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Staffing Ratios

This section provides an analysis of staffing ratios by function. Ratios are presented on a per 10,000 member basis.

Outsourced FTEs are estimated by the Plans base on their insights or conversion factors supplied by Sherlock Comapny. These conversion factors are based on actual results from Plans that only infrequently outsource. Combined FTEs are the sum of internal and outsourced FTEs. Combined FTEs are intended to represent the staffing if no activities were outsourced.

Inferred Combined FTEs by product and by segment are estimated by dividing the Plan's PMPM costs by the total costs per FTE. This value is then divided by 120,000 to convert monthly costs to annual FTEs and to adjust for the staffing ratio being expressed in per 10,000 members.

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Outsourced Staffing Costs are provided by the Plans. Depending on the Plan, their ultimate source may be their direct knowledge of the compensation of the outsourced FTE or an estimate. If estimated by the Plans, it may be based upon local wage levels for the personnel or the typical costs for FTEs in Plans that only infrequently outsource the estimated function. Sherlock Company supplies conversion factors based on actual results.

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