

What is the Best Method for Capturing Costs?

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Total Charges

as defined by AHRQ

- The amount the hospital billed for the entire hospital stay
 - These amounts do not include professional (physician) fees
- Addresses specific health conditions?
- Addresses specific health procedures?

Total Costs

as defined by AHRQ

- The actual expenses incurred in the production of hospital services, such as wages, supplies, and utility costs.
- Hospital specific or patient specific?
- Specific by health condition or procedure.
- Does not account for payer type.

Hospital Compare

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The screenshot shows the Medicare Hospital Compare search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Español" and "Print" options, and links for "About Us", "Glossary", "CMS.gov", "Medicare.gov", and "MyMedicare.gov Login". Below this is the "Medicare.gov Hospital Compare" header, followed by "The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare". A navigation menu includes "Hospital Compare Home", "About Hospital Compare", "About the data", "Resources", and "Help". The main content area is titled "Find a hospital" and features a search form with the following fields: "Location" (with an asterisk indicating it's required and an example "45802 or Lima, OH or Ohio"), "ZIP code or City, State or State", "Hospital name (optional)", and "Full or Partial Hospital Name". A green "Search" button is positioned below the form. To the right of the form is a photograph of a male patient in a hospital gown smiling and talking to a female nurse in blue scrubs. At the bottom of the page, there are three tabs: "Spotlight", "Additional information", and "Tools and Tips".

- Medicare patients only
- Information about the **quality** of care at certified CMS hospitals (4,363) in the U.S.
- Helps you make decisions about where you get your health care
- Encourages hospitals to improve the quality of care they provide
- <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>

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- Payment –All payments made for care starting the day the patient enters the hospital and continuing for the next 30 days.
- Can include payments made to the hospital, doctor's office, skilled nursing facility, hospice, as well as patient co-pays.
- Improvements over AHRQ
 - Patient specific
 - Payer specific

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Payment for heart attack patients	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	No Different than the National Average Payment	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	\$21,791

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Payment for heart failure patients	No Different than the National Average Payment	Less than the National Average Payment	Less than the National Average Payment	\$15,223

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▼ 30-day unplanned readmissions & deaths by medical condition
▶ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
▶ Heart attack
▶ Heart failure
▶ Pneumonia
▶ Stroke
▼ 30-day unplanned readmissions & deaths by surgical procedure
▶ Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
▶ Hip/knee surgery
▶ 30-day unplanned hospital-wide readmission

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Rate of unplanned readmission for heart attack patients	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	No different than the National Rate	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	17.0%
Death rate for heart attack patients	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	No different than the National Rate	Number of Cases Too Small ¹	14.2%

Claims Data

- Data from payers on the amount paid by the payer for a health care claim (including medical and pharmacy claims).
- Patient specific
- Health condition or procedure specific.
- Accounts for payer type.

Best Method?

- Charge to Cost Ratio
- Payments (Hospital Compare)
- Claims data