

Proxy panel selection algorithm

The HQCA proxy panel is an **estimate** of a physician's active panel based on the **pattern of family physician billing claims over a three-year period**. The current data period covers **April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019**.

The algorithm predicts which family physician, from all those seen by a patient over the three-year time period, is most likely to be the patient's main family physician. If there is a tie between two or more family physicians at any step, assignment moves to the next step.

The proxy panel will be most accurate for physicians who had a stable practice during the data period and who saw few patients of other family physicians (e.g., in an after-hours or walk-in clinic).

Please note information on the specific diagnostic codes used in the algorithm can be found in the [data dictionary](#).

View the proxy panel selection algorithm below.

