





Home Health Chartbook: Prepared for the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation

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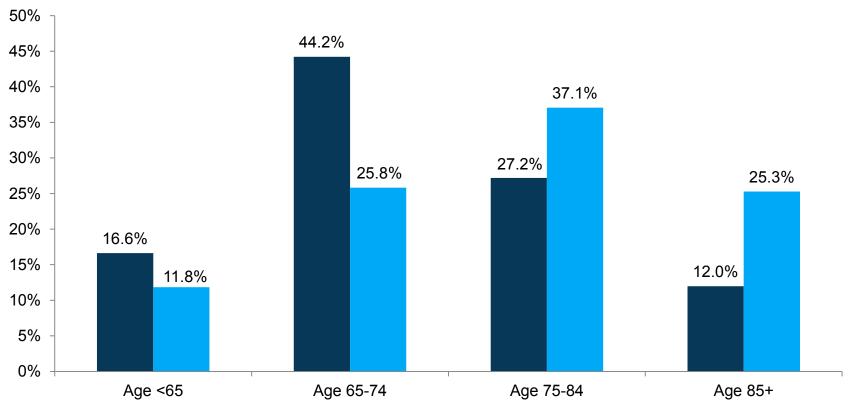








Chart 1.1: Age Distribution of Home Health Users and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012



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Chart 1.2: Gender Distribution of Home Health Users and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012

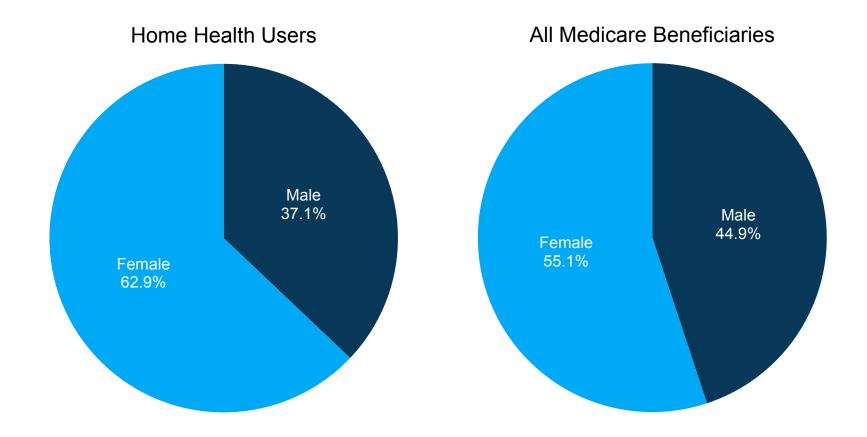


Chart 1.3: Marital Status of Home Health Users and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012

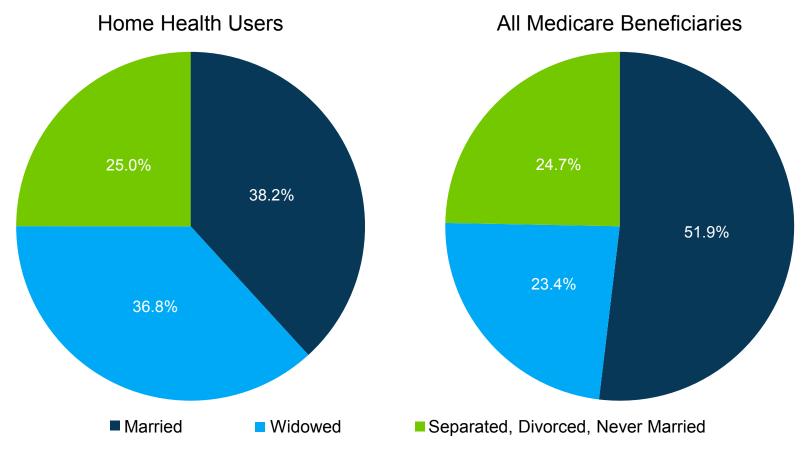


Chart 1.4: Race of Home Health Users, Skilled Nursing Facility Users, and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012

Home Health Users **Skilled Nursing Facility Users** 2.0% 2.8% 5.8% 5.8% 82.6% 17.4% 78.1% 21.9% 14.1% 8.9% White Black Asian Other\*

Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012 \*Other includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Other race, and More than one race

Chart 1.5: Income Distribution of Home Health Users, Skilled Nursing Facility Users, and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012

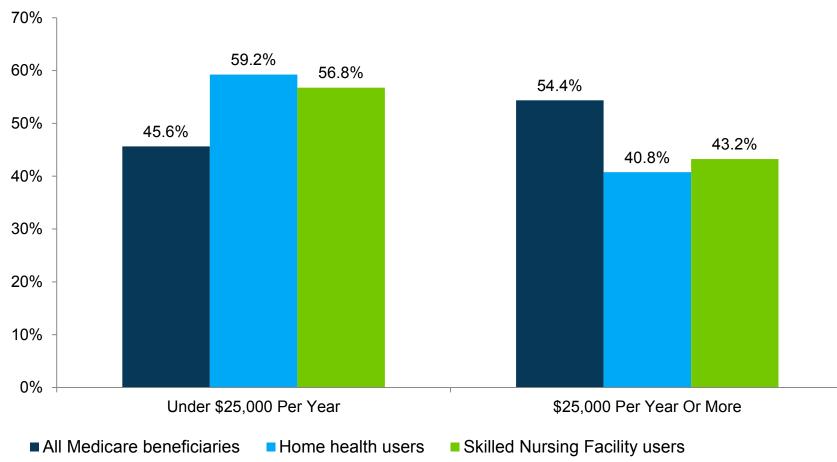


Table 1.6: Selected Characteristics of Medicare Home Health Users and All Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012

|  | All Medicare Home<br>Health Users | All Medicare<br>Beneficiaries |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Age 85+  | 25.3%                             | 12.0%                         |
| Live alone   | 36.8%                             | 28.3%                         |
| Have 3 or more chronic conditions                                  | 85.9%                             | 62.9%                         |
| Have 2 or more ADL limitations*                                    | 34.2%                             | 12.8%                         |
| Report fair or poor health   | 47.0%                             | 26.6%                         |
| Are in somewhat or much worse health than last year                | 39.2%                             | 21.6%                         |
| Have incomes at or under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** | 67.9%                             | 53.1%                         |
| Have incomes under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**       | 32.6%                             | 22.6%                         |

Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012

\*ADL = Activities of daily living, such as eating, dressing, and bathing. Limitations with at least 2 ADLs is considered a measure of moderate to severe disability and is often the eligibility threshold for a nursing home level of care.

\*\*In 2012, 100% of FPL for a household of 1 was \$11,170, a household of 2 was \$15,130, a household of 3 was \$19,090, and household of 4 was \$23,050. 200% of FPL was double each amount.

Table 1.7: Average Annual Living Expenses for Households with Incomes under 200 Percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)\*\* with at Least One Individual 65 Years or Older, 2012

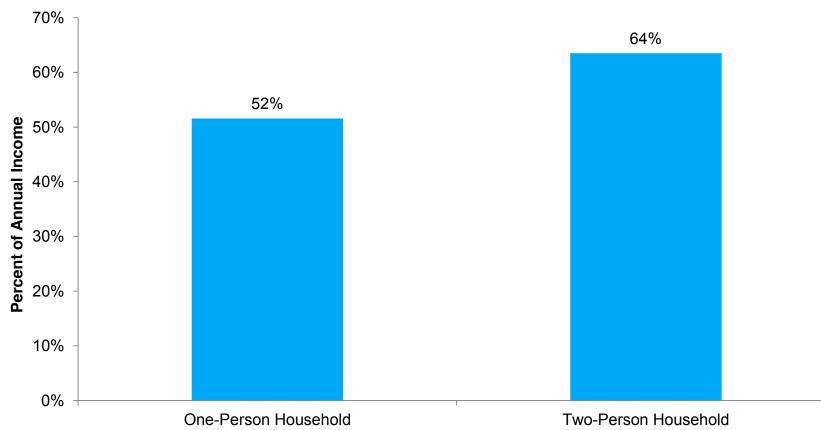
| Living Expense                    | One-Person Elderly<br>Household | Two-Person Elderly<br>Household | All Elderly<br>Household Sizes |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Housing                           | \$5,818                         | \$7,798                         | \$7,124                        |
| Food                              | \$2,276                         | \$4,239                         | \$3,456                        |
| Transportation                    | \$1,588                         | \$3,732                         | \$2,801                        |
| Health Care (out-of-pocket costs) | \$1,839                         | \$3,448                         | \$2,594                        |
| Total                             | \$11,521                        | \$19,217                        | \$15,975                       |

Source: Avalere analysis of the 2012 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey. The analysis includes households with one or more individuals age 65 or older and annual incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit.

\*This analysis includes, but is not limited to, home health users.

\*\*In 2012, 200% of the Federal Poverty Level was \$22,340 for a one-person household and \$30,260 for a two-person household.

Chart 1.8: Average Annual Living Expenses\*\*, as a Percentage of Income, for One- And Two-Person Households at 200%\*\* of the Federal Poverty Limit with at Least One Individual 65 Years or Older, 2012



Source: Avalere analysis of the 2012 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey. The 2012 average annual living expenses are for oneperson or two-person households, respectively, under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit with at least one individual 65 years or older. \*This analysis includes, but is not limited to, home health users.

