

THE HIGH COST OF DYING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

All of South Florida is an expensive place for the elderly getting healthcare, but there are wide discrepancies based on which hospital a patient frequents most.

Here is a detailed account of Medicare data, examined and filtered by researchers at Dartmouth University, about the money spent and care given concerning patients in their months of life. South Florida has always been one of the most expensive places to die in the country - Miami-Dade even more so than Broward.

This data, measuring 2001 through 2005, focuses on Medicare patients with one of nine chronic conditions - congestive heart failure, chronic lung disease, cancer, coronary artery disease, renal failure, peripheral vascular disease, diabetes, chronic liver disease and dementia.

The new HCI rating stands for the Hospital Care Intensity index, which measures numbers of days patients spend in hospitals and the number of doctors they see as in-patients, adjusted for age, sex, race and severity of illness. The higher the number, the more intense is the care.

The dollar amounts show not only in-patient data, but also those patients expenditures for out-patient, home health, nursing home and durable medical equipment during their last two years of life. Also included is the average co-pays per patient for physician care during their last two years.

The data on days in hospitals, physician visits, and percent of patients seeing 10 or more physicians is for the last six months of the patient's life.

*Now UM Hospital

**Now Metropolitan Hospital of Miami

***Now Memorial Regional Hospital South

**** Now Jackson North Medical Center

SOURCE: Medicare, Dartmouth Atlas

Hospital	Address	HCI	Total \$	Hospital	Outpatient	Nursing	Home	Hospice	Equipment
						Home	Care		
South Beach Community Hospital	630 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, FL 33139	100	\$94,081	60258	\$5,325	18236	2180	1470	4588
Westchester General Hospital	2500 S.W. 75th Avenue, Miami, FL 33155	99.5	107857	\$57,503	\$8,294	\$17,356	\$11,249	\$4,059	\$7,862
Mount Sinai Medical Center	4300 Alton Rd. Miami Beach, FL 33140	99.3	\$82,816	\$52,650	\$12,122	\$6,520	\$4,650	\$2,688	\$2,723
Hialeah Hospital	651 E. 25th St., Hialeah, FL 33013	99	\$89,732	\$51,117	\$9,316	\$12,043	\$6,377	\$2,463	\$6,732
Palm Springs General Hospital	1475 W. 49th St., Hialeah, FL 33012	98.8	\$86,165	\$45,857	\$7,636	\$13,751	\$7,671	\$2,402	\$7,107
Larkin Community Hospital	7031 SW 62nd Ave, South Miami, FL 33143	98.4	\$102,265	\$51,800	\$9,409	\$19,404	\$7,077	\$4,561	\$8,081
Aventura Hospital and Medical Center	20900 Biscayne Boulevard, Aventura, FL 33180	98.3	\$75,487	\$37,638	\$11,419	\$12,611	\$5,750	\$4,195	\$2,199
Cedars Medical Center*	1400 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136	98.1	\$95,901	\$55,284	\$10,510	\$12,814	\$5,608	\$2,328	\$7,458
Pan American Hospital**	5959 NW 7 St., Miami, FL 33126	98	\$88,094	\$47,351	\$10,445	\$11,091	\$8,003	\$2,210	\$7,234
Hollywood Medical Center***	3600 Washington St, Hollywood, FL 33021	97.8	\$76,857	\$33,257	\$9,336	\$17,795	\$8,575	\$3,992	\$2,169
Parkway Regional Medical Center****	160 NW 170th St. North Miami Beach, FL 33169	97.1	\$74,621	\$41,251	\$7,308	\$14,278	\$3,646	\$3,359	\$2,843
North Shore Medical Center	1100 NW 95th St, Miami, FL 33150	97	\$79,071	\$44,409	\$8,958	\$13,454	\$3,769	\$3,608	\$3,288
Coral Gables Hospital	3100 S Douglas Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33134	96.8	\$88,007	\$46,762	\$8,664	\$12,836	\$8,299	\$2,873	\$7,152
Mercy Hospital	3663 S Miami Ave Miami, FL 33133	96.4	\$82,478	\$47,896	\$10,653	\$7,939	\$5,889	\$3,056	\$5,870
Kendall Regional Medical Center	11750 SW 40th St, Miami, FL 33175	96	\$84,067	\$45,266	\$9,601	\$9,046	\$8,627	\$2,857	\$6,945
Palmetto General Hospital	2001 W. 68th St., Hialeah, FL 33016	95.8	\$84,330	\$48,022	\$9,711	\$9,635	\$6,584	\$2,477	\$6,180
South Miami Hospital	6200 SW 73rd St., Miami, FL 33143	94.7	\$70,810	\$41,476	\$10,902	\$5,596	\$4,799	\$3,593	\$3,039
Florida Medical Center	4850 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313	94.4	\$69,096	\$31,042	\$9,739	\$12,264	\$7,766	\$5,118	\$1,564
Baptist Hospital of Miami	8900 North Kendall Drive, Miami, FL 33176	94.1	\$73,383	\$40,775	\$11,455	\$7,148	\$5,267	\$3,989	\$3,239
Broward General Medical Center	1600 South Andrews AvenueFort Lauderdale, FL 33316	93.3	\$66,314	\$38,182	\$8,028	\$8,917	\$4,479	\$3,704	\$1,651
Memorial Hospital Pembroke	2301 N. University Dr., Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	93	\$70,148	\$37,988	\$9,789	\$8,741	\$5,367	\$4,179	\$2,405
Holy Cross Hospital	4725 North Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308	92.4	\$63,694	\$34,539	\$10,317	\$6,916	\$5,270	\$3,901	\$1,498
University Hospital and Medical Center	7201 N University Dr, Tamarac, FL 33321	91.6	\$69,897	\$31,671	\$14,049	\$10,059	\$6,496	\$4,314	\$1,664
Westside Regional Medical Center	8201 W Broward Blvd, Plantation, FL 33324	90.9	\$64,590	\$30,157	\$11,004	\$10,088	\$5,599	\$4,765	\$1,579
Northwest Medical Center	2801 North State Road 7, Margate, FL 33063	90.9	\$66,243	\$31,810	\$11,703	\$8,543	\$6,452	\$4,588	\$1,635
Jackson Memorial Hospital	1611 NW 12th Avenue Miami, FL 33136	88.3	\$81,695	\$50,971	\$8,398	\$7,590	\$4,597	\$3,683	\$5,014
Memorial Regional Hospital	3501 Johnson St Hollywood, FL 33021	87.3	\$65,315	\$33,183	\$11,563	\$7,604	\$5,695	\$4,355	\$1,552
Imperial Point Medical Center	6401 N Federal Hwy Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308	86.1	\$58,716	\$28,148	\$7,638	\$8,032	\$6,757	\$5,316	\$1,472
Memorial Hospital West	703 N Flamingo Rd, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028	86.4	\$66,947	\$35,729	\$10,553	\$6,555	\$5,551	\$4,243	\$2,809
North Broward Medical Center	201 E. Sample Road, Pompano Beach, FL 33064	85.6	\$62,181	\$30,136	\$8,813	\$9,734	\$5,660	\$4,786	\$1,551
North Ridge Medical Center	5757 N Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL 33334	85.5	\$62,516	\$28,951	\$12,090	\$7,554	\$6,968	\$4,114	\$1,562
Homestead Hospital	975 Baptist Way Homestead, FL 33033	83.8	\$70,302	\$35,297	\$7,189	\$10,669	\$7,122	\$4,552	\$3,972
Coral Springs Medical Center	3000 Coral Hills Dr, Coral Springs	81.4	\$61,509	\$29,257	\$10,356	\$7,185	\$6,337	\$5,375	\$1,574

