

# Atlas

## A map for healthcare improvement

**Advancing healthcare is a journey. The California Healthcare Cost & Quality Atlas points us in the right direction — as a state and beyond.**



### Measuring healthcare performance for 75% of Californians

PAYER	ENROLLED CALIFORNIANS
Commercial	15 million
Medicare	5 million
Medi-Cal	10 million
	<b>30 million</b>

A publicly available tool, IHA's California Healthcare Cost & Quality Atlas measures how healthcare is performing, by geography, for up to 30 million Californians.

The result is a statewide view of where healthcare is working well and where it's not. So care can ultimately be improved and disparities reduced for all Californians.

#### The Atlas includes performance information for

Commercial HMOs & PPOs  
Medicare Advantage & Fee-For-Service (FFS)  
Medi-Cal Managed Care

Large, small, and self-insured employers  
Individually insured members  
Members with select chronic conditions

Provider risk-sharing arrangements  
Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)

### A complete picture of how we're doing

For a comprehensive look at healthcare quality and cost across California, the Atlas uses these metrics:



#### Clinical quality

Cancer screenings; diabetes and cardiovascular care; asthma medications; bronchitis care; and safe opioid use.



#### Hospital utilization

Emergency department visits; readmissions; inpatient utilization; and the frequency of selected procedures.



#### Cost of care

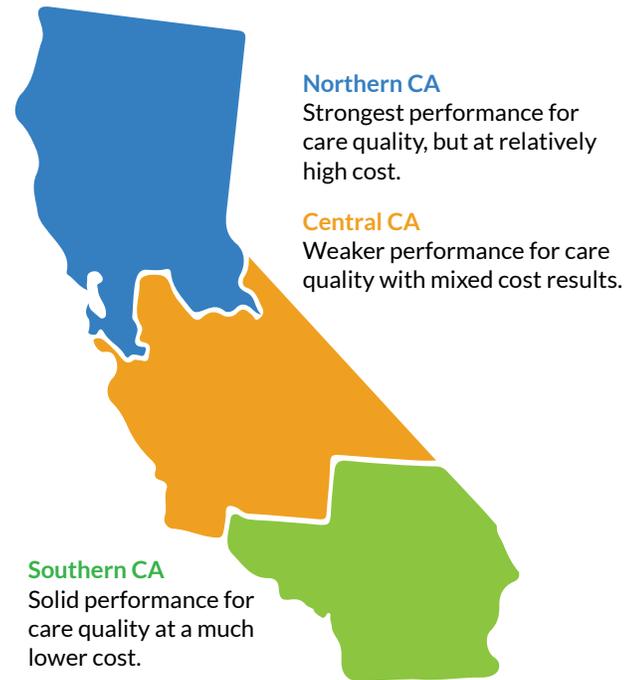
The average annual cost per member, including cost by major service category and member cost sharing.

## Showing the way: key findings to improve care

Atlas shows us that discrepancies in care persist across different regions of the state, while costs often continue to rise (although lower than national benchmarks<sup>1</sup>).

To help address these and other challenges, the Atlas points to certain key paths for improvement:

- **Financial risk sharing.** When plans and providers share in the financial risk, better care and lower costs typically result.
- **Integrated care models.** Across the state, integrated care models, such as HMOs and ACOs, perform better than non-integrated models like PPOs.



## Together, creating a healthier future

Atlas' insights can be used by purchasers, providers, health plans, policymakers, regulators and even consumers to move care forward across California.

- Policymakers and regulators can use insights to address statewide healthcare management issues
- Organizations can compare their performance against others to identify improvement areas
- Resources can be directed to the highest-need opportunities and locations
- Investments can be made in the most promising areas — i.e. integrated care and financial risk-sharing arrangements
- Consumers can make more informed healthcare decisions

[Explore healthcare insights at atlas.iha.org](https://atlas.iha.org)

1. U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. "NHE Fact Sheet." CMS.gov. (accessed March 24, 2020).



### About IHA

At Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), we bring the healthcare community together to solve industry-wide challenges that stand in the way of high-value care. A non-profit industry association, we use our decades of expertise, objective data, and our unique role as a trusted facilitator to make the healthcare system work better for everyone.

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