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Chart 1.9: Selected Characteristics of All Medicare Home Health Users by Race and Ethnicity, 2012

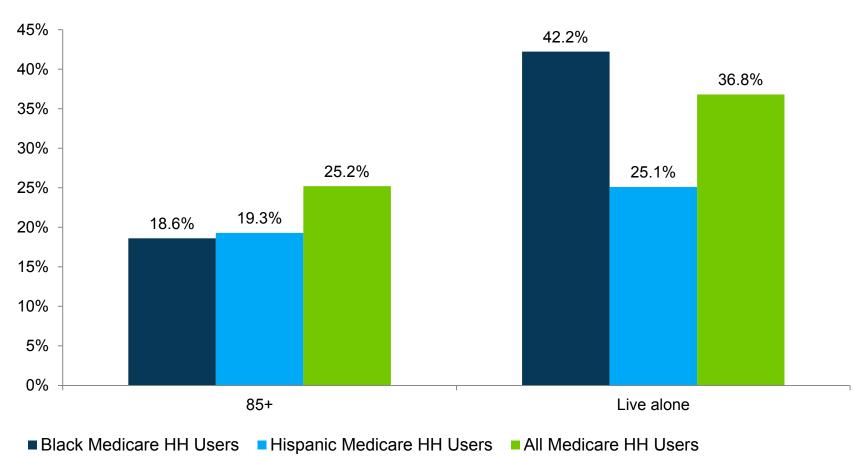
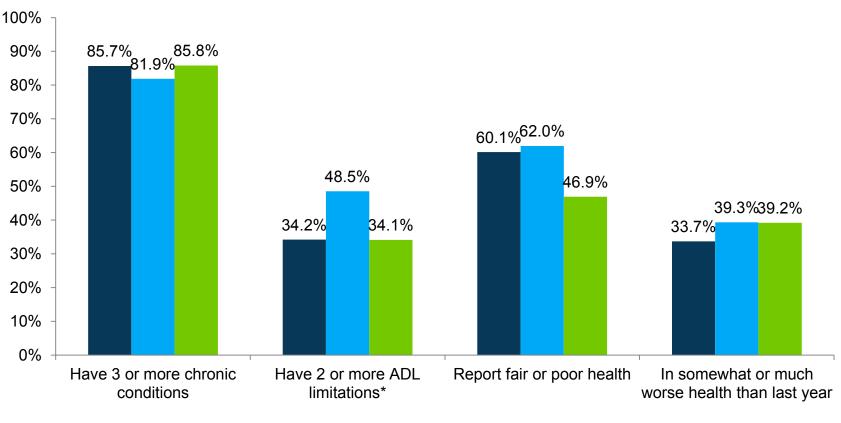


Chart 1.10: Health Status of Home Health Users by Race and Ethnicity, 2012

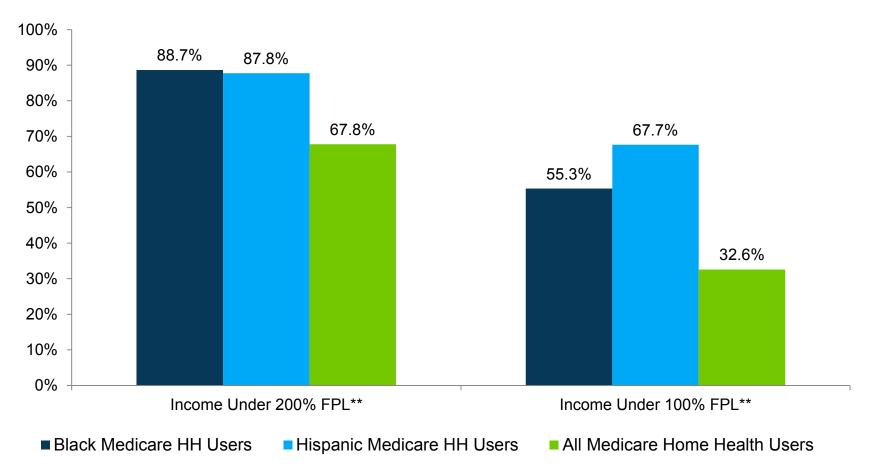


Black Medicare HH Users Hispanic Medicare HH Users All Medicare HH Users

Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012

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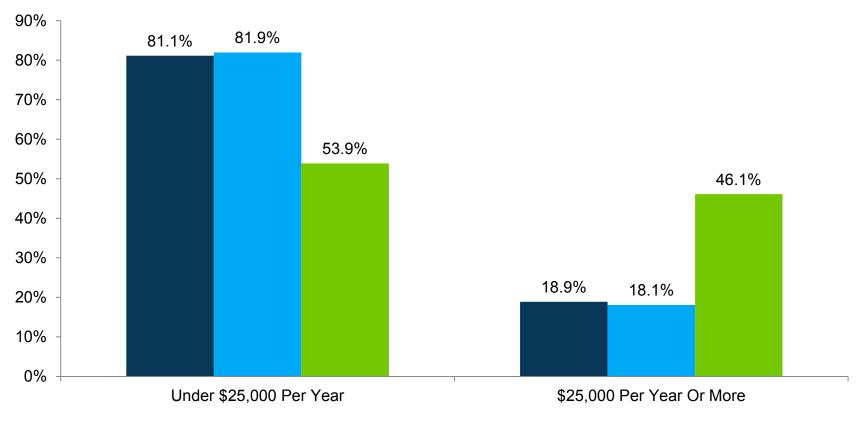
Chart 1.11: Income by Federal Poverty Level (FPL) of Home Health Users by Race and Ethnicity, 2012



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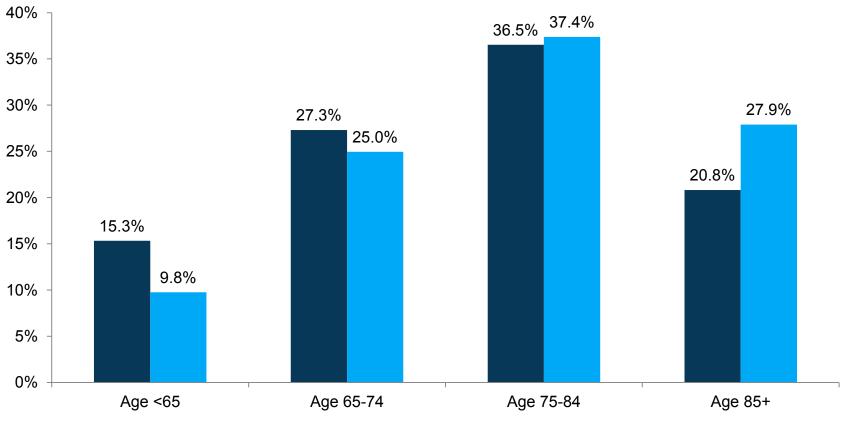
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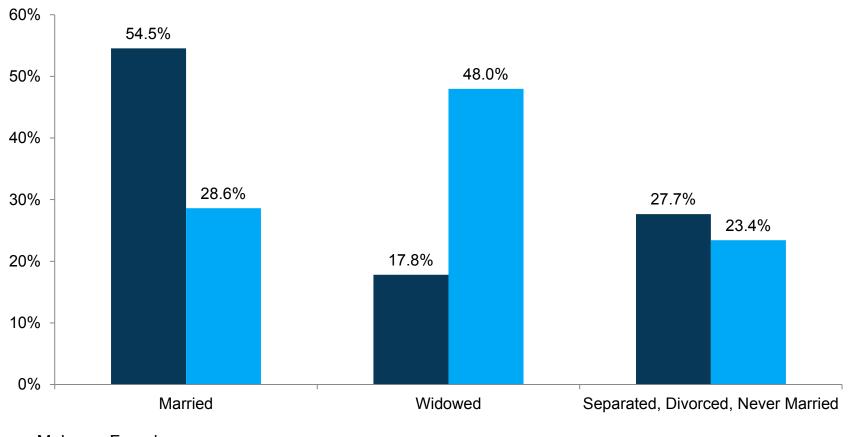
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Chart 1.13: Age Distribution of Home Health Users by Sex, 2012



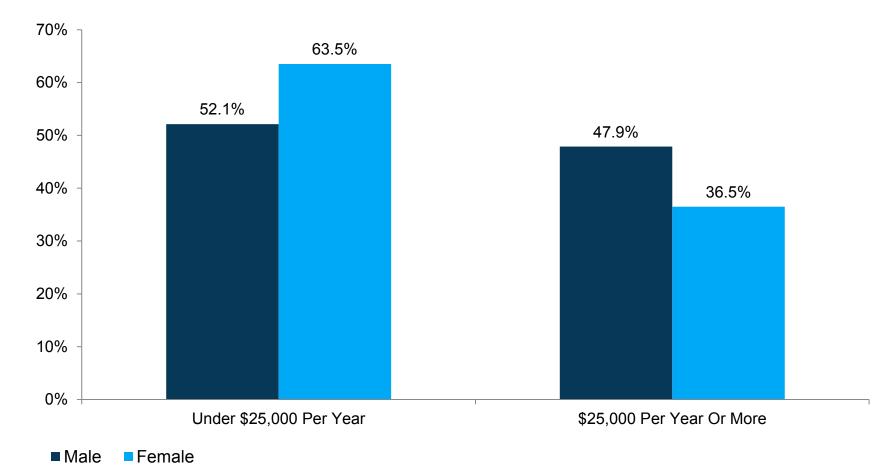
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Chart 1.14: Marital Status of Home Health Users by Sex, 2012



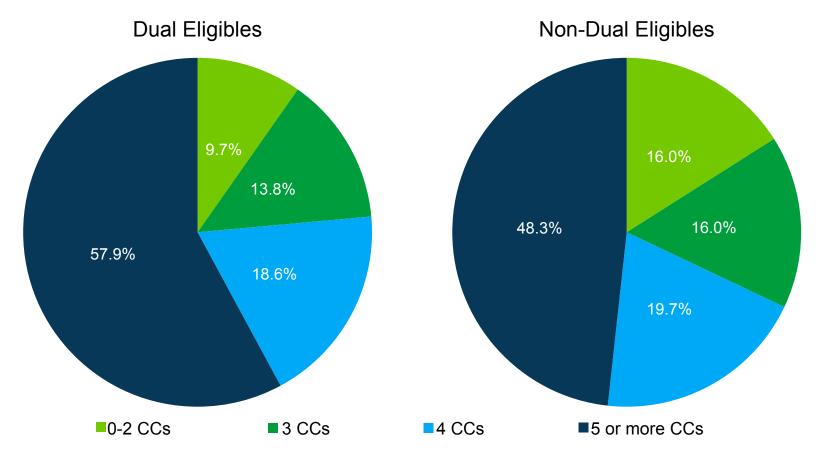
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# Demographics of Home Health Users by Dual Eligible Status

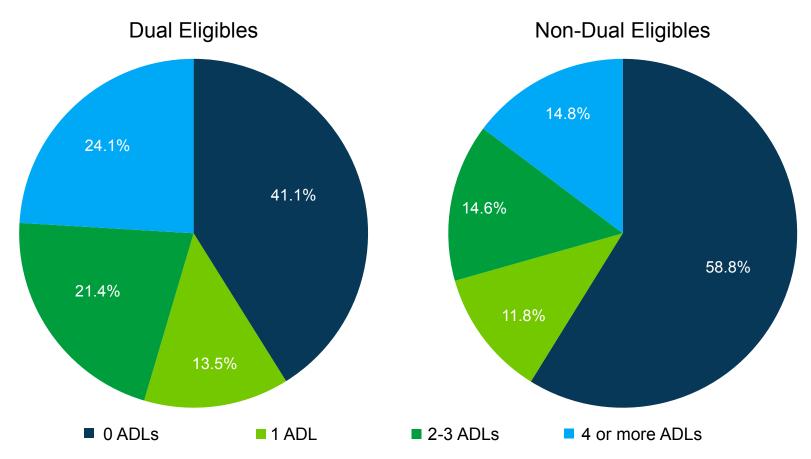
Chart 1.16: Percentage of Home Health Users by Dual Eligible Status and Number of Chronic Conditions (CCs), 2012



Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012 Note: Dual eligibles are defined as individuals with any state buy-in at any point during the year.

