



COA Action ALERT

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Phase 1 Study by The Moran Company Documents Medicare Paying More for Cancer Care with Shift to the Hospital.

A new study sponsored by COA, The US Oncology Network, and ION Solutions was released yesterday on the shift of care to the outpatient hospital setting. The first phase study quantifies in Medicare procedures and payments the shift from physician community oncology practices to the hospital outpatient setting. The study shows that in terms of chemotherapy administration lines -- a proxy for volume -- that community practices still treat the large majority of Medicare patients with a 67% share. However, in terms of payments for administration services, the share is 59% and it is 63% related to payment for chemotherapy drugs. The lower payment shares for community practices relative to procedures point to what the Milliman study found -- care delivered in the hospital outpatient setting is more expensive.

To view a summary of the study and the study summary report, go to the latest [Thoughts from COA](#) on the COA website. Phase 2 of the Moran study will look closely at the site cost of care differences.

We strongly suggest you share this study with your Representatives in encouraging them to cosponsor H.R. 1416, the "Ellmers bill" to stop the sequester cut to cancer drugs and refund the payments already sequestered. Go to the [Sequester Resource Center](#) on the COA website for all the information and materials you need.

H.R. 1416 is very much under consideration; however, it won't move to the House floor for a vote unless you get your Representatives to support it!

Thanks!

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