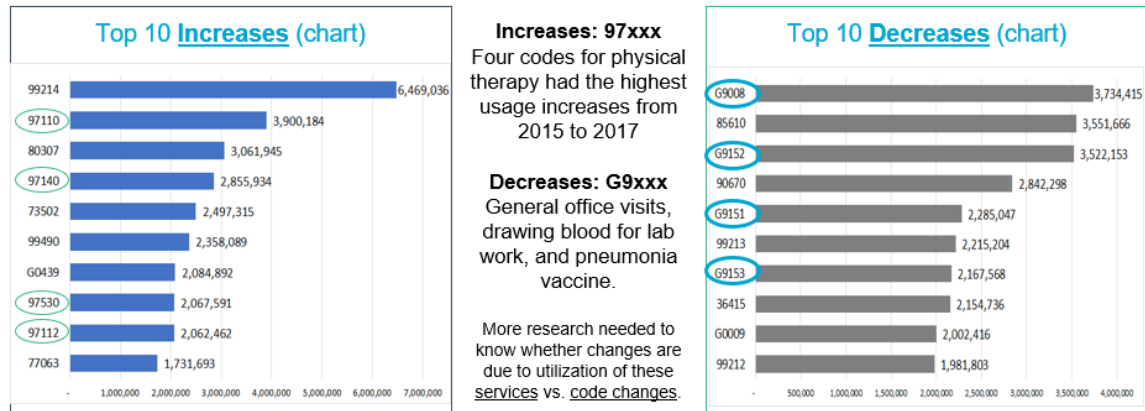


Number of Distinct Medicare Beneficiary Per Day Services



LORI: We noticed a trend in the top 10 **increases** in utilization from 2015 to 2017. Four of them began with “97”, and are physical therapy codes, such as **Outpatient Phys & Occupational Therapy**, and **Manual Therapy**. We also know that new HCPCS codes were introduced in 2017. So the increase in utilization of these specific codes may NOT necessarily mean in increase in utilization of these SERVICES, which is an important distinction to be aware of.

We see this play out in the top 10 **decreases**, as well. Four of the codes are G9 codes, which are for general office visit, collecting blood for lab work, and pneumonia vaccine which are very common procedures. These may represent the older codes that were replaced in 2017.

The final step in our presentation is a summary, which will be presented by Ari.