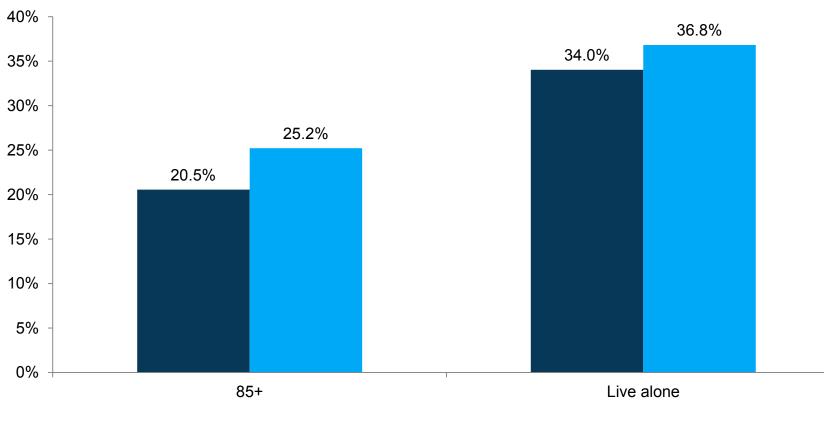
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Chart 1.17: Percentage of Home Health Users by Dual Eligible Status and Number of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) with Which They Require Assistance, 2012



Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012 Note: Dual eligibles are defined as individuals with any state buy-in at any point during the year. Beneficiaries were classified as requiring assistance with an ADL (bathing, walking, transferring, dressing, toileting, and eating) if they reported needing at least stand-by assistance with that ADL.

Chart 1.18: Selected Characteristics of All Medicare Home Health Users and Medicare Home Health Users with SMI, 2012

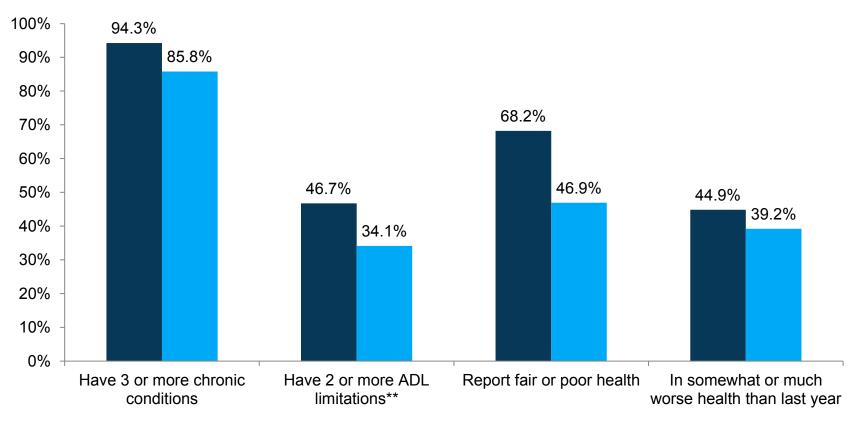


Medicare Home Health Users with SMI
All Medicare Home Health Users

Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012.

\*Severe mental illness (SMI) is defined as having major depression or another mental illness, including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other psychoses.

Chart 1.19: Selected Characteristics of All Medicare Home Health Users and Medicare Home Health Users with SMI, 2012



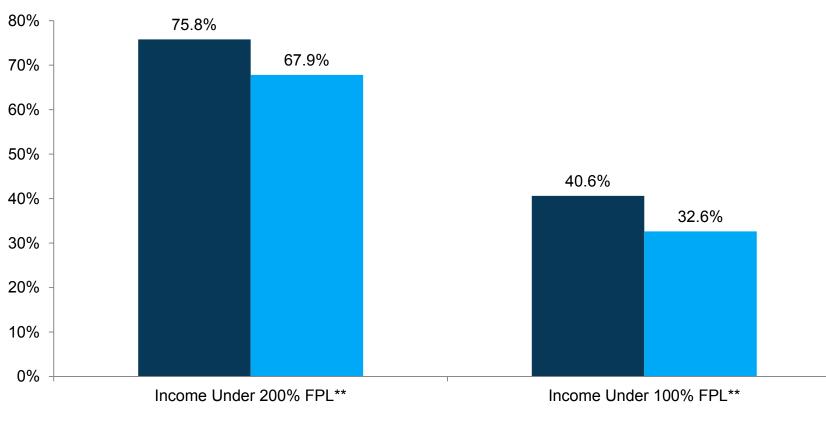
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Chart 1.20: Selected Characteristics of Medicare Home Health Users with SMI and All Medicare Home Health Users, 2012



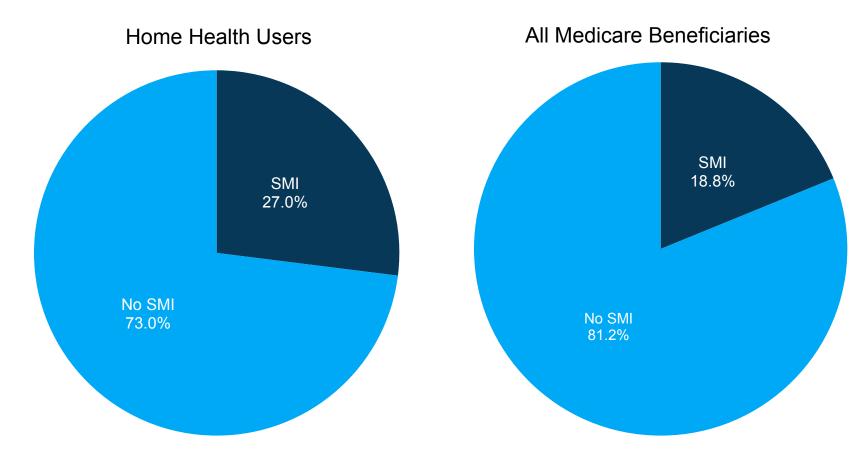
Medicare Home Health Users with SMI
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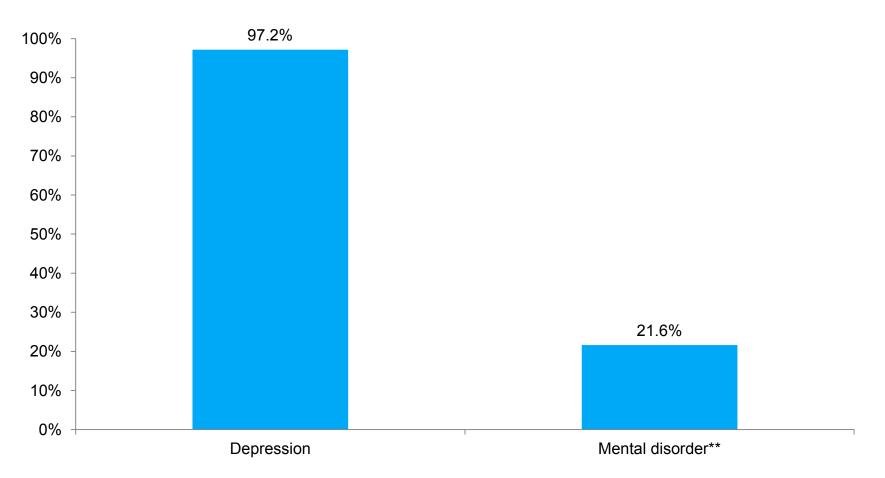
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Chart 1.21: Percentage of Medicare Home Health Users with SMI Compared to the Percentage of Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012



Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file, 2012 \*Severe mental illness (SMI) is defined as having depression or other mental disorder, including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other psychoses.

Chart 1.22: Breakdown of Medicare Home Health Users with SMI by Type of SMI, 2012



Source: Avalere analysis of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file 2012

\*Severe mental illness (SMI) is defined as having depression or other mental disorder, including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other psychoses. \*Mental disorder includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other psychoses besides depression.





### Section 2: Clinical Profile of Home Health Users



Table 2.1: Top 20 Most Common Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRGs) for Beneficiaries Discharged from Hospital to Part A Home Health Episodes, 2012

| MS-DRG   | Number of Home Health<br>Part A Claims, 2012 | Percent of Total Home<br>Health Part A Claims, 2012 |
|--|--|---|
| Major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity w/o mcc   | 197,332                                      | 10.33%  |
| Septicemia or severe sepsis w/o mv 96+ hours w mcc                   | 51,509                                       | 2.70%   |
| Heart failure & shock w cc   | 42,746                                       | 2.24%   |
| Heart failure & shock w mcc  | 36,460                                       | 1.91%   |
| Hip & femur procedures except major joint w cc                       | 34,050                                       | 1.78%   |
| Kidney & urinary tract infections w/o mcc                            | 32,405                                       | 1.70%   |
| Simple pneumonia & pleurisy w cc                                     | 30,290                                       | 1.59%   |
| Intracranial hemorrhage or cerebral infarction w cc                  | 30,040                                       | 1.57%   |
| Cellulitis w/o mcc   | 29,375                                       | 1.54%   |
| Renal failure w cc   | 27,225                                       | 1.42%   |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w mcc                          | 26,192                                       | 1.37%   |
| Simple pneumonia & pleurisy w mcc                                    | 23,883                                       | 1.25%   |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w cc                           | 22,620                                       | 1.18%   |
| Esophagitis, gastroent & misc digest disorders w/o mcc               | 21,844                                       | 1.14%   |
| Septicemia or severe sepsis w/o mv 96+ hours w/o mcc                 | 21,600                                       | 1.13%   |
| Misc disorders of nutrition, metabolism, fluids/electrolytes w/o mcc | 19,940                                       | 1.04%   |
| Spinal fusion except cervical w/o mcc                                | 19,729                                       | 1.03%   |
| Major small & large bowel procedures w cc                            | 18,211                                       | 0.95%   |
| Syncope & collapse   | 18,104                                       | 0.95%   |
| G.I. Hemorrhage w cc   | 17,517                                       | 0.92%   |
| Total for Top 20 MS-DRGs   | 721,072                                      | 37.73%  |

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Data for beneficiaries with a Part A home health episode and a prior short-term acute care hospital stay in 2012.

Note: CC is complication or comorbidity. MCC is major complication or comorbidity.

