

Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Utilization Selected Fiscal Years

	1990	1999	2000	2004	2005	2006
Discharges						
Total in millions	10.5	11.7	11.8	13.0	13.0	12.5
Rate per 1,000 Enrollees ¹	313	310	303	316	308	291
Days of Care						
Total in millions	94	71	71	75	75	71
Rate per 1,000 Enrollees ¹	2,805	1,897	1,825	1,834	1,771	1,655
Average Length of Stay						
All short-stay	9.0	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.6
Excluded Units ²	19.5	12.6	12.3	11.5	11.6	11.7
Total Charges per Day	\$1,060	\$2,496	\$2,720	\$4,458	\$4,882	\$5,344

¹ The population base is HI enrollment excluding HI enrollees residing in foreign countries.

² Includes alcohol/drug, psychiatric, and rehabilitation units through 1990, and psychiatric and rehabilitation units from 1997 through 2006.

NOTES: Data may reflect under reporting due to a variety of reasons including: operational difficulties experienced by intermediaries; no-pay, at-risk managed care utilization; and no-pay Medicare secondary payer bills. Average length of stay is shown in days. The data for 1990 through 2006 are based on 100 percent MEDPAR. Data may differ from other sources or from the same source with different update cycle.

SOURCE: CMS/ORDI

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