

Table C. Standard errors for hospital inpatient services<sup>a</sup>: median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment, U.S., 1997. Corresponds to Table 3.

Population characteristic	Total population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Annual total expense per person with expense		Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment						
			Median	Mean	Total expenses (in millions)	Out of Pocket	Private Insurance <sup>b</sup>	Medicare	Medicaid	Other public programs <sup>c</sup>	Other <sup>d</sup>
<b>Total</b>	†	0.18	163	527	12,358	0.3	2.5	2.3	0.7	1.4	1.1
<b>Age in years</b>											
Under 65	†	0.17	203	652	9,636	0.5	2.9	1.1	1.3	2.3	1.9
Under 6	†	0.52	354	1,655	2,002	0.6	12.1	1.2	5.9	0.3	9.5
6-17	†	0.19	624	2,617	2,274	0.6	4.0	0.2	2.9	0.5	1.5
18-44	†	0.28	191	452	3,587	0.6	4.0	1.8	1.8	0.4	3.7
45-64	†	0.41	461	1,586	8,279	0.8	4.5	1.8	1.8	4.1	2.0
65 and over	†	0.72	529	891	7,374	0.4	2.7	2.7	0.2	1.2	0.4
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	†	0.24	353	1,042	9,141	0.5	2.8	3.3	1.0	2.8	1.7
Female	†	0.26	202	556	7,925	0.3	3.5	3.0	0.8	0.4	1.3
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>											
White and other	†	0.22	207	653	11,712	0.3	2.8	2.8	0.7	1.7	1.1
Black	†	0.47	284	853	2,417	1.8	5.9	4.4	2.2	1.3	4.7
Hispanic	†	0.33	434	1,154	2,504	1.1	7.2	4.6	3.3	3.4	3.8
<b>Health insurance status<sup>ae</sup></b>											
Under age 65:											
Any private	3,813	0.20	279	928	9,460	0.5	2.6	0.9	0.3	2.9	0.6
Public only	1,148	0.50	241	520	1,972	1.4	1.4	3.5	4.2	3.9	1.5
Uninsured	1,060	0.30	556	2,164	2,223	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	8.2
Age 65 and over:											
Medicare only	430	1.42	1,199	1,261	2,592	1.4	0.0	3.4	0.0	1.6	1.5
Medicare and private	802	1.01	534	1,289	6,723	0.2	3.7	3.7	0.1	0.2	0.1
Medicare and other public	231	2.16	1,076	1,677	2,107	0.9	0.1	2.8	1.4	2.0	0.2
<b>Poverty status<sup>g</sup></b>											
Poor	†	0.53	297	530	2,650	0.7	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.1	1.5
Near-poor	†	1.03	485	3,799	4,780	0.4	15.4	10.3	4.0	0.8	5.7
Low income	†	0.47	534	755	2,797	0.6	3.6	4.9	1.3	4.4	1.3
Middle income	†	0.31	318	1,260	9,226	0.5	3.7	4.2	0.9	3.4	1.2
High income	†	0.31	419	736	4,925	0.7	3.9	3.7	0.5	1.0	2.8
<b>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)<sup>e</sup></b>											
MSA	†	0.20	184	426	7,370	0.4	2.7	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.2
Non-MSA	†	0.36	317	881	5,443	0.7	3.5	3.4	0.8	0.4	1.2
<b>Census Region</b>											
Northeast	†	0.48	452	681	3,671	0.5	4.6	4.4	1.7	2.7	0.9
Midwest	†	0.34	342	1,370	6,630	0.9	4.1	5.9	1.2	4.9	3.4
South	†	0.34	269	766	7,710	0.5	3.6	2.9	0.9	1.1	1.6
West	†	0.36	336	1,470	6,078	0.5	7.6	5.7	1.9	2.2	1.7
<b>Perceived health status<sup>e</sup></b>											
Under 65 years											
Excellent, very good, or good	4,036	0.15	199	432	4,811	0.4	3.0	1.1	1.1	0.6	2.9
Fair or Poor	620	0.97	514	1,698	6,399	1.2	3.5	2.8	3.0	5.5	1.5
65 years and over											
Excellent, very good, or good	798	0.72	690	934	3,965	0.3	5.4	5.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
Fair or Poor	423	1.81	715	1,559	6,300	0.6	2.9	3.0	0.2	2.0	0.4

<sup>a</sup>Room and board and all hospital diagnostic and laboratory expenses associated with the basic facility charge, payments for separately billed physician inpatient services, and emergency room expenses incurred immediately prior to inpatient stays are included. Expenses for hospital discharges that did not involve an overnight stay, which are included as ambulatory expenses (Table 4), are excluded. Expenses for newborns who left the hospital on the same day as the mother are included in the mother's record.

<sup>b</sup>Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

<sup>c</sup>Other public programs include Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year).

<sup>d</sup>Other includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

<sup>e</sup>Number of persons and amount of expenses do not add to overall total because data on this variable were not available for some sample persons.

<sup>f</sup>Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

<sup>g</sup>Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables

-- Less than 100 sample cases with expenses.

**Note:** These estimates are for a target population of approximately 271.3 million persons who were in the civilian noninstitutionalized population for all or part of 1997. Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**Source:** Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1997.