Table 2.2: Top 20 Primary International Classification of Diseases, Version 9 (ICD-9) Diagnoses for All Home Health Claims, 2012

| ICD-9 Diagnosis   | Number of Home Health<br>Part A Claims, 2012 | Percent of Total Home<br>Health Part A Claims, 2012 |
|---|--|---|
| Diabetes mellitus   | 639,132                                      | 9.23%   |
| Care involving use of rehabilitation procedures             | 500,728                                      | 7.23%   |
| Other orthopedic aftercare                                  | 469,775                                      | 6.79%   |
| Other and unspecified aftercare                             | 417,035                                      | 6.02%   |
| Heart failure   | 388,175                                      | 5.61%   |
| Essential hypertension                                      | 344,549                                      | 4.98%   |
| Chronic ulcer of skin                                       | 273,787                                      | 3.96%   |
| Chronic bronchitis  | 208,668                                      | 3.01%   |
| Osteoarthrosis and allied disorders                         | 207,327                                      | 3.00%   |
| Late effects of cerebrovascular disease                     | 193,169                                      | 2.79%   |
| Cardiac dysrhythmias  | 135,305                                      | 1.95%   |
| Disorders of muscle, ligament, and fascia                   | 134,182                                      | 1.94%   |
| Symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems      | 107,711                                      | 1.56%   |
| Hypertensive heart disease                                  | 102,934                                      | 1.49%   |
| Other complications of procedures, not elsewhere classified | 98,105                                       | 1.42%   |
| Other forms of chronic ischemic heart disease               | 92,461                                       | 1.34%   |
| Other deficiency anemias                                    | 87,788                                       | 1.27%   |
| Other disorders of urethra and urinary tract                | 87,556                                       | 1.26%   |
| Other cellulitis and abscess                                | 85,096                                       | 1.23%   |
| Fitting and adjustment of other device                      | 81,370                                       | 1.18%   |
| Total for Top 20 Primary ICD-9 Diagnoses                    | 4,654,853                                    | 67.25%  |

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Table 2.3: Percent of Medicare Home Health (HH) Users with 3 or More Chronic Conditions Compared to All Medicare Beneficiaries, by State, 2012

|               |                                    | , <b>,</b>  |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| State         | Percent of HH Users<br>with 3+ CCs | Percent of Medicare<br>Beneficiaries with<br>3+ CCs |
| Alabama       | 87.64%                             | 26.71%  |
| Alaska        | 82.68%                             | 26.32%  |
| Arizona       | 85.49%                             | 14.96%  |
| Arkansas      | 87.23%                             | 26.61%  |
| California    | 86.23%                             | 16.80%  |
| Colorado      | 84.18%                             | 18.93%  |
| Connecticut   | 86.95%                             | 24.97%  |
| Delaware      | 90.74%                             | 33.27%  |
| D.C           | 85.86%                             | 25.44%  |
| Florida       | 85.56%                             | 21.35%  |
| Georgia       | 86.26%                             | 23.28%  |
| Hawaii        | 84.63%                             | 11.32%  |
| Idaho         | 84.71%                             | 24.03%  |
| Illinois      | 91.43%                             | 34.26%  |
| Indiana       | 90.27%                             | 29.13%  |
| lowa          | 89.71%                             | 32.25%  |
| Kansas        | 88.29%                             | 29.79%  |
| Kentucky      | 88.74%                             | 30.39%  |
| Louisiana     | 89.64%                             | 27.65%  |
| Maine         | 90.88%                             | 36.75%  |
| Maryland      | 89.08%                             | 25.16%  |
| Massachusetts | 89.36%                             | 30.22%  |
| Michigan      | 90.29%                             | 32.21%  |
| Minnesota     | 86.32%                             | 24.41%  |
| Mississippi   | 88.04%                             | 30.38%  |
| Missouri      | 89.52%                             | 29.09%  |

| State          | Percent of HH<br>Users with 3+ CCs | Percent of Medicare<br>Beneficiaries with 3+<br>CCs |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Montana        | 87.37%                             | 30.88%  |
| Nebraska       | 87.48%                             | 29.23%  |
| Nevada         | 82.73%                             | 15.25%  |
| New Hampshire  | 90.21%                             | 39.19%  |
| New Jersey     | 88.28%                             | 22.18%  |
| New Mexico     | 86.44%                             | 22.93%  |
| New York       | 87.65%                             | 19.51%  |
| North Carolina | 86.74%                             | 26.71%  |
| North Dakota   | 92.17%                             | 43.00%  |
| Ohio           | 90.31%                             | 24.81%  |
| Oklahoma       | 89.84%                             | 28.75%  |
| Oregon         | 84.31%                             | 17.15%  |
| Pennsylvania   | 89.02%                             | 22.11%  |
| Rhode Island   | 87.39%                             | 21.63%  |
| South Carolina | 86.72%                             | 27.21%  |
| South Dakota   | 89.06%                             | 34.67%  |
| Tennessee      | 87.22%                             | 21.61%  |
| Texas          | 89.31%                             | 24.94%  |
| Utah           | 80.89%                             | 17.07%  |
| Vermont        | 88.69%                             | 40.02%  |
| Virginia       | 86.58%                             | 25.97%  |
| Washington     | 84.78%                             | 21.18%  |
| West Virginia  | 90.51%                             | 31.99%  |
| Wisconsin      | 89.32%                             | 23.75%  |
| Wyoming        | 83.36%                             | 25.42%  |

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Note: Having a chronic condition is defined as having a Medicare claim with a chronic condition listed in 2012. Medicare beneficiaries without any claims in 2012 are categorized as having no chronic conditions in 2012.

Chart 2.4: Percentage of Medicare Beneficiaries Aged 65+ with Chronic Conditions by Number of Chronic Conditions, 2012

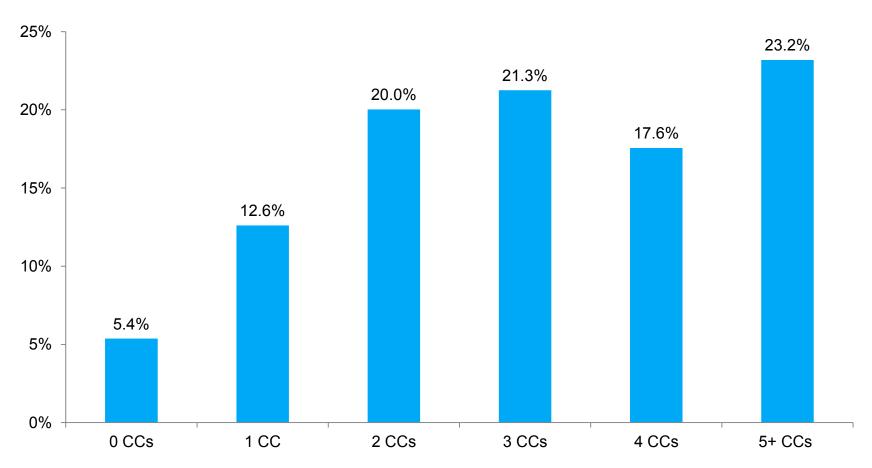
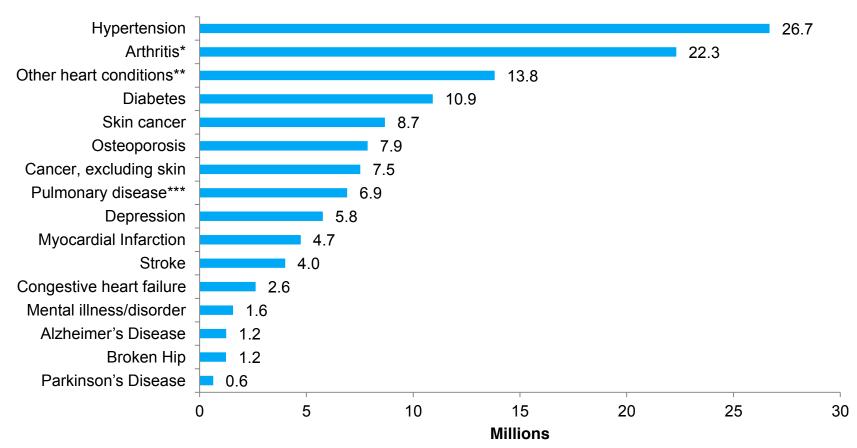


Chart 2.5: Number of Medicare Beneficiaries Aged 65+ with Chronic Conditions by Type of Condition, in Millions, 2012



Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Access to Care file, 2012

\*Includes rheumatoid and non-rheumatoid arthritis.

\*\*Includes coronary artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral artery disease.

\*\*\*Includes chronic lung disease, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).







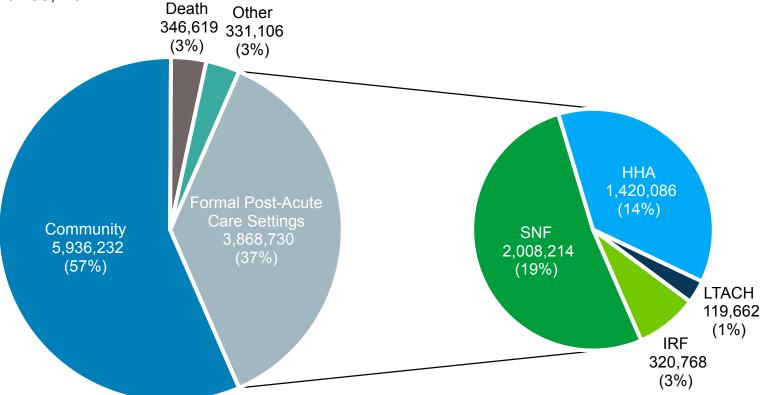






Source: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. A Data Book: Health Care Spending and the Medicare Program. June 2014

Chart 3.2: Initial Patient Destinations Following an Inpatient Hospital Stay for Medicare Beneficiaries, 2012



Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

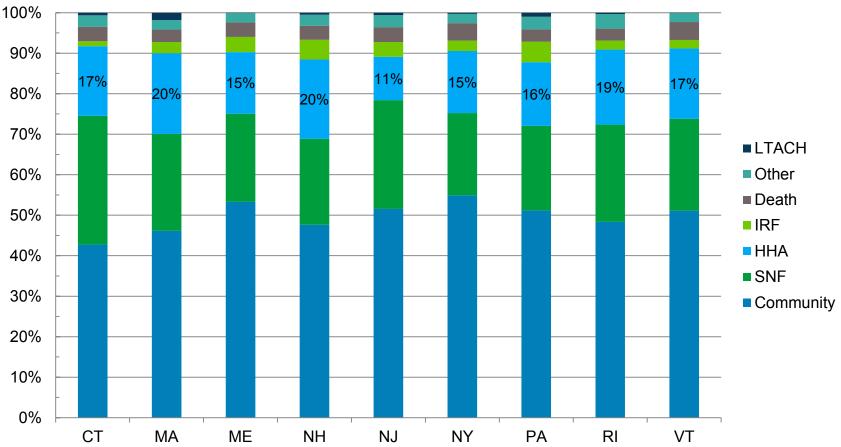
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Community: Discharges to the community without skilled home health care; includes individuals living at home, assisted living facilities, and retirement communities.