Hospital	days per patient	doc visits	10+ docs	Die in Hospital	Die in ICU	Die in Hospice	Co-Pay
South Beach Community Hospital	30.84	92.49	57.76	53.26	31.63	18.51	\$6,929
Westchester General Hospital	24.77	84.83	67.55	42.83	36.48	30.17	\$6,661
Mount Sinai Medical Center	25.42	73.94	63.46	44.47	35.44	33.17	\$5,483
Hialeah Hospital	21.14	75.52	64.85	43.77	38.15	28.79	\$6,172
Palm Springs General Hospital	22.67	75.43	65.17	48.37	36.99	26.42	\$6,068
Larkin Community Hospital	19.78	71.04	70.74	39.34	28.53	34.38	\$6,873
Aventura Hospital and Medical Center	18.38	74.04	55.27	32.9	31.34	46.05	\$5,173
Cedars Medical Center*	21.32	65.42	61.35	45.14	33.6	29.09	\$6,937
Pan American Hospital**	23.43	71.49	63.52	50.19	40.6	25.22	\$6,201
Hollywood Medical Center***	17.01	71.55	53.29	27.86	24.69	47.77	\$4,666
Parkway Regional Medical Center****	19.29	69.21	49.32	39.45	32.65	40.99	\$4,699
North Shore Medical Center	20.62	71.23	54.24	40.21	35.51	43.25	\$5,133
Coral Gables Hospital	19.82	62.02	56.4	45.08	36.22	27.71	\$5,528
Mercy Hospital	20.55	60.6	57.38	42.78	25.05	32.76	\$5,635
Kendall Regional Medical Center	18.51	65.94	64.58	43.42	37.42	34.67	\$5,880
Palmetto General Hospital	20.63	59.64	54.7	43.87	39.2	34.26	\$5,730
South Miami Hospital	19.32	55.95	62.79	36.08	25.62	43.83	\$5,043
Florida Medical Center	16.89	61.39	63.06	23.03	21.3	63.26	\$4,398
Baptist Hospital of Miami	18.77	58.16	62.25	35.2	24.95	45.98	\$5,416
Broward General Medical Center	18.5	59.71	48.94	33.37	25.08	46.65	\$4,353
Memorial Hospital Pembroke	16.31	63.76	54.92	29.6	22.23	51.8	\$4,468
Holy Cross Hospital	17.12	52.86	52.86	27.7	22.11	49.57	\$3,883
University Hospital and Medical Center	15.29	61.15	67.1	27.96	26.05	55.32	\$5,254
Westside Regional Medical Center	16.22	57.4	59.05	30.21	27.38	55.37	\$4,545
Northwest Medical Center	15.29	61.9	61.99	29.57	26.42	56.66	\$4,715
Jackson Memorial Hospital	18.58	45.33	44.11	41.72	27.55	37.74	\$4,950
Memorial Regional Hospital	15.5	51.68	52.48	30.43	24.72	51.72	\$4,340
Imperial Point Medical Center	14.22	47.62	46.01	27.35	22.96	55.5	\$3,571
Memorial Hospital West	16.81	50.64	63.73	32.69	27.29	49.82	\$4,427
North Broward Medical Center	15.38	49.58	55.3	25.93	19.74	58.63	\$3,594
North Ridge Medical Center	14.34	50.7	53.11	28.79	24.41	52.22	\$4,344
Homestead Hospital	13.09	42.73	33.87	33.84	23.64	51.16	\$4,427
Coral Springs Medical Center	14.96	55.08	60.6	28.02	22.73	56.29	\$4,156