**HHA episode did not end with transfer to an acute care hospital or another HHA**

N = 2,323,215 (96.5%)

**Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries discharged from HHA care 7/01/13 – 6/01/15\***

N = 4,625,028

**Short-term acute care stay over prior 30 days (index hospitalization)**

N = 2,437,498 (52.7%)

**Survived HHA episode of care**

N = 2,407,300 (98.8%)

**Age ≥18 years**

N = 2,407,260 (100%)

**Continuous Part A and no Medicare Advantage over study period†**

N = 2,130,507 (91.7%)

**Discharged from HHA episode to the community**

N = 2,128,488 (99.9%)

**Not discharged from HHA episode against medical advice**

N = 2,125,757 (99.9%)

**No non-surgical treatment for cancer during index hospitalization**

N = 2,028,245 (95.4%)

**Received HHA care in U.S., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory**

N = **2,028,245 (100%)**

**Complete functional data available in HHA discharge assessment**

N = **1,533,765 (75.6%)**

**Figure 1.** Flow chart presenting number of eligible cases remaining at each step as exclusion criteria applied. Percentages are percent remaining from the previous step. Abbreviations: HHA, home health agency; U.S., United States

\* 1st discharge was selected if patient had more than one between 7/01/2013 and 6/01/2015.

† ‘Study period’ refers to the one year prior to the index hospitalization through the 32 days post-discharge for each HHA stay.