Formal Post-Acute Care Settings: Settings designated as post-acute care by Medicare. Includes skilled nursing facilities (SNF), home health agencies (HHA), inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF), and long-term acute care hospitals (LTACH).

Other: Hospice, a different Inpatient Hospital, or other Inpatient Hospitals such as Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities.

Chart 3.3: Initial Patient Destinations Following an Inpatient Hospital Stay for Medicare Beneficiaries in 2012, for States in Northeastern Region



Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Note: U.S. Census Bureau defines which states are in the Northeast Region; includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA

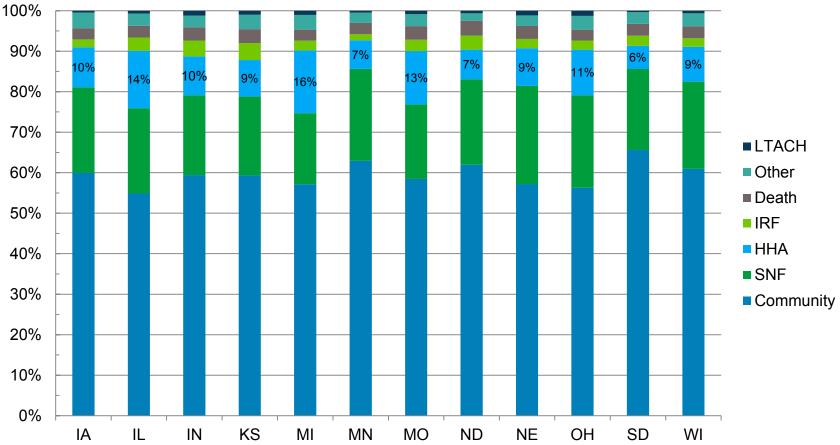
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Chart 3.4: Initial Patient Destinations Following an Inpatient Hospital Stay for Medicare Beneficiaries in 2012, for States in Midwestern Region



Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Note: U.S. Census Bureau defines which states are in the Midwestern Region; includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI Hospital: Short-Term Acute Care Hospital (STACH).

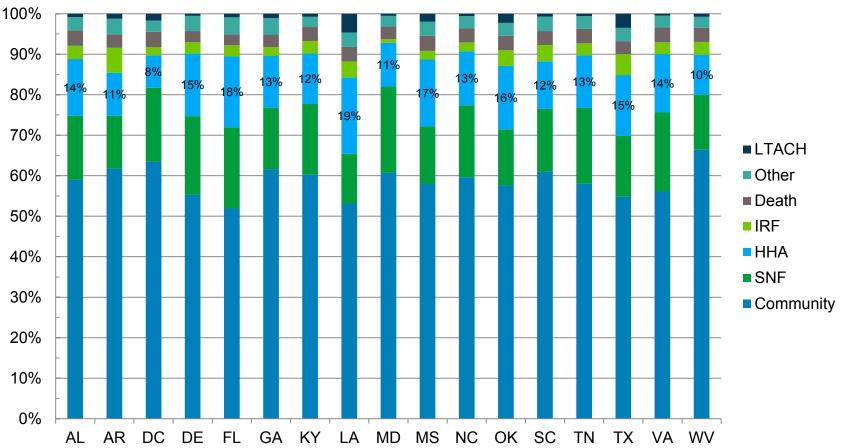
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### **Post-Acute Care Market Overview**

Chart 3.5: Initial Patient Destinations Following an Inpatient Hospital Stay for Medicare Beneficiaries in 2012, for States in Southern Region



Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Note: U.S. Census Bureau defines which states are in the Southern Region; includes AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV Hospital: Short-Term Acute Care Hospital (STACH).

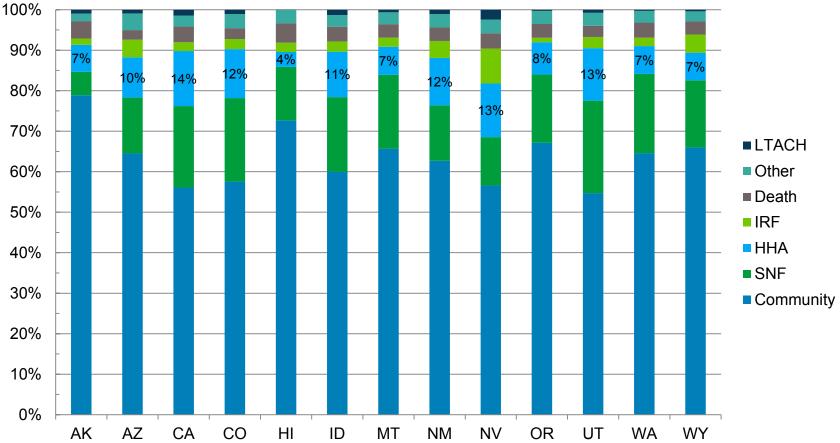
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### **Post-Acute Care Market Overview**

Chart 3.6: Initial Patient Destinations Following an Inpatient Hospital Stay for Medicare Beneficiaries in 2012, for States in Western Region



Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

Note: U.S. Census Bureau defines which states are in the Western Region; includes AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY Hospital: Short-Term Acute Care Hospital (STACH).

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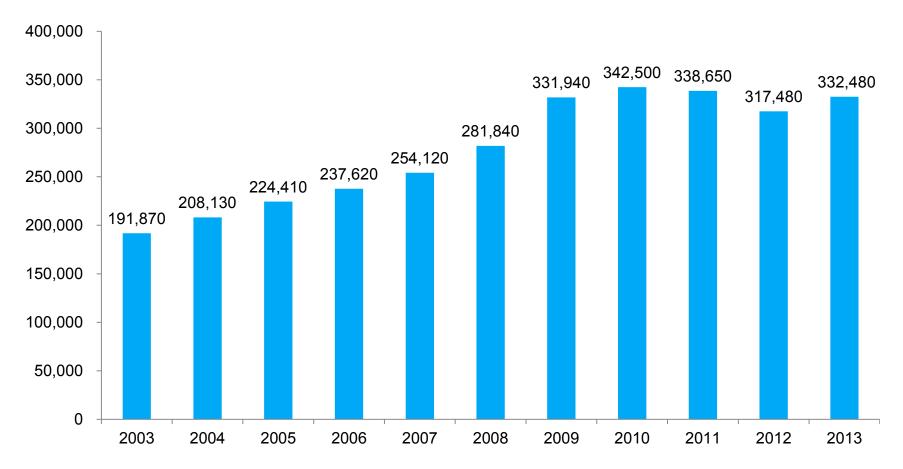




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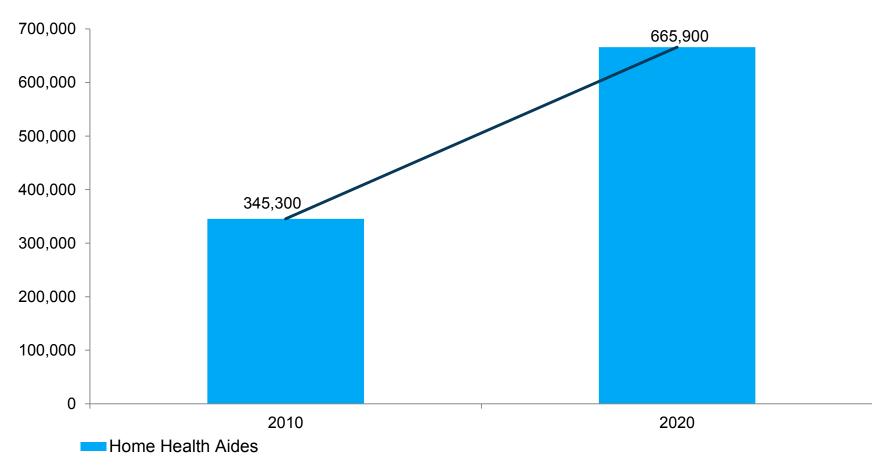
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Commerce

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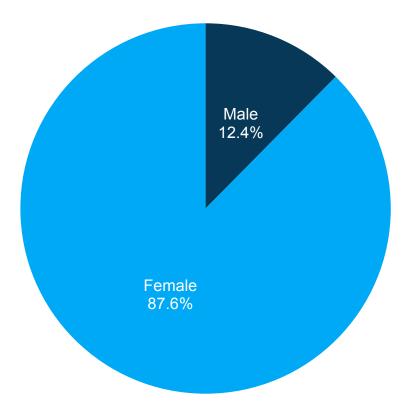
Chart 4.2: Number of Home Health Aides Employed in the Home Health Care Services Industry, 2010 and 2020 (Projected)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Projections program, U.S. Department of Commerce

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Chart 4.3: Breakdown of Persons Employed in Home Health Care Services by Gender, 2012



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey, 2012

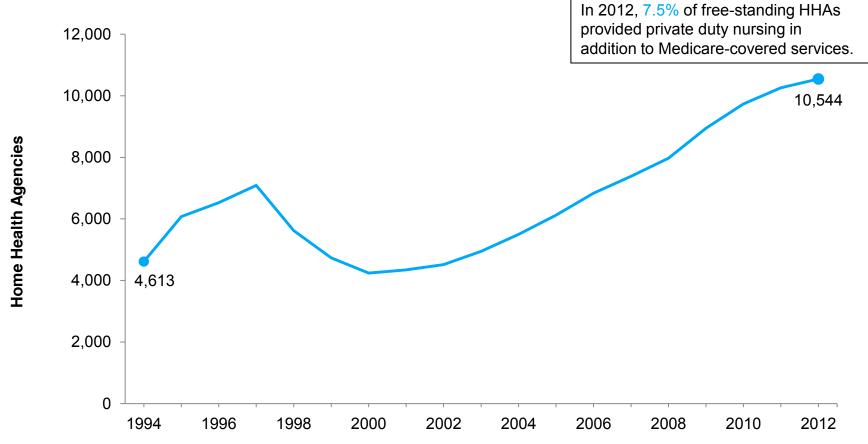




# Section 5: Organizational Trends in Home Health

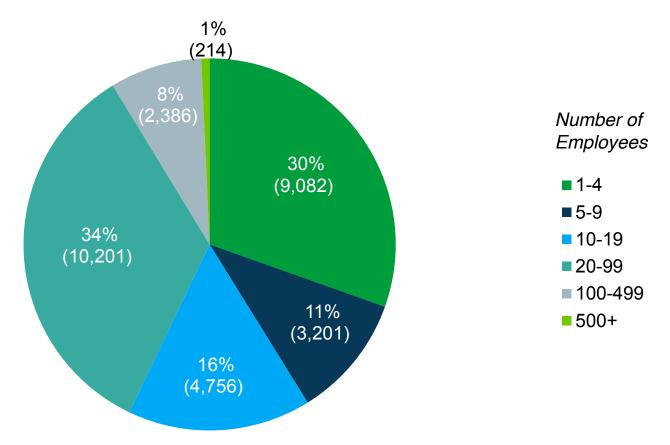


Chart 5.1: Number of Medicare-Certified Free-Standing Home Health Agencies (HHAs), 1994-2012



