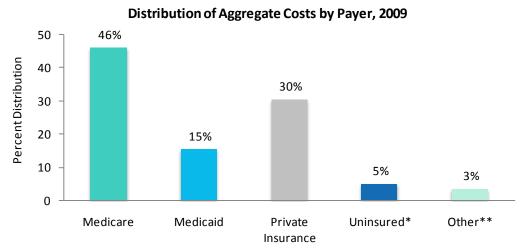
## **EXHIBIT 4.4** Cost by Payer



<sup>\*</sup> Includes stays classified as self-pay or no charge.

Note: Excludes a small number of stays (84,000 or 0.2 percent) with missing payer that have a small sum of missing costs (\$768 million or 0.2 percent).

Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2009.

- Medicare, the single largest payer for hospitalizations in 2009, accounted for 46 percent of aggregate inpatient costs.
- Medicaid stays accounted for 15 percent of in-hospital costs.
- Private insurance was responsible for 30 percent of aggregate costs; the uninsured were responsible for 5 percent.

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

## Average Cost per Stay by Payer, 2009



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

Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2009.

- Medicare stays had the highest average cost per hospital stay (\$11,300).
- The average cost per stay billed to private insurance (\$8,500), the uninsured (\$7,500), and Medicaid (\$6,900) was lower than the all payer average cost per stay (\$9,200).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes stays classified as self-pay or no charge.