




**SECTION 2 - EXTERNAL DATA LINKAGE VALIDATION**

External Source	Linkage Key	Key Format in Epic	Key Format in Source	Match Rate	Format Issue?	Resolution
Medicare Claims	Medicare MBI	Hyphenated: 1E G4-TE5-MK72	Hyphenated: 1E G4-TE5-MK72	94%	Yes - leading spaces in Epic field	Strip leading/trailing spaces in ETL transform on Epic MBI field
Financial System	Provider NPI	10-digit: 1234567890	10-digit: 1234567890	99%	No	Use as-is
Press Ganey HCAHPS	Patient MRN	Numeric: 001234567	Numeric with leading zeros: 001234567	98%	Minor - Epic sometimes drops leading zeros	LPAD Epic MRN to 9 digits in ETL transform
Vizient Benchmark	DRG Code	3-digit numeric: 291	3-digit numeric: 291	100%	No	Use as-is