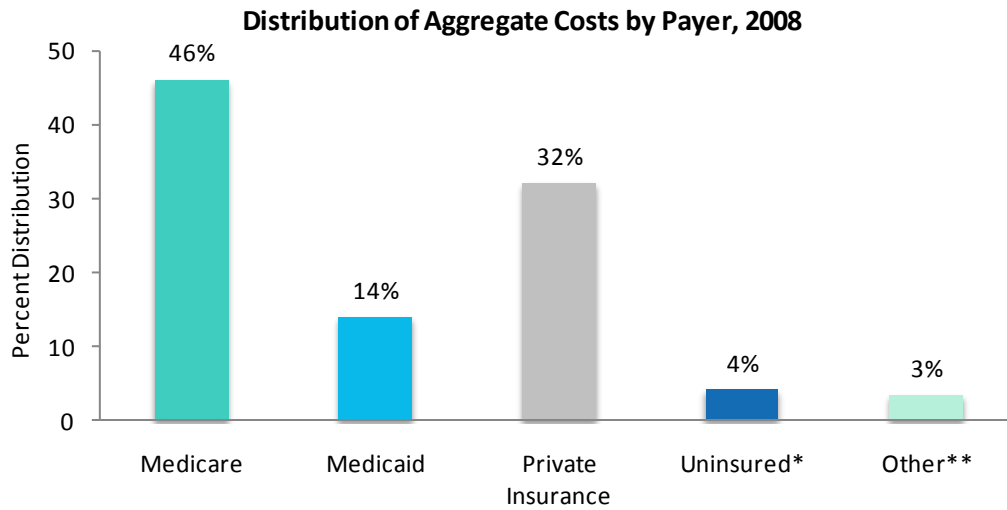


## EXHIBIT 4.4 Cost by Payer



\*Includes discharges classified as self-pay or no charge.

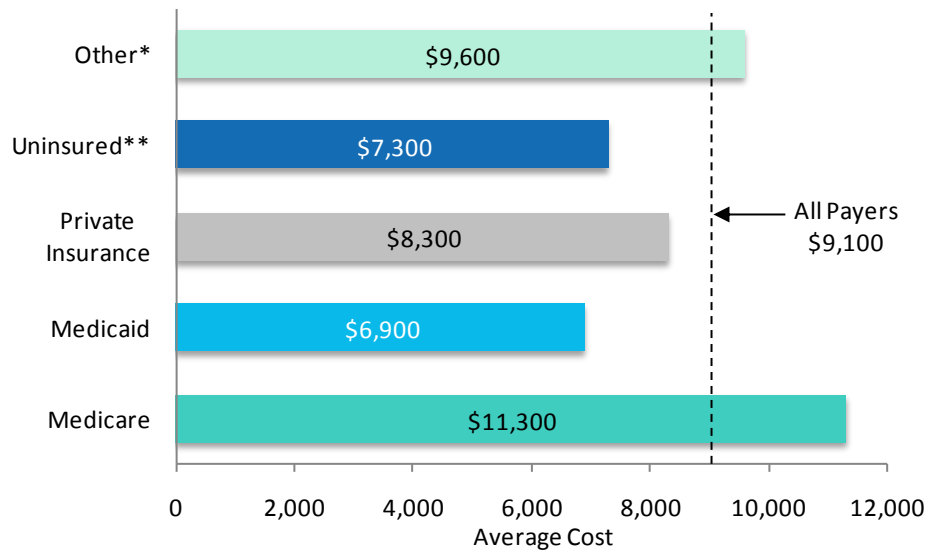
\*\*Includes other payers such as Workers' Compensation, TRICARE, CHAMPUS, CHAMPVA, Title V, and other government programs.

Note: Excludes a small number of discharges (68,000 or 0.2 percent) with missing payer that have a small sum of missing costs (\$642 million or 0.2 percent).

Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2008.

- Medicare, the single largest expected payer for hospitalizations in 2008, accounted for 46 percent of aggregate inpatient costs.
- Medicaid stays accounted for 14 percent of in-hospital costs.
- Private insurance was responsible for 32 percent of aggregate costs; the uninsured were responsible for 4 percent.

**Average Cost per Discharge by Payer, 2008**



\*Includes other payers such as Workers' Compensation, TRICARE, CHAMPUS, CHAMPVA, Title V, and other government programs.

\*\*Includes discharges classified as self-pay or no charge.

Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2008.

- Medicare discharges had the highest average cost per hospital stay (\$11,300).
- The average cost per discharge billed to private insurance (\$8,300), the uninsured (\$7,300), and Medicaid (\$6,900) was lower than the all payer average cost per discharge (\$9,100).