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Cost of Care in Colorado

Insights from the Colorado All Payer Claims Database interactive public reports @ www.civhc.org

Overview

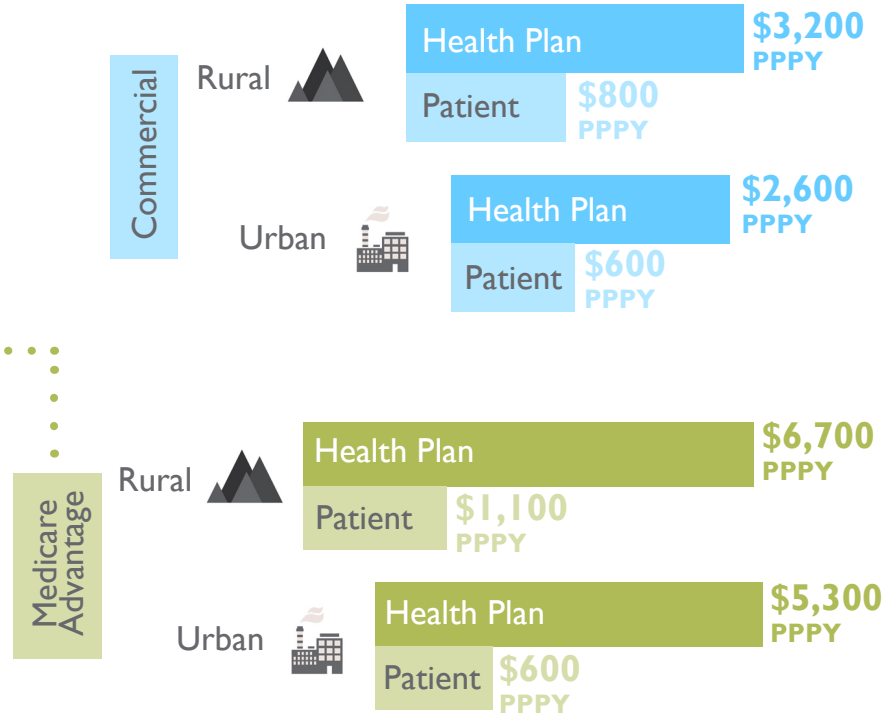
It takes nearly **\$4,000** Per Person Per Year (PPPY) to cover the health care needs of most Coloradans*

*Medicaid, Commercial, & Medicare Advantage covered lives

Rural vs. Urban

In general, expenses for rural Coloradans are higher.

Rural Medicare Advantage patients pay **nearly double** the **out-of-pocket costs** annually compared to urban residents.



Trends

Between 2012-2015, costs to pay for **health care expenses rose an average of 6%*** across all payers.

*average of \$600 per PPPY



Across all payers, **Females cost more than Males PPPY.**



...and females are most expensive between ages 35-64, and 65+.

Service Costs

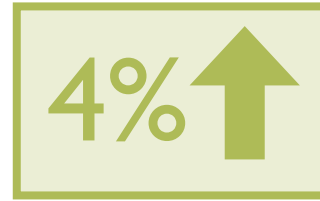
The **biggest increase** in costs across all payers is in the **pharmacy service category**. Medicare Advantage had the highest increase in pharmacy, from **\$440 PPPY to \$1,900 PPPY**.

SERVICE CATEGORY PERCENT CHANGES FROM 2012-2015

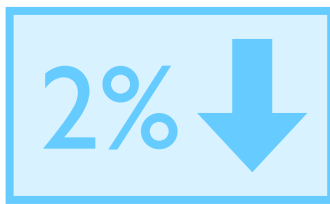
PHARMACY SERVICES



OUTPATIENT (clinic) SERVICES



INPATIENT (hospital) SERVICES



PROFESSIONAL (clinician) SERVICES*



*Professional services typically occur in inpatient, outpatient, or clinic settings and are typically billed separately.

County Profiles

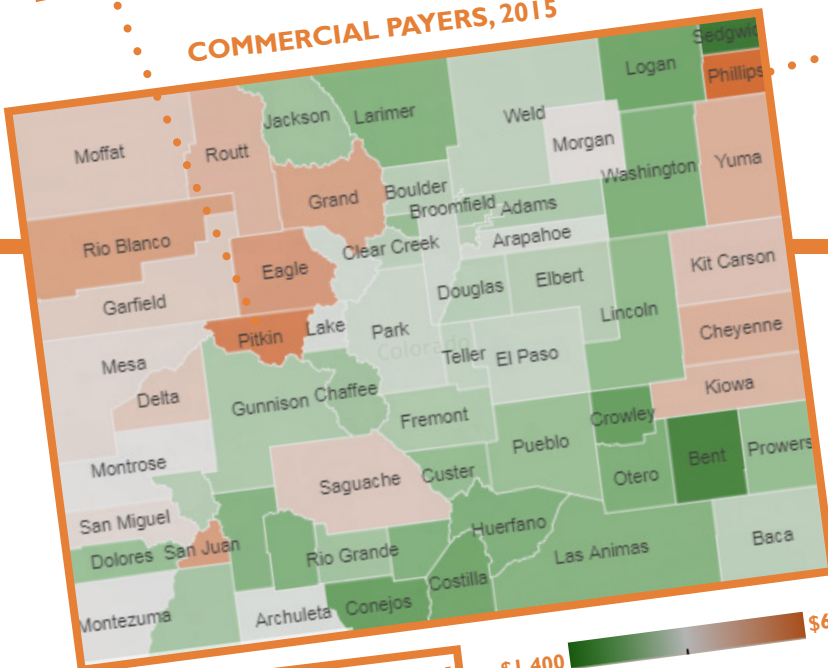
\$6,000 PPPY

Pitkin County is 68% above the median per person per year cost for the state.

Phillips County is 83% above the median per person per year cost for the state.

\$6,600 PPPY

COMMERCIAL PAYERS, 2015



Statewide Median \$3,700 PPPY

\$1,400 \$6,600

*In 2015 Commercially insured annual costs were **higher** in some **Western Slope** areas and **Eastern Plains** areas, and **lower** in the **Front Range** and **Southeast** areas of the state.*

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