# PEPPER Target Areas for Home Health Agencies

## \*Note: Target Areas may be added or modified at the discretion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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| **TARGET AREA** | **TARGET AREA DEFINITION** |
| **Average Case Mix** | *N:* sum of case mix weight for all episodes paid to the HHA during the report period, excluding LUPAs (identified by Part A NCH HHA LUPA code) and PEPs (identified as patient discharge status code equal to ‘06’)  *D:* count of episodes paid to the HHA during the report period, excluding LUPAs and PEPs |
| **Average Number of Episodes** | *N*: count of episodes paid to the HHA during the report period  *D*: count of unique beneficiaries served by the HHA during the report period |
| **Episodes with 5 or 6 Visits** | *N*: count of episodes with 5 or 6 visits paid to the HHA during the report period  *D*: count of episodes paid to the HHA during the report period |
| **Non-LUPA Payments** | *N*: count of episodes paid to the HHA that did not have a LUPA payment during the report period  *D*: count of episodes paid to the HHA during the report period |
| **High Therapy Utilization Episodes** | *N*: count of episodes with 20+ therapy visits paid to the HHA during the report period (first digit of HHRG equal to ‘5’)  *D*: count of episodes paid to the HHA during the report period |
| **Outlier Payments** | *N:* sum of dollar amount of outlier payments (identified by the amount where Value Code equal to ’17’) for episodes paid to the HHA during the report period  *D:*  sum of dollar amount of total payments for episodes paid to the HHA during the report period |