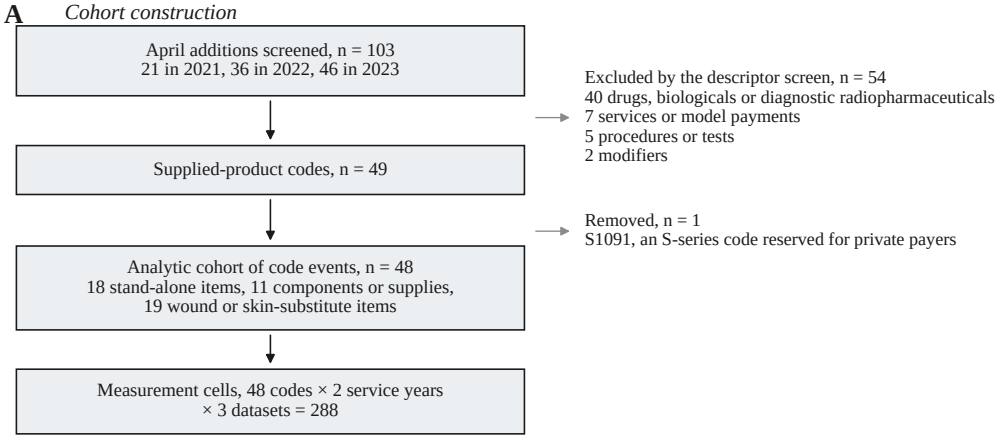

A
Cohort construction
April additions screened, n = 103
21 in 2021, 36 in 2022, 46 in 2023
Excluded by the descriptor screen, n = 54
40 drugs, biologicals or diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals
7 services or model payments
5 procedures or tests
2 modifiers
Supplied-product codes, n = 49
Removed, n = 1
S1091, an S-series code reserved for private payers
Analytic cohort of code events, n = 48
18 stand-alone items, 11 components or supplies,
19 wound or skin-substitute items
Measurement cells, 48 codes × 2 service years
× 3 datasets = 288
B
Measurement design
1 Jan
year Y
1 Apr
year Y
31 Dec
year Y
31 Dec
year Y+1
service period, seven calendar quarters
code effective
annual file for
service year Y−1
(falsification check)
annual file for
service year Y
annual file for
service year Y+1
each file queried with the exact five-character code in three datasets
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All queries were run on
22 August 2026. A file
records the service period
it covers. Nothing in the
design observes the date
on which CMS released
a row, and no national
row is a zero-use state.