

The Cost of Opioid Use Disorder in Medicare: Over \$33B in a Single Year



Key Findings



Approximately **145,000 Medicare patients** were first diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD) in 2022.



Each of these patients incurred an additional **\$29,669** in health care costs.



Newly diagnosed OUD patients costed Medicare **\$4.3 billion dollars** in 2022 alone.



Translating these results to the 1.1 million Medicare beneficiaries with OUD suggests that OUD costed Medicare over **\$33 billion** in 2022.

Additional Insights



The U.S. spent **\$1.5 trillion** combating the opioid addiction crisis in total.



Medicare's share of overall opioid prescribing has increased by **75%** since 2011.



The projected 10-year budgetary impact of OUD on Medicare is **\$62.56 billion** for incident cases, and **\$480 billion** if prevalent cases are included.

The Moran Company, a Health Management Associates Company's analysis was targeted and focused solely on the impact of newly diagnosed, fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare beneficiaries. The staggering \$ 33 billion annual price tag for this narrow population is a drop in the bucket compared to the true cost of OUD on our federal health system overall.

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