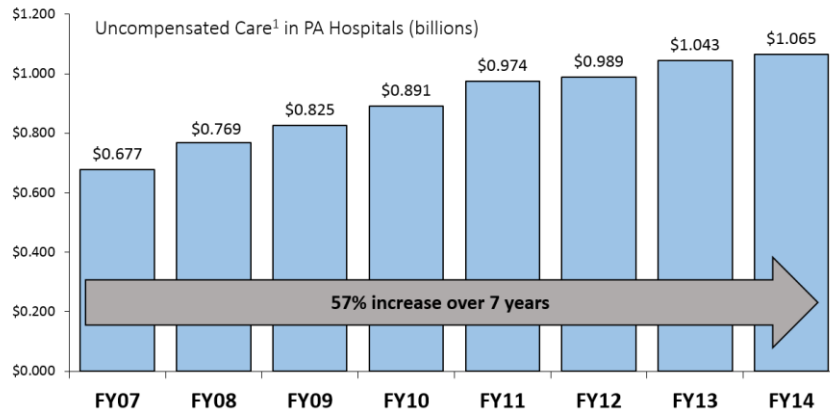


## Care for the Neediest, Relieving Government Burden

Pennsylvania hospitals provided the equivalent of \$1.065 billion in unpaid, but desperately needed, health care services—care for which federal, state, and local governments would otherwise have to make provisions.

- In 2014, hospitals provided more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care.** This unpaid hospital care includes “free” charity care and financial assistance for uninsured and under-insured patients who could not afford their health care, and bad debt from patients who did not honor their financial obligations to hospitals.

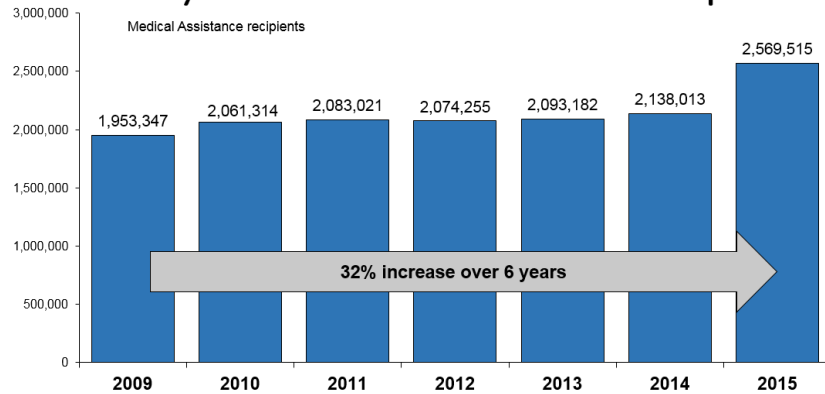
### Uncompensated Care in Pennsylvania Hospitals



<sup>1</sup>Figures reflect general acute care hospital bad debt and charity care at cost.  
Source: HAP analysis of Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council data.

- Hospitals absorbed more than \$1.1 billion in Medicare shortfalls.** Medicare reimburses hospitals just 91 percent of the cost of care provided to beneficiaries. Meanwhile, an increasing number of Americans are aging into their Medicare coverage. As a result, Pennsylvania hospitals sustained more than \$1.1 billion in Medicare shortfalls during 2013. (Source: 2012-IRS 990, Schedule H, Data reflects hospitals’ FY2013)

### Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Recipients



Source: PA Department of Human Services

- Hospitals absorbed more than \$1.3 billion in Medical Assistance shortfalls.** This represents the net unreimbursed costs to Pennsylvania non-profit hospitals and health systems. More than 2.5 million Pennsylvanians receive their health coverage through Medical Assistance, Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program for the disabled, elderly, low-income families, and children. Because Medical Assistance reimburses hospitals only 81 percent of the cost of care provided to beneficiaries, hospitals must cover the other 19 percent. During 2013, these shortfalls amounted to more than \$1.3 billion. (Source: 2012-IRS 990, Schedule H, Data reflects hospitals’ FY2013)

