

Comparing Healthcare of Utah State Prison Inmates over 65 to Medicaid Members over 65

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Medicaid Expenditures

- How much money is spent on Healthcare for individuals over the age of 65, per year?

\$320,704,216

Medicaid Mandatory Expenditures

- How much money was spent on inpatient and outpatient surgeries over age 65 (not including mental procedures)?

Inpatient- \$19,381,575

Outpatient- \$8,989,168

Total- \$28,370,743



Medicaid Mandatory Expenditures

- How much money was spent on nursing home care?

~ \$187,322,400



Medicaid Mandatory Expenditures

- How much was spent on physician expenses for patients over the age of 65?

\$8,466,546

Medicaid Mandatory Expenditures

- How much was spent on supplies for those over 65 years old?

\$1,448,541



Medicaid Mandatory Expenditures

- How much was spent on *mandatory* care total for those over age 65?

184,292,328

Medicaid Optional Expenditures

- How much money was spent on vision care services?

\$245,488



Medicaid Optional Expenditures

- How much was spent on pharmacy expenses for the elderly?

\$14,881,138

Medicaid Optional Expenditures

- How much was spent on dental for patients over age 65?

\$7,040,206



Medicaid Optional Expenditures

- How much was spent on *optional* care services total?

\$127,949,128





Total Expenses

- In fiscal year 2015, Utah spent a total of \$320,704,216 for health care services for people aged 65 and older. This number does include administrative expenses as well.
- This equates to an average of \$26,197 spent per person over age 65 in 2015 fiscal year.

