Low Value Care in Colorado
Colorado All Payer Claims Database, 2020

Impact

In 2020 there were:
Over 1 Million Low Value Care Services*
Resulting in $134M in spending. Or...
11% of total spending was categorized as low value care.

The top 10 services accounted for 77% of total low value service spending.

- Peripheral catheters in stage III-V CKD patients $27.9 M
- Use of two or more antipsychotics $24.5 M
- Opioids for acute back pain $14.2 M
- Prostate Cancer Screening (PSA) $6.2 M
- Imaging tests for eye disease $5.9 M
- Coronary Angiography $5.8 M
- Annual Cardiac Screening $4.8 M
- Revascularization $4.7 M
- Verbioplasty $4.6 M
- Preoperative Baseline Laboratory Studies $4.2 M

Trends

Percent of Spending Categorized as Low Value Care 2017-2020

- All Payers
- Commercial
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Medicare Advantage

Note: Medicare FFS only available through June 2020

Geographic Distribution

Division of Insurance Region Variation
(Avg. Cost per Low Value Care Service), All Payers

- Grand junction $167
- Boulder $152
- West $141
- Denver $147
- Greeley $133
- Pueblo $126
- East $122
- Colorado Springs $120
- Fort Collins $112

Notes: Low Value Care services are those identified as Wasteful or Likely Wasteful. All Payer totals may not equal the sum across individual payers. Medicare FFS claims only available through June 2020.

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