

## Payer Categorization

Price transparency data is collected via the HSCRC Inpatient Discharge Data Set. MHCC used the “Expected Primary Payer” field (Data Item 22) to classify 18 potential sources of payment in to four major categories. The table below shows how each primary source of payment is categorized in to one of four payer types.

Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Fee-for-Service</li> <li>• Medicare HMO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service and pending Maryland Medicaid*</li> <li>• Maryland Medicaid HMO*</li> </ul> <p>*Medicaid ID must be reported in Data Item #176</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Cross</li> <li>• Blue Cross (out-of-state)</li> <li>• Blue Cross-National Capital Area</li> <li>• HMO</li> <li>• Commercial insurance other than Blue Cross</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-pay</li> <li>• Workmen’s compensation</li> <li>• Charity</li> <li>• Donor</li> <li>• International insurance</li> <li>• Other government programs such as out-of-state Medicaid</li> <li>• Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Unknown</li> </ul>