Totals

Radiology (Oncology, MRI, CT Scans, X-Rays) - \$375,918.74

Cardiology -

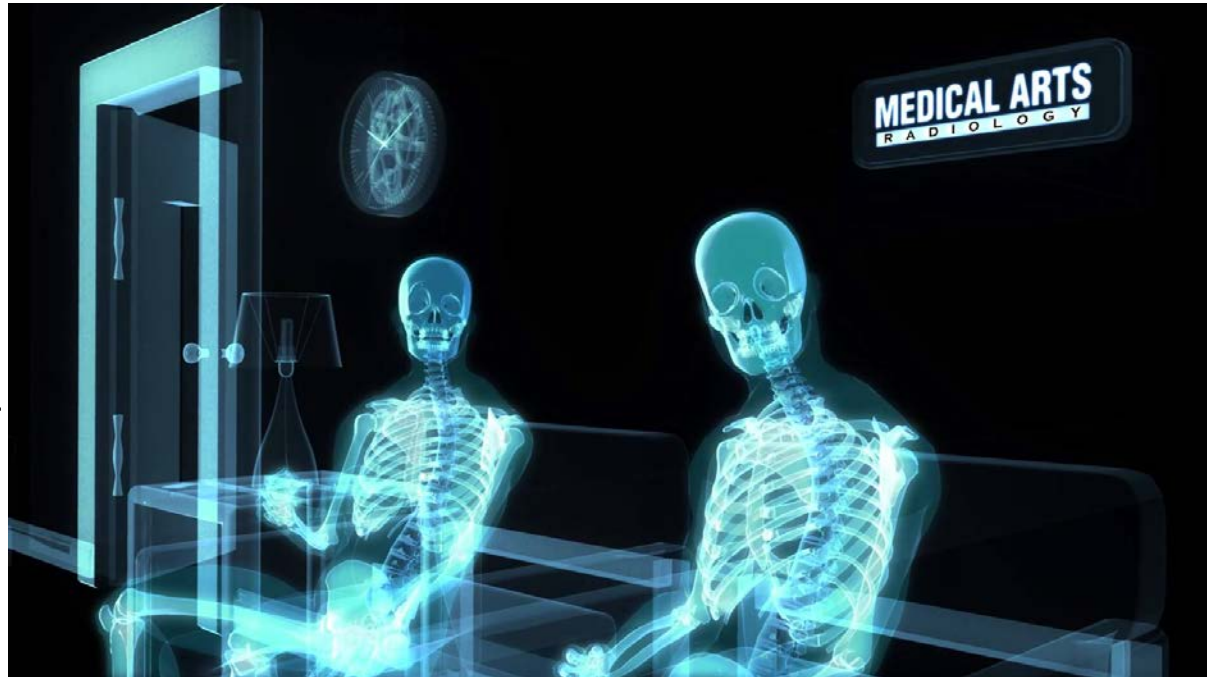
\$111,658.28

Emergency -

\$113,086.03

Moran (Eye Surgery) -

\$60,745.28



Prison Totals from University of Utah Hospital and Clinics Fiscal Year 2015



Total Spent - \$2,249,682.96

U of U Hospital Average - \$7,230.95

Clinics - \$380.12

Interview with Prison and Medicaid

Annette Hansen Supervisor for Medical records for
the Utah State Prison

Cherish Keddington former Medicaid Biller

Does the prison have a contract with a hospital or clinic?

“Yes, they do. They are contracted with the University of Utah. So pretty much all of their healthcare costs are at a reduced price. The contract is just like a healthcare plan.”

Does the prison just use the University of Utah network?

“No, they primarily use the University of Utah network unless:

- 1) There is an emergency situation such as life and death.
- 2) The prisoner has his or her own insurance.
- 3) If a doctor prescribes a treatment that is out of network.
- 4) Some veterans receive healthcare through the VA.”

Does the prison ever pay more than their contract allows?

“Yes, if a provider outside their contract is used in the following situations.

- 1) If there is another hospital used that is closer.
- 2) In a life and death situation.
- 3) For the most part they try to stay within network.”

Is there a limit on how much care the prison will pay for?

“The prison will provide adequate medical care for inmates. This not defined very well, but for the most part they receive the same health care that you or I would receive if we could afford it.”

Does the hospital ever pay for medical costs for prison inmates?

“Yes, if the cost exceeds something like \$50,000 the prison will pay a lower percentage of the total cost.”

Does the prison cover brand name
prescription medication?

“Yes, only if the doctor prescribes the
medicine or there is not a generic brand that
is available.”

Does Medicaid cover prescription
drugs?

“Yes, but they will only cover generic brand
medication.”

Do medicaid patients use the emergency room more often?

“Yes, from what I have seen people on medicaid use the emergency room more often for things like a common cold or sore throat.”

Does the prison provide cancer
treatment?

“Yes, if a prisoner has cancer they will treat
them.”

Will the prison pay for all medical procedures?

“No, they will not. There is a certain criteria that has to be met in order to be treated. For the most part if a provider prescribes medical procedures or medicine, the prison will most likely provide it if they meet the criteria.”

How much are inmates charged for their medical?

“Inmates are charged up to \$2,000 dollars per year. If they cannot pay for their medical cost it is billed to them after they get out of prison.”

Difficulties and Limitations of Research

What specifically was our research?

Money spent on medical care vs overall health cost

Other non treatment related health expenses.

Holes in the research

Lack of reports keeping track of prison spending for medication and regular infirmary data

Spending and reporting problems

In response to our records request we received the following:

Josh,

I've asked the Research & Planning office if there are any data records currently compiled that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, there are no responsive records for your request. The time/cost to compile the data you requested would be a considerable. The department is currently not prepared to devote the time and resources to compile this data.

This was fairly concerning for us, because where data is not compiled there is no way to verify and track spending on the inmate health care.

Oversight payoff

Medicaid and office of the Inspector General

2.5 million per year

What is the pay off?

[Utah inspector general recoups \\$25M for Medicaid](#) (2013)

[Utah Medicaid inspector recoups \\$10 million in taxpayer funds](#) (2012)

[Medicaid inspector general's investigations regain \\$7.9 million](#) (2012)

In conclusion...

- Our original goal was to show spending differences between medicaid and inmate healthcare
- Question answered??
 - Is it bad that there is not data to support what Josh learned in his interview?
 - What we really uncovered
- Any questions?