

Minnesota Notes

In the Medicaid and CHIP parts, there is a slight discrepancy between the total number of unique names in the Provider_Full_NM2 column and those in the BOD_Formatted_Name column. The reason for the difference is probably name variations.

While it seems to be reasonable to use the IKN names (Provider_Full_NM2) to determine head counts, I have used the column BOD_Formatted_Name to determine head counts for all three parts, Medicaid, CHIP, and BOD stand-alone, in the state report. Therefore, the sum of head counts in the FTE files don't not match exactly the head counts in the state report.

There is another important factor that supports using BOD_Formatted_Name for state report head counting. If Provider_Full_NM2 is used, the sum of dentists from the Medicaid, CHIP and BOD stand-alone parts would amount to 4318, while the original supply of dentists in the BOD roster is only 3095 after dropping off out-of-state addresses.

There are 25 P.O. Box addresses in the BOD stand-alone part. This is a constant problem with BOD data. For those who will be using the FTE, please take this into account.