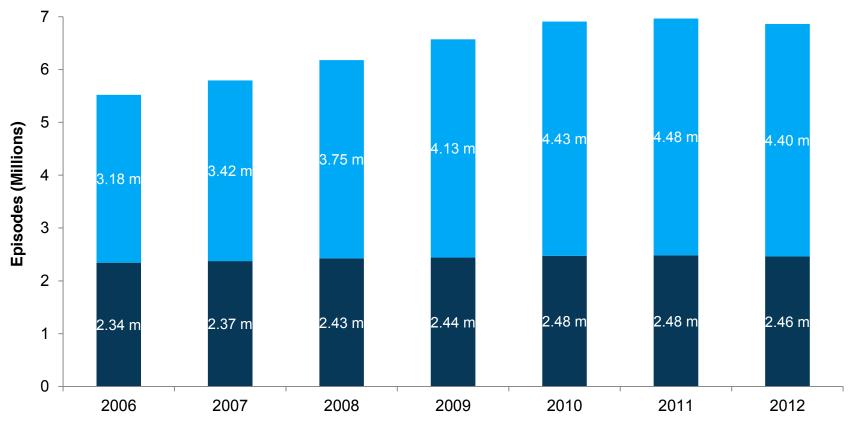
Source: Medicare Cost Reports from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Chart 5.2: Percentage (and Number) of Home Health Care Services Firms by Number of Employees, 2012



Source: Census Bureau. 2012 County Business Patterns. Home Health Care Services firms are identified by NAICS code 621610

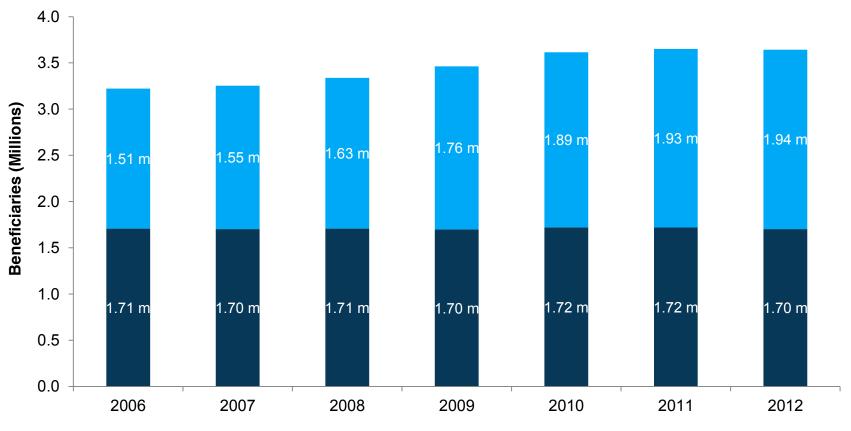
Chart 5.3: Number of Medicare Part A and Part B Home Health Episodes, in Millions, 2006-2012



Part A Part B

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2006 - 2012

Chart 5.4: Number of Medicare Part A and Part B Beneficiaries with a Home Health Episode, in Millions, 2006-2012



Part A Part B

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2006 - 2012 Note: Beneficiaries are double-counted if they had both a Part A and a Part B home health episode during the year.

Table 5.5: Number of Medicare Beneficiaries with A Home Health Episode, by State, 2012

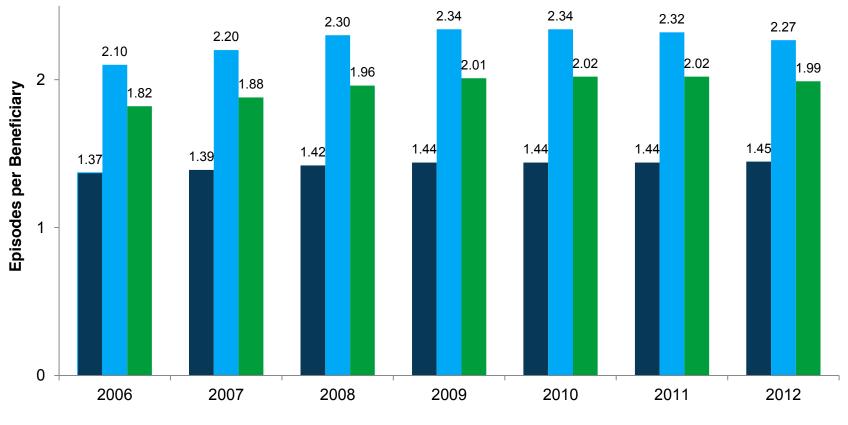
| State                | Number of<br>Beneficiaries |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Alabama              | 71,196                     |
| Alaska               | 2,461                      |
| Arizona              | 37,231                     |
| Arkansas             | 35,580                     |
| California           | 283,003                    |
| Colorado             | 33,509                     |
| Connecticut          | 51,710                     |
| Delaware             | 12,025                     |
| District of Columbia | 6,226                      |
| Florida              | 343,558                    |
| Georgia              | 86,930                     |
| Hawaii               | 3,019                      |
| Idaho                | 12,001                     |
| Illinois             | 194,653                    |
| Indiana              | 62,052                     |
| Iowa                 | 25,275                     |
| Kansas               | 24,298                     |

| State          | Number of<br>Beneficiaries |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Kentucky       | 61,028                     |
| Louisiana      | 74,849                     |
| Maine          | 19,527                     |
| Maryland       | 60,672                     |
| Massachusetts  | 107,248                    |
| Michigan       | 153,295                    |
| Minnesota      | 33,484                     |
| Mississippi    | 56,183                     |
| Missouri       | 67,053                     |
| Montana        | 6,664                      |
| Nebraska       | 14,975                     |
| Nevada         | 23,683                     |
| New Hampshire  | 20,428                     |
| New Jersey     | 97,313                     |
| New Mexico     | 16,664                     |
| New York       | 183,594                    |
| North Carolina | 107,398                    |

| State          | Number of<br>Beneficiaries |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| North Dakota   | 4,158                      |
| Ohio           | 116,227                    |
| Oklahoma       | 65,697                     |
| Oregon         | 22,009                     |
| Pennsylvania   | 143,824                    |
| Rhode Island   | 12,989                     |
| South Carolina | 52,145                     |
| South Dakota   | 4,562                      |
| Tennessee      | 81,933                     |
| Texas          | 350,774                    |
| Utah           | 19,069                     |
| Vermont        | 9,658                      |
| Virginia       | 90,694                     |
| Washington     | 40,868                     |
| West Virginia  | 22,566                     |
| Wisconsin      | 35,613                     |
| Wyoming        | 3,670                      |
| Total U.S.     | 3,479,383                  |

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012

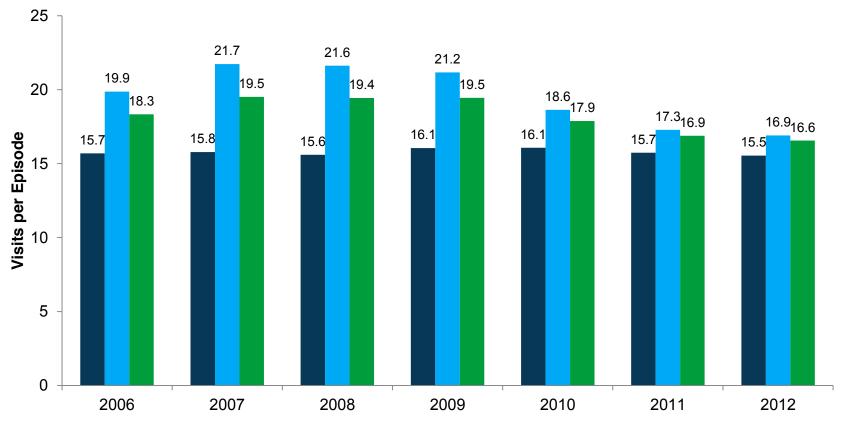
Chart 5.6: Number of Home Health Episodes per Medicare Home Health User by Part A, Part B, and all Claims, 2006-2012



■ Part A ■ Part B ■ All Claims

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2006 – 2012 Note: These data reflect the number of home health episodes for Medicare beneficiaries with at least one Part A or Part B home health episode.

Chart 5.7: Number of Home Health Visits per Episode by Part A, Part B, and all Claims, 2006-2012



Part A Part B All Claims

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2006 – 2012









#### Table 6.1: Impact of Home Health on Employment, by State, 2012

| State         | Estimated<br>Number of HH        | Multiplier for                    | Estimated Jobs<br>Created by HH<br>Industry <sup>3</sup> | State          | Estimated<br>Number of HH<br>Employees | Multiplier for<br>Employment | Estimated Jobs<br>Created by HH<br>Industry |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| Alabama       | Employees <sup>1</sup><br>11.825 | Employment <sup>2</sup><br>1.5991 | 18,909   | Montana        | 2,644                                  | 1.3420                       | 3,548                                       |
| Alaska        | 1,992                            | 1.3092                            | 2,608  | Nebraska       | 3,076                                  | 1.3658                       | 4,201                                       |
| Arizona       | 21,812                           | 1.4557                            | 31,752   | Nevada         | 5,174                                  | 1.5271                       | 7,901                                       |
| Arkansas      | 6,507                            | 1.3464                            | 8,761  | New Hampshire  | 4,067                                  | 1.4778                       | 6,010                                       |
| California    | 69,734                           | 1.5353                            | 107,063  | New Jersey     | 38,042                                 | 1.4886                       | 56,629                                      |
| Colorado      | 15,163                           | 1.4976                            | 22,708   | New Mexico     | 11,965                                 | 1.3573                       | 16,240                                      |
| Connecticut   | 13,948                           | 1.4889                            | 20,767   | New York       | 126,344                                | 1.3856                       | 175,062                                     |
| Delaware      | 3,094                            | 1.4677                            | 4,541  | North Carolina | 40,106                                 | 1.4688                       | 58,908                                      |
| D.C.          | 4,875                            | 1.1420                            | 5,567  | North Dakota   | 559                                    | 1.2881                       | 720   |
| Florida       | 66,308                           | 1.6030                            | 106,292  | Ohio           | 59,974                                 | 1.4632                       | 87,754                                      |
| Georgia       | 22,200                           | 1.6327                            | 36,246   | Oklahoma       | 19,344                                 | 1.4350                       | 27,759                                      |
| Hawaii        | 2,900                            | 1.3753                            | 3,988  | Oregon         | 4,329                                  | 1.5238                       | 6,597                                       |
| Idaho         | 6,547                            | 1.3459                            | 8,812  | Pennsylvania   | 40,566                                 | 1.6358                       | 66,358                                      |
| Illinois      | 39,174                           | 1.5804                            | 61,911   | Rhode Island   | 5,155                                  | 1.4271                       | 7,357                                       |
| Indiana       | 19,163                           | 1.5117                            | 28,969   | South Carolina | 10,618                                 | 1.5086                       | 16,018                                      |
| lowa          | 7,210                            | 1.3389                            | 9,653  | South Dakota   | 974                                    | 1.2400                       | 1,208                                       |
| Kansas        | 10,337                           | 1.3218                            | 13,663   | Tennessee      | 17,029                                 | 1.6312                       | 27,778                                      |
| Kentucky      | 8,692                            | 1.5957                            | 13,870   | Texas          | 244,853                                | 1.4728                       | 360,619                                     |
| Louisiana     | 24,095                           | 1.5316                            | 36,904   | Utah           | 6,826                                  | 1.6727                       | 11,418                                      |
| Maine         | 4,000                            | 1.4513                            | 5,805  | Vermont        | 2,156                                  | 1.3632                       | 2,939                                       |
| Maryland      | 14,424                           | 1.5266                            | 22,020   | Virginia       | 25,461                                 | 1.4182                       | 36,109                                      |
| Massachusetts | 32,971                           | 1.5262                            | 50,320   | Washington     | 9,680                                  | 1.5287                       | 14,798                                      |
| Michigan      | 36,902                           | 1.5259                            | 56,309   | West Virginia  | 7,753                                  | 1.3639                       | 10,574                                      |
| Minnesota     | 19,824                           | 1.4104                            | 27,960   | Wisconsin      | 13,643                                 | 1.4272                       | 19,471                                      |
| Mississippi   | 7,432                            | 1.5238                            | 11,325   | Wyoming        | 561                                    | 1.2931                       | 725   |
| Missouri      | 18,949                           | 1.5154                            | 28,715   | Total U.S.     | 1,190,977                              | N/A                          | 1,772,140                                   |

