

## Hospital Value Index Study Highlights Potential Savings of \$60B Annually in Healthcare Spending



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The 2009-2010 Hospital Value Index, a study exploring best practices for delivering affordable, quality healthcare, has been released, according news release by Data Advantage, the firm that carried out the study.

The study analyzed more than 4,500 hospitals in the United State for quality, affordability and efficiency and identified 747 as providing "Best in Value" care. The highest value hospitals tended to be community hospitals, according to the release.

A key finding of the study suggests that if all hospitals performed at the average benchmark for "Best in Value" hospitals, \$60 billion could be eliminated annually from hospital spending among all payors.

The study found gaps in hospital value to be dramatic, finding in some instances the price for the same medical procedure at two hospitals in the same area with similar quality ratings can differ by more than \$10,000.

"As legislators consider health reform and as consumers shoulder an increasing burden of the cost of healthcare, it is important to recognize and reward those hospitals that deliver outstanding value," John Morrow, a senior advisor to Data Advantage, said in the release.

Read the Data Advantage release on the [2009-2010 Hospital Value Index](#) (pdf).

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