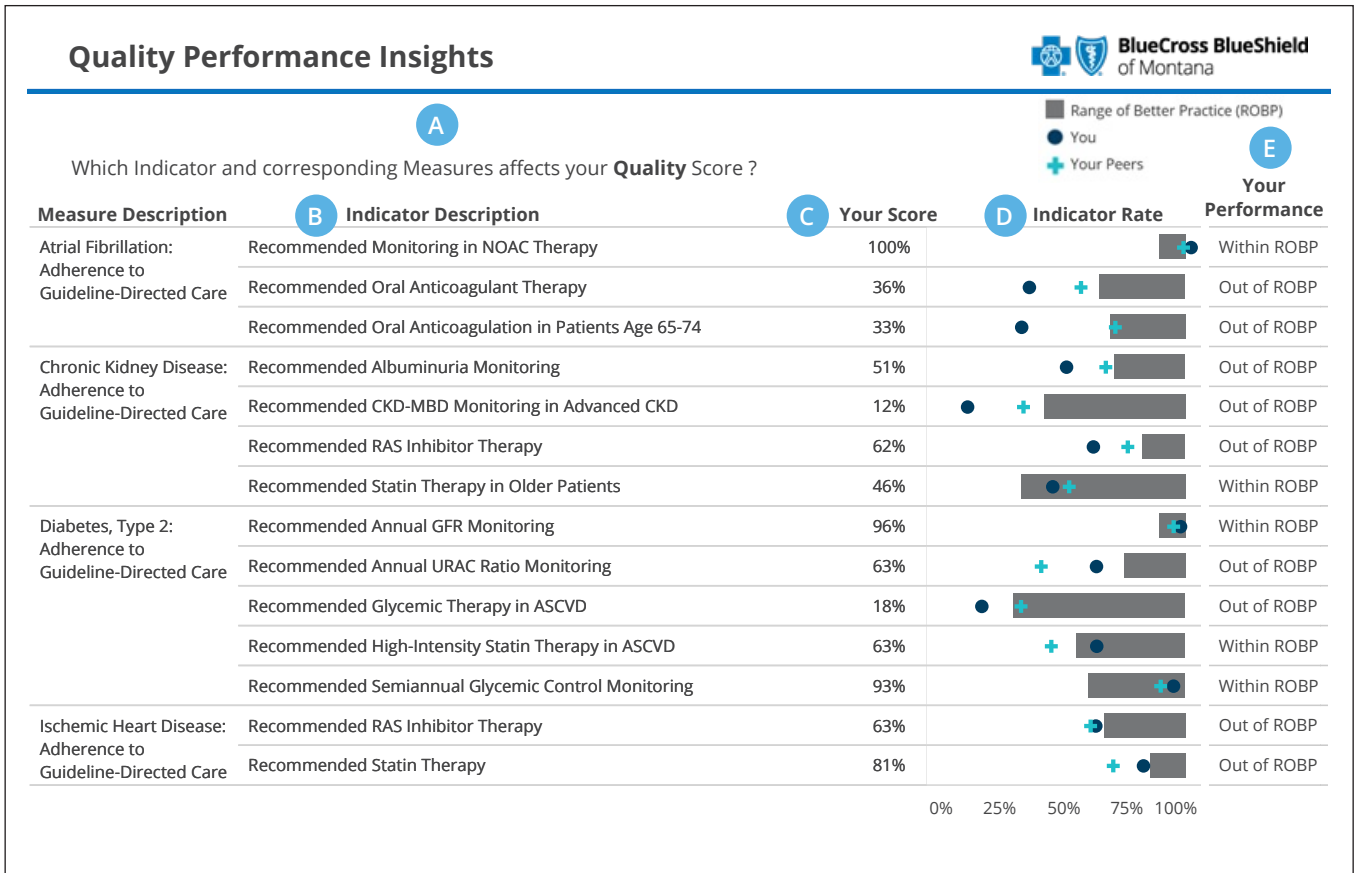


Quality Summary

- A** This section shows how Provider Finder summarizes your **Quality** performance.
- B** The dark blue dot represents your individual ranking among your peer group. The smaller aqua dots represent where peers rank among the group.
- C** There are three performance tiers. Each physician within the peer group is assigned to one of the tiers based on the calculated result and its relationship to the peer group's mean.
- D** BCBSMT selected a subset of quality measures representative of working specialty.
- E** **Range of Better Practice:** This is the variation in performance that may reasonably occur among physicians within the same specialty. The area within the gray bar indicates appropriate practice.
- You:** Your performance within the measure is depicted with a dark blue dot.
- Your Peers:** Your peer group's performance within the measure is depicted with a plus sign
- F** The **Your Performance** column indicates if performance is within or outside the ROBP. Performance outside of ROBP does not always equate to inappropriate behavior.



Quality Summary – Quality Practice Score Indicators



- A** If your Quality measures are condition-based, the PPI report includes information about the measure's indicators.
- B** Condition-based quality measures are supported by a set of indicators that define specific measures of adherence to clinical guidelines.
- C** Each indicator represents a specific component of care. **Your Score** reflects performance in that area.

- D** **Indicator Rate** shows a Range of Better Practice for the variation in performance that may reasonably occur among physicians within the same specialty. The area within the gray bar indicates appropriate practice.
- E** **Your Performance** notes if performance is within or outside the ROBP. Performance outside of ROBP does not always equate to inappropriate behavior.

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