

Hypothesis Testing			
Question			
1. Increasing medical costs have created a financial crisis among insurance companies that provide medical benefits programs to major corporations. In an attempt to measure the cost of medical benefits to its employees, the personal manager of a California-based manufacturing company randomly surveyed the records of n=64 employees and recorded the medical insurance claims by each chosen employee for the previous 12 months. The result of this survey revealed an average total claim of \$964 with standard deviation of \$147.			
a. Estimate the average annual medical claim per employee and place a 95% bound on the error of estimation			
b. The insurance carrier for the California-based manufacturing company has informed corporate officials that coverage will be continued only if it can be shown that the average employee claim does not exceed \$900. Based on the above information what do you conclude? Test by using significance level = 0.05.			
a.	Estimating the average annual medical claim per employee at 95% confidence level.		
Stdev	\$147	Standard error = Standard Deviation of sample (stdev) / $\sqrt{\text{Sample size (n)}}$	
Mean	\$964		
n	64		
Standard error	\$18.38	Margin of error = Critical value x Standard error	
Critical value	1.96		
Margin of error	\$36.01		
Upper Limit	\$1,000.01		
Lower Limit	\$927.99		
Confidence intervals	\$927.99	-	\$1,000.01
The average annual medical claim at 95% confidence level ranged from \$927.99 to \$1000.01			
b.	Null Hypothesis = The average annual medical claim per employee is less than or equal to \$900 ($\mu \leq \\$900.$)		
The lower limit would be \$927.99 at 0.05 significance level. This lower limit exceeds \$900, which means that the lower limit of an average annual medical claim exceeds the maximum threshold that the insurance carrier set. The <i>p</i> -value is lower than the significance level, which means that there is sufficient evidence to prove that the average employee claim exceeds \$900. Thus, the insurance carrier will opt to discontinue the coverage for the company.			