1. Distribution of Gender

• Description:

- o This bar graph presents the gender distribution of healthcare providers.
- o The x-axis represents gender categories: "F" (Female), "M" (Male), and "Unknown."
- o The y-axis shows the number of providers in each gender category.

Insights:

- Male Providers: A majority of healthcare providers are male, with the number exceeding 60,000.
- Female Providers: There are significantly fewer female healthcare providers, totaling around 30,000.
- o Unknown Gender: A small fraction of providers have their gender marked as "Unknown."

Possible Implications:

- The data indicates a potential gender imbalance in the healthcare profession, with male providers being more numerous.
- The "Unknown" gender category may suggest missing or incomplete data, highlighting the need for better data quality or clarification.

2. Top 10 States by Number of Providers

• Description:

- o This bar graph visualizes the states with the highest number of healthcare providers.
- The x-axis displays state abbreviations, and the y-axis indicates the number of healthcare providers in each state.

Insights:

- o **California (CA):** The state with the highest number of healthcare providers, with more than 7,500 providers.
- Florida (FL) and Texas (TX): These states follow closely, having a significant number of providers.
- Other States: States like New York (NY) and Pennsylvania (PA) rank next, with fewer providers than the top three.
- Michigan (MI) and New Jersey (NJ): These states round out the top 10 with smaller provider counts.

Possible Implications:

- Larger, more populous states (such as California, Florida, and Texas) tend to have a higher number of healthcare providers, likely due to larger populations and urban centers.
- Analyzing the geographical distribution of providers can highlight underserved areas, potentially informing resource allocation and healthcare access strategies.

3. Correlation Heatmap Analysis

Key Findings:

Strong Positive Correlations:

There is a strong positive correlation between the Medicare Allowed Amount and Medicare
 Payment Amount, as well as between the Medicare Allowed Amount and Medicare

Standardized Amount.

Moderate Positive Correlation:

A moderate positive correlation exists between Submitted Charge Amount and Medicare
Payment Amount.

Weak Correlations:

Other pairs of variables show weak correlations, especially with the Zip Code.

Insights:

- The strong correlations between payment amounts and allowable amounts suggest that payments are primarily influenced by what Medicare allows.
- The moderate correlation between charges and payments may indicate that submitted charges have a partial impact on the final payment.

4. Distribution of Medicare Payments

Overall Shape:

• The distribution of Medicare payments is heavily **right-skewed**, meaning a large number of claims have relatively low payment amounts, while a few high-cost procedures significantly skew the data.

• Key Observations:

- Peak: The distribution peaks at around \$0-\$50, indicating that most claims fall within this lower payment range.
- Tail: The distribution has a long tail to the right, showing that there are few claims with very high payments. This is likely due to high-cost treatments or procedures.
- o **Frequency:** The y-axis displays the frequency or count of claims in each payment range, with the height of the bars representing how common different payment amounts are.

Possible Implications:

 The right-skewed distribution suggests that while many providers deal with relatively lower-cost claims, the healthcare system still sees occasional, high-cost claims, potentially affecting overall budgeting and payment planning.