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

Overall Trends Across All Payers 2012-2015

**EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS**

- **6.3%**
  - Only Medicaid decreased (0.7%)

**OBSERVATION STAYS**

- **3.7%**
  - Medicare Advantage decreased most (-10%)

**UNPLANNED HOSPITALIZATIONS**

- **1.7%**
  - Only Medicare Advantage decreased (1.3%)

**30-DAY READMISSIONS**

- **0.7%**
  - Only Commercial increased (7.3%)

In general, **Rural** counties have more **OUTPATIENT SERVICES*** than **Urban** counties. **Western Slope counties Mesa and Delta** have some of the highest rates of outpatient services.

*Health care visits received in a hospital-based outpatient setting or ambulatory surgery center.

**Unplanned Hospitalizations - Rates/1000 Members**

- **Rural**: 44
- **Urban**: 36

*Rates by payer did not vary much among the young population (0-17), but did vary significantly statewide in the older population (65+).

**Medicare Advantage**

- Medicaid: 43
- Commercial: 24

*2015, Statewide
Counties in Southern CO have the highest levels of ER Visits in all age groups.

ER Visits - Rates/1000 Members

Medicaid: 581
Medicare Advantage: 322
Commercial: 131

*Rural* has higher ER rates for Medicare Advantage...

...but *Urban* is higher for Commercial and Medicaid.

30-Day Readmissions

The 30-day readmissions rate is highest for the age group 65+.

Within this group, the population covered by Medicaid had a readmission rate nearly five times higher than the Commercial and Medicare Advantage populations.

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Pharmacy Scripts

Statewide Average: 10.8 Medications per person, of those, 8.7 Generic

**All Medications**
- Commercial: 5%
- Medicaid: 4.7%
- Medicare Advantage: 2.3%

**Generics Only**
- Commercial: 4%
- Medicaid: 5.3%
- Medicare Advantage: 3.3%

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