

Cost of Care in the Last Two Years of Life (2010 data)

Hospital	Inpatient Days/ Patient in Last 2 Years of Life	Total Cost of Care/ Patient During Last 2 Years of Life
National Average	20.3	\$79,337
New Hampshire Average	17.1	\$71,428
Vermont Average	15.3	\$66,858
Wisconsin Average	17.1	\$67,443
Dartmouth-Hitchcock (Lebanon)	16.0	\$76,933
Concord (Manchester)	16.9	\$71,089
Gundersen Health System	9.7	\$48,771

(The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, 2014)

Hospital Care Intensity in the Last Two Years of Life (2010 data)

Region/Hospital Levels and Percentiles	Overall Index
National Average	1.00
New Hampshire Average	0.74
Vermont Average	0.61
Wisconsin Average	0.78
Dartmouth-Hitchcock (Lebanon)	0.64
Concord (Manchester)	0.70
Gundersen Health System	0.40

Respecting Choices controls the per capita cost of care

	Per capita cost of care		
	La Crosse Wisconsin	Statewide Wisconsin	National Average
Reduces unwanted hospitalizations—percent hospitalized at least once during last six months of life ²⁹	59.5% (below 10th percentile)	67.5%	71.5%
Reduces costs of care in last two years of life due to elimination of unwanted treatment ²⁹	\$48,771	\$67,443	\$79,337
Decreases hospital care intensity in last two years of life ²⁹	0.49 (half the national average)	0.72	1.00
Reduces inpatient days in last two years of life ²⁹	10.0 days (below 10th percentile)	13.2 days	16.7 days
Reduces hospital deaths ²⁹	20.4%	20.9%	25.0%
Reduces percent of decedents seeing 10 or more different physicians during last six months of life ²⁹	22.7% (well below 10th percentile)	31.0%	42.0%
Reduces percent of decedents spending seven or more days in ICU/CCU during last six months of life ²⁹	3.8% (well below 10th percentile)	6.8%	15.2%
Reduces percent of decedents admitted to ICU/CCU in which death occurred ²⁹	9.5% (well below 10th percentile)	13.1%	18.5%

Reduces healthcare costs: for each dollar spent on ACP the cost of healthcare is reduced by \$2. The ROI is \$1 for every dollar spent.^{12,30}