1: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) collected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis multipliers

3. Avalere calculation

Note: The QCEW collects employment data monthly. All states report employment figures on privately owned home health agencies, including for-profit and non-profit organizations. Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia submit employment figures for their government-owned facilities, which are included in this analysis. The QWEC does not include jobs for HHA contractors, but the multiplier is intended to account for such jobs.

#### Table 6.2: Impact of Home Health on Labor Income, by State, 2012

| State         | Estimated Home<br>Health Total<br>Wages <sup>1</sup> | Multiplier for<br>Earnings <sup>2</sup> | Estimated Impact<br>of HH Payroll on<br>Labor Income <sup>3</sup> | State          | Estimated Home<br>Health Total<br>Wages | Multiplier for<br>Earnings | Estimated Impact<br>of HH Payroll on<br>Labor Income |
|---------------|--|---|---|----------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| Alabama       | \$436,249,968  | 1.4907                                  | \$650,317,827   | Montana        | \$60,128,858                            | 1.3740                     | \$82,617,051   |
| Alaska        | \$47,639,664   | 1.3685                                  | \$65,194,880  | Nebraska       | \$93,981,595                            | 1.3471                     | \$126,602,607  |
| Arizona       | \$597,082,306  | 1.5636                                  | \$933,597,894   | Nevada         | \$212,126,377                           | 1.4621                     | \$310,149,976  |
| Arkansas      | \$163,918,309  | 1.4149                                  | \$231,928,015   | New Hampshire  | \$138,519,421                           | 1.5361                     | \$212,779,683  |
| California    | \$2,322,196,911                                      | 1.6406                                  | \$3,809,796,252   | New Jersey     | \$1,024,503,672                         | 1.6215                     | \$1,661,232,704                                      |
| Colorado      | \$430,247,447  | 1.6524                                  | \$710,940,881   | New Mexico     | \$230,880,251                           | 1.4231                     | \$328,565,685  |
| Connecticut   | \$521,882,287  | 1.5237                                  | \$795,192,041   | New York       | \$3,501,267,804                         | 1.4943                     | \$5,231,944,480                                      |
| Delaware      | \$120,338,653  | 1.4332                                  | \$172,469,357   | North Carolina | \$927,745,533                           | 1.6039                     | \$1,488,011,060                                      |
| D.C.          | \$123,861,491  | 1.1792                                  | \$146,057,470   | North Dakota   | \$18,651,847                            | 1.3203                     | \$24,626,034   |
| Florida       | \$2,341,432,911                                      | 1.5944                                  | \$3,733,180,633   | Ohio           | \$1,422,903,654                         | 1.6205                     | \$2,305,815,371                                      |
| Georgia       | \$704,672,677  | 1.6417                                  | \$1,156,861,134   | Oklahoma       | \$468,616,715                           | 1.4980                     | \$701,987,839  |
| Hawaii        | \$76,216,986   | 1.4868                                  | \$113,319,415   | Oregon         | \$131,761,925                           | 1.5263                     | \$201,108,226  |
| Idaho         | \$120,148,107  | 1.3857                                  | \$166,489,232   | Pennsylvania   | \$1,490,599,246                         | 1.6241                     | \$2,420,882,235                                      |
| Illinois      | \$1,176,482,481                                      | 1.6827                                  | \$1,979,667,071   | Rhode Island   | \$145,296,138                           | 1.5039                     | \$218,510,862  |
| Indiana       | \$508,936,775  | 1.5215                                  | \$774,347,303   | South Carolina | \$288,136,620                           | 1.5440                     | \$444,882,941  |
| lowa          | \$225,826,118  | 1.3544                                  | \$305,858,894   | South Dakota   | \$21,373,225                            | 1.2979                     | \$27,740,309   |
| Kansas        | \$253,647,042  | 1.3848                                  | \$351,250,424   | Tennessee      | \$614,765,882                           | 1.6075                     | \$988,236,155  |
| Kentucky      | \$340,275,137  | 1.5072                                  | \$512,862,686   | Texas          | \$4,713,039,276                         | 1.6640                     | \$7,842,497,355                                      |
| Louisiana     | \$708,008,650  | 1.4835                                  | \$1,050,330,832   | Utah           | \$207,837,401                           | 1.6235                     | \$337,424,021  |
| Maine         | \$117,807,967  | 1.4935                                  | \$175,946,199   | Vermont        | \$65,441,224                            | 1.4040                     | \$91,879,478   |
| Maryland      | \$531,130,335  | 1.5331                                  | \$814,275,917   | Virginia       | \$674,562,410                           | 1.5269                     | \$1,029,989,344                                      |
| Massachusetts | \$1,190,816,183                                      | 1.5822                                  | \$1,884,109,365   | Washington     | \$328,983,306                           | 1.5315                     | \$503,837,933  |
| Michigan      | \$1,114,374,359                                      | 1.5796                                  | \$1,760,265,737   | West Virginia  | \$190,737,802                           | 1.3902                     | \$265,163,692  |
| Minnesota     | \$490,686,657  | 1.5593                                  | \$765,127,704   | Wisconsin      | \$338,386,654                           | 1.5223                     | \$515,126,003  |
| Mississippi   | \$289,088,566  | 1.4226                                  | \$411,257,394   | Wyoming        | \$16,287,638                            | 1.2900                     | \$21,011,053   |
| Missouri      | \$543,425,189  | 1.5758                                  | \$856,329,413   | Total U.S.     | \$32,822,927,650                        | N/A                        | \$51,709,596,070                                     |

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2. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis multipliers

3. Avalere calculation

Note: The QCEW collects wage data quarterly. All states report employment figures on privately owned home health agencies, including for-profit and non-profit organizations. Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia submit wage data for their government-owned facilities, which are included in this analysis. The QWEC does not include wage data for HHA contractors, but the multiplier is intended to account for such wages.

#### Table 6.3: Impact of Home Health on Output, by State, 2012

| State         | Estimated Home<br>Health<br>Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | Multiplier<br>for Output <sup>2</sup> | Estimated Impact<br>of HH Spending<br>on Output <sup>3</sup> | State          | Estimated Home<br>Health<br>Expenditures | Multiplier<br>for Output | Estimated Impact<br>of HH Spending<br>on Output |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Alabama       | \$575,332,769   | 2.007                                 | \$1,154,692,867  | Montana        | \$39,740,319                             | 1.7662                   | \$70,189,351                                    |
| Alaska        | \$1,478,030,114                                       | 1.7811                                | \$2,632,519,436  | Nebraska       | \$101,061,887                            | 1.7286                   | \$174,695,578                                   |
| Arizona       | \$506,332,662   | 2.1218                                | \$1,074,336,642  | Nevada         | \$1,418,870,663                          | 1.9412                   | \$2,754,311,731                                 |
| Arkansas      | \$282,995,371   | 1.8661                                | \$528,097,662  | New Hampshire  | \$180,325,932                            | 2.0647                   | \$372,318,952                                   |
| California    | \$1,879,238,301                                       | 2.3116                                | \$4,344,047,257  | New Jersey     | \$398,486,834                            | 2.29                     | \$912,534,850                                   |
| Colorado      | \$1,595,673,704                                       | 2.3194                                | \$3,701,005,589  | New Mexico     | \$121,641,305                            | 1.8458                   | \$224,525,521                                   |
| Connecticut   | \$591,271,017   | 2.0916                                | \$1,236,702,459  | New York       | \$2,501,656,083                          | 2.0703                   | \$5,179,178,589                                 |
| Delaware      | \$138,743,760   | 1.8907                                | \$262,322,827  | North Carolina | \$649,050,987                            | 2.2365                   | \$1,451,602,532                                 |
| D.C.          | \$140,398,450   | 1.2841                                | \$180,285,650  | North Dakota   | \$12,197,357                             | 1.6653                   | \$20,312,259                                    |
| Florida       | \$2,629,719,933                                       | 2.181                                 | \$5,735,419,174  | Ohio           | \$2,340,045,680                          | 2.2747                   | \$5,322,901,908                                 |
| Georgia       | \$361,308,520   | 2.3034                                | \$832,238,045  | Oklahoma       | \$497,554,899                            | 2.0018                   | \$996,005,397                                   |
| Hawaii        | \$23,980,038  | 1.9823                                | \$47,535,629   | Oregon         | \$99,183,900                             | 2.0696                   | \$205,270,999                                   |
| Idaho         | \$59,988,025  | 1.7761                                | \$106,544,731  | Pennsylvania   | \$1,210,334,014                          | 2.2799                   | \$2,759,440,519                                 |
| Illinois      | \$1,644,950,089                                       | 2.3944                                | \$3,938,668,493  | Rhode Island   | \$132,651,154                            | 2.0158                   | \$267,398,196                                   |
| Indiana       | \$423,708,216   | 2.0867                                | \$884,151,934  | South Carolina | \$152,315,815                            | 2.1341                   | \$325,057,181                                   |
| Iowa          | \$745,935,964   | 1.7514                                | \$1,306,432,247  | South Dakota   | \$21,386,363                             | 1.6396                   | \$35,065,081                                    |
| Kansas        | \$176,422,940   | 1.8267                                | \$322,271,784  | Tennessee      | \$594,706,480                            | 2.2548                   | \$1,340,944,171                                 |
| Kentucky      | \$152,146,869   | 2.0484                                | \$311,657,646  | Texas          | \$3,872,872,980                          | 2.3735                   | \$9,192,264,018                                 |
| Louisiana     | \$2,165,410,389                                       | 1.959                                 | \$4,242,038,952  | Utah           | \$245,454,128                            | 2.2794                   | \$559,488,139                                   |
| Maine         | \$191,300,245   | 2.0019                                | \$382,963,960  | Vermont        | \$102,729,278                            | 1.8276                   | \$187,748,028                                   |
| Maryland      | \$529,775,541   | 2.0603                                | \$1,091,496,547  | Virginia       | \$571,276,012                            | 2.086                    | \$1,191,681,761                                 |
| Massachusetts | \$2,350,390,570                                       | 2.1786                                | \$5,120,560,896  | Washington     | \$232,653,222                            | 2.095                    | \$487,408,500                                   |
| Michigan      | \$1,299,160,885                                       | 2.1743                                | \$2,824,765,512  | West Virginia  | \$67,053,715                             | 1.8032                   | \$120,911,259                                   |
| Minnesota     | \$335,433,077   | 2.1534                                | \$722,321,588  | Wisconsin      | \$310,368,143                            | 2.0534                   | \$637,309,945                                   |
| Mississippi   | \$587,483,856   | 1.8702                                | \$1,098,712,307  | Wyoming        | \$16,690,702                             | 1.6201                   | \$27,040,606                                    |
| Missouri      | \$465,256,156   | 2.179                                 | \$1,013,793,164  | Total U.S.     | \$37,220,695,313                         | N/A                      | \$79,911,188,073                                |

