

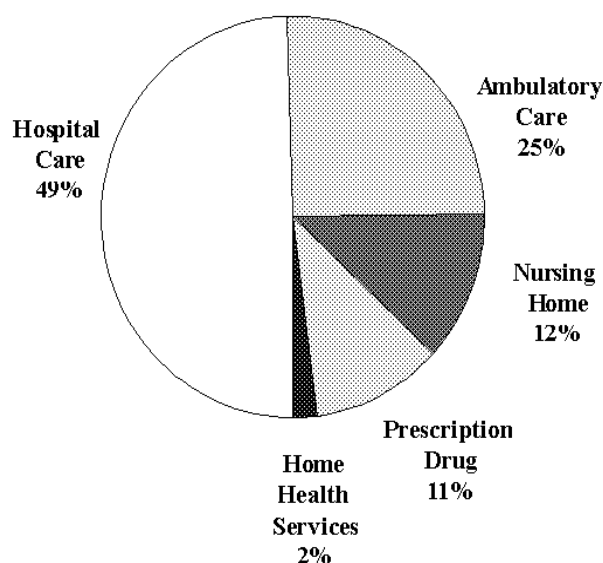
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Cigarette Smoking Cost the U.S. an Estimated \$72.7 Billion in Medical Expenses in 1993

Cigarette smoking cost the U.S. over \$72 billion in medical expenses, according to a study that estimated state-by-state totals of medical expenditures attributable to cigarette smoking for 1993 (the most recent year for which sufficient data were available). The majority of smoking-related medical expenses were for hospital care (49%, or an estimated \$35.9 billion) followed by ambulatory care, which includes physician and other professional services (25%, or an estimated \$18.5 billion). Individual state smoking-related expenditure totals ranged from \$79.6 million to \$8.72 billion. State-by-state data are available on CESAR's web site (go to www.cesar.umd.edu, select CESAR BOARD, then Drug Information, then Cost of Drugs).

Estimated U.S. Medical Expenditures Attributable to Cigarette Smoking, by Type of Expenditure, 1993* (\$72.7 Billion)



*Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.

NOTE: Medical expenses exclude amounts spent for people younger than 19 years, psychiatric hospital care, and mental retardation nursing homes.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Leonard S. Miller, Xiulan Zhang, Dorothy P. Rice, and Wendy Max, "State Estimates of Total Medical Expenditures Attributable to Cigarette Smoking, 1993," *Public Health Reports* 113:447-458, September/October 1998.

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