

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 about 16 million Californians

PAYER	ENROLLED CALIFORNIANS
Commercial	14 million
Medicare Advantage	2 million
	16 million

A publicly available tool, IHA's California Healthcare Cost & Quality Atlas measures how healthcare is performing, by geography, for about 70% of Californians with commercial or Medicare Advantage insurance.

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
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

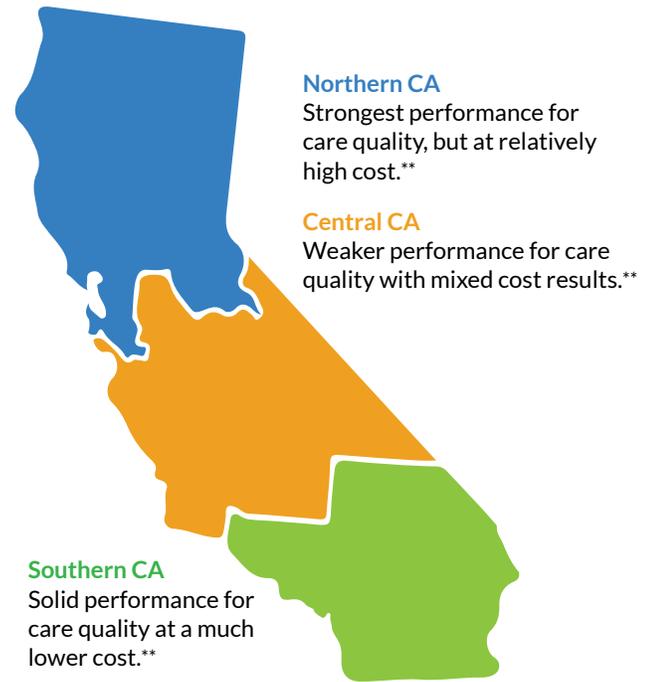
The average annual cost per member, including cost by major service category and member cost sharing.

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 by less than national benchmarks¹).

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).

** Analysis based on 2018 data.



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. As 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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