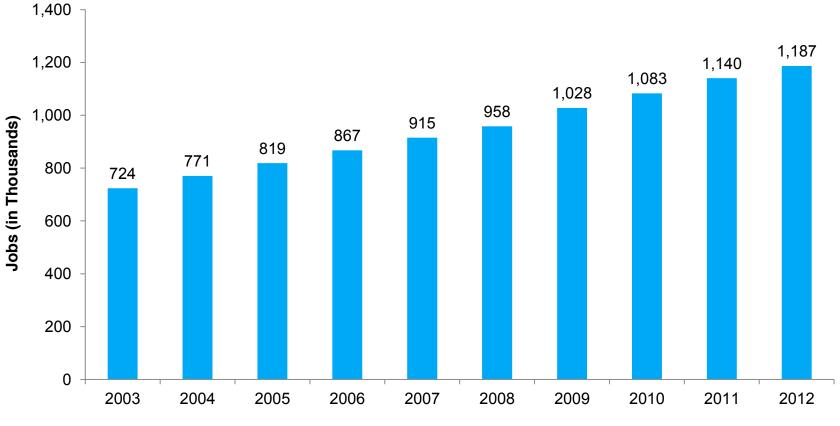
1: CMS Medicare 2012 Cost Reports for Home Health Agencies

2. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis multipliers

3. Avalere calculation

Note: All Medicare-certified home health agencies are required to submit an annual cost report, which includes cost and charges by cost center in total and for Medicare. Cost report data do not include expenditures from HHA contractors, but the multiplier is intended to account for such figures.

#### Chart 6.4: Impact of Home Health on Jobs, Nationally, 2003 - 2012



#### Total HH Jobs

Source: Avalere Health, LLC analysis of the Medicare Cost Reports from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Bureau of Labor Statistics Note: Employment data for privately-owned facilities only. Output is not adjusted by U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis multipliers.





### Section 7: Outcomes



# Outcomes: Rehospitalization Among Post-Acute Care Users

Table 7.1: 30-day Rehospitalization Rates for Top 20 Most Common MS-DRGs Discharged from Hospital to Selected Post-Acute Care (PAC) Settings, by Setting, 2012

|  | % of Home Health<br>Users Rehospitalized | % of SNF Users<br>Rehospitalized Within |
|--|--|---|
| MS-DRG   | Within 30 Days                           | 30 Days                                 |
| Major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity w/o mcc   | 3.84%                                    | 7.53%                                   |
| Septicemia or severe sepsis w/o mv 96+ hours w mcc                   | 22.24%                                   | 23.87%                                  |
| Kidney & urinary tract infections w/o mcc                            | 19.53%                                   | 15.08%                                  |
| Heart failure & shock w cc   | 24.09%                                   | 24.15%                                  |
| Heart failure & shock w mcc  | 25.64%                                   | 27.54%                                  |
| Hip & femur procedures except major joint w cc                       | 8.78%                                    | 12.17%                                  |
| Intracranial hemorrhage or cerebral infarction w cc                  | 14.90%                                   | 15.85%                                  |
| Simple pneumonia & pleurisy w cc                                     | 18.28%                                   | 17.72%                                  |
| Renal failure w cc   | 22.95%                                   | 20.46%                                  |
| Simple pneumonia & pleurisy w mcc                                    | 21.69%                                   | 22.86%                                  |
| Cellulitis w/o mcc   | 13.99%                                   | 14.73%                                  |
| Septicemia or severe sepsis w/o mv 96+ hours w/o mcc                 | 17.01%                                   | 18.02%                                  |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w mcc                          | 23.21%                                   | 25.02%                                  |
| Misc disorders of nutrition, metabolism, fluids/electrolytes w/o mcc | 21.56%                                   | 16.38%                                  |
| Renal failure w mcc  | 20.21%                                   | 22.04%                                  |
| Esophagitis, gastroent & misc digest disorders w/o mcc               | 27.20%                                   | 24.71%                                  |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w cc                           | 19.54%                                   | 17.15%                                  |
| Kidney & urinary tract infections w mcc                              | 23.78%                                   | 21.87%                                  |
| G.I. Hemorrhage w cc   | 22.42%                                   | 18.63%                                  |
| Syncope & collapse   | 19.44%                                   | 18.52%                                  |
| Average Rate Across All MS-DRGs                                      | 17.39%                                   | 18.23%                                  |

Source: Avalere Health, LLC, analysis of Medicare Standard Analytic Files, 2012 Note: CC is complication or comorbidity. MCC is major complication or comorbidity.

## Outcomes: Quality of Home Health Care

Table 7.2: National Averages for How Often Home Health Team Met Quality Measures Related to Patient Care, 2012 - 2014

| Measure   | April 2012 –<br>March 2013 | April 2013 -<br>March 2014 | Change |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Checked patients for pain   | 99%                        | 99%                        | _      |
| Checked patients for the risk of developing pressure sores (bed sores)        | 98%                        | 99%                        |        |
| Treated heart failure symptoms  | 98%                        | 98%                        | —      |
| Treated patients' pain  | 98%                        | 98%                        | —      |
| Checked patients for depression   | 98%                        | 98%                        | —      |
| Checked patients' risk of falling   | 96%                        | 98%                        |        |
| Included treatments to prevent pressure sores (bed sores) in the plan of care | 97%                        | 97%                        | —      |
| Took doctor-ordered action to prevent pressure sores (bed sores)              | 96%                        | 97%                        |        |
| For diabetic patients, got doctor's orders, gave and educated about foot care | 93%                        | 94%                        |        |
| Taught patients (or their family caregivers) about their drugs                | 92%                        | 93%                        |        |
| Began care in timely manner   | 91%                        | 92%                        |        |
| Determined whether patients received a flu shot for the current flu season    | 70%                        | 72%                        |        |
| Determined whether patients received a pneumococcal vaccine (pneumonia shot)  | 69%                        | 72%                        |        |

Source: Medicare Home Health Compare. Archive dates: June 01, 2013; July 24 2014

### **Outcomes: Quality of Home Health Care**

Table 7.3: National Averages for Patient Outcomes while in Home Health Care, 2012 - 2014

| Measure   | April 2012 –<br>March 2013 | April 2013 –<br>March 2014 | Change |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Wounds improved or healed after operation   | 89%                        | 89%                        | —      |
| Got better at bathing   | 66%                        | 68%                        |        |
| Had less pain when moving around  | 67%                        | 68%                        |        |
| Breathing improved  | 64%                        | 65%                        |        |
| Got better at walking or moving around  | 59%                        | 62%                        |        |
| Got better at getting in and out of bed   | 55%                        | 57%                        |        |
| Got better at taking drugs correctly by mouth   | 50%                        | 51%                        |        |
| Had to be admitted to hospital  | 17%*                       | 16%**                      |        |
| Needed any urgent, unplanned care in the hospital emergency room – without being admitted to the hospital | 12%*                       | 12%**                      | —      |

Source: Medicare Home Health Compare. Archive dates: June 01, 2013. July 24 2014

\* Date range from January 2012 to December 2012

\*\* Date range from January 2013 to December 2013



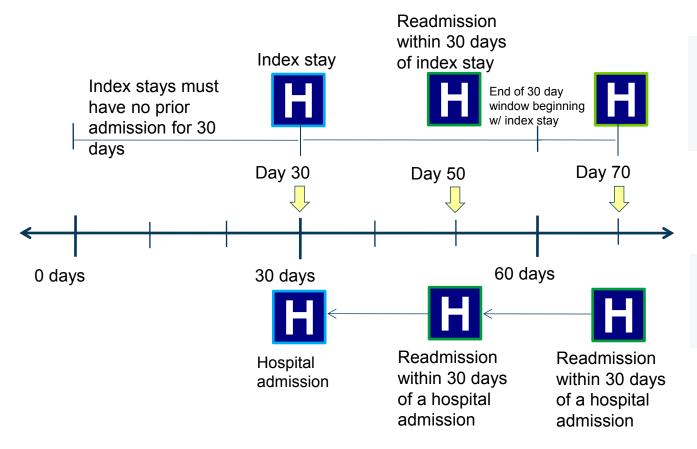






# Methodology: Calculating Readmission Rates

The ACA methodology defines a readmission as an admission to a short-term acute care hospital (STACH) within 30 days of an initial, or 'index', admission to a STACH. To be considered an index admission, there must be no other STACH admission in the prior 30 days. These data are based on raw Medicare claims and no risk-based or geographic adjustments have been applied.



Using the Affordable Care Act (ACA) methodology, this episode of care results in one 30-day readmission

Without defining index stays as above, this episode of care results in two 30-day readmissions