



The Hospital + Healthsystem
Association of Pennsylvania

Health Care Transformation in PA

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has helped transform health care for Pennsylvanians and their hospitals. More people are covered. The quality of health care is getting even better. And we're making progress toward reigning in what we, as a nation, spend on that health care.

<p>More Pennsylvanians have health coverage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uninsured rate cut nearly 40% (10.2% in 2010 to 6.4% in 2015) • 1.1 million Pennsylvanians (nearly 1 in 12) benefited from ACA coverage provisions: 412,000 through Marketplace and 685,000 through Medicaid expansion
<p>Hospital uncompensated care (charity care and unpaid patient bills) ticked down for the first time in more than a decade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$975 million in 2015, down \$92 million (9%) from 2014, the first decrease since 2001
<p>ACA-sponsored collaborations helped improve quality and safety and reduce health care spending</p>	<p>During 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110 acute care hospitals in PA participated • 20,000 harm events avoided
<p>ACA payment models incentivized value over volumes and more efficient, cost-effective care delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly 1/2 (45.6%) of PA hospitals' patient revenue comes from outpatient care • Hospitalizations down 12% over 10 years • Readmissions down 8–10% over 5 years
<p>Hospital finances remain challenging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.6 billion in PA hospital cuts have helped fund ACA coverage expansion to date • Funding for \$14.9 billion more in planned cuts (2018–2026) must be restored if ACA is repealed without a replacement with similar coverage • 1 in 4 PA acute care hospitals in the red overall (negative margins)
<p>Annual national health care spending increases show leveling off from historic norms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10%+ annual increases from 1970–2000 • 6.5%–9.6% annual increases from 2000–2007 • Record low 2.9% increase in 2013 • Annual increases higher (5%–6%) in 2014 and 2015 due to Medicaid expansion and Marketplace enrollment – but still below historic levels

Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Dobson DaVanzo, Health and Human Services, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council