

Medicare Readmission Penalties By State, Year 4

Medicare evaluated the readmission rates of the nation's hospitals in determining the fourth year of penalties in the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program. Medicare will apply the penalties to all its payments for patient stays between Oct. 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016. In this chart, the first column after the state name shows the total number of hospitals penalized in each state. That is followed by the percent of each state's hospitals that were penalized. That calculation includes hospitals exempted from the fines, such as those serving veterans and children. The final column shows the average penalty for penalized hospitals.

* The penalties do not apply to Maryland hospitals, as that state has a unique reimbursement arrangement with Medicare, and thus Maryland is not included in this table.

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State Name	Number of Penalized Hospitals	Percent of All Hospitals Penalized	Average Hospital Penalty (Percent)
Alabama	72	79	0.61
Alaska	7	33	0.44
Arizona	49	62	0.48
Arkansas	41	53	0.83
California	224	65	0.40
Colorado	25	32	0.29
Connecticut	28	90	0.66
Delaware	5	71	0.35
District of Columbia	7	78	0.77
Florida	154	81	0.67
Georgia	89	67	0.47
Hawaii	10	56	0.33
Idaho	4	10	0.58
Illinois	113	62	0.72
Indiana	64	51	0.59
Iowa	25	21	0.62
Kansas	32	24	0.44
Kentucky	62	65	1.19
Louisiana	66	55	0.68
Maine	11	31	0.40
Massachusetts	51	78	0.70
Michigan	69	50	0.64
Minnesota	39	30	0.37
Mississippi	54	55	0.61

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Missouri	67	61	0.71
Montana	5	9	0.70
Nebraska	14	15	0.39
Nevada	20	56	0.57
New Hampshire	11	42	0.45
New Jersey	63	97	0.73
New Mexico	18	43	0.37
New York	140	77	0.75
North Carolina	76	68	0.56
North Dakota	3	7	0.14
Ohio	109	64	0.71
Oklahoma	63	50	0.55
Oregon	21	34	0.32
Pennsylvania	128	74	0.61
Rhode Island	9	75	0.63
South Carolina	47	75	0.57
South Dakota	8	15	0.66
Tennessee	78	70	0.64
Texas	203	54	0.53
Utah	16	35	0.53
Vermont	4	27	0.08
Virginia	68	80	1.01
Washington	36	39	0.37
West Virginia	27	52	0.99
Wisconsin	49	39	0.38
Wyoming	8	29	0.37
National	2,592	54	0.61