

# **Lessons from Medicare's Approach to Payment Reforms and Disparities**

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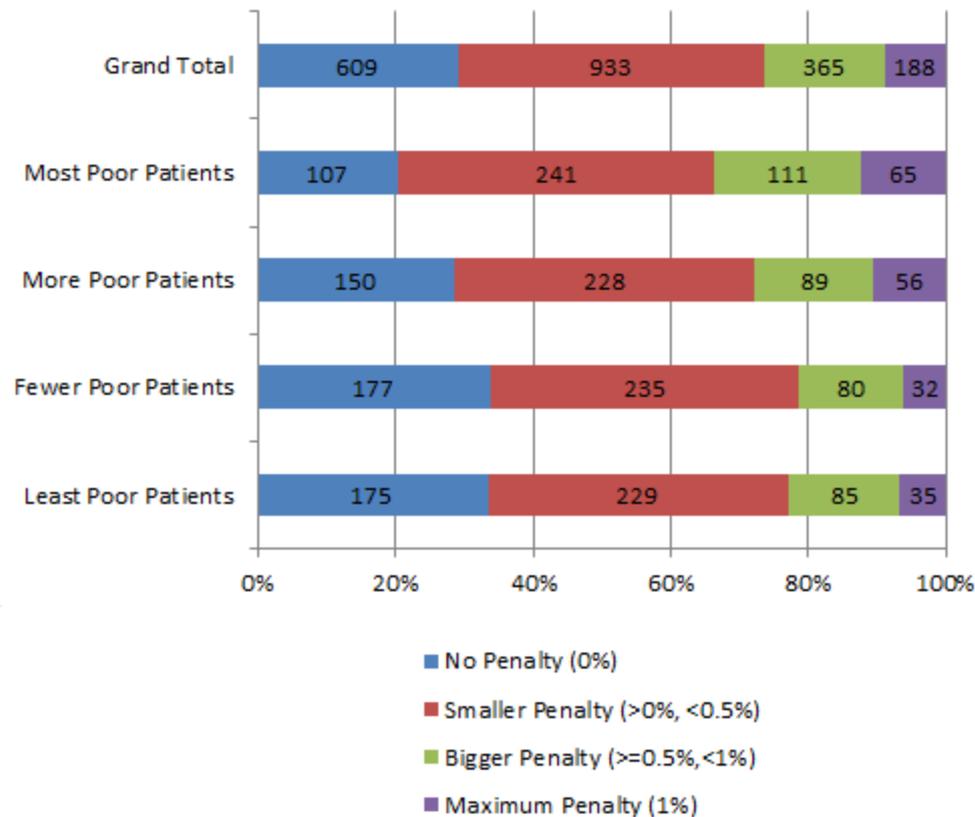
## **Lesson 1:**

**Poor communities lose the most**

# ***“Revised Medicare Penalties Hit Some States Hard,”***

Kaiser Health News, October 22, 2012

By Jordan Rau



**Lesson 2:**  
**It's not about quality.**

# “California Safety-Net Hospitals Likely To Be Penalized By ACA Value, Readmission, And Meaningful-Use Program,”

Matlin Gilman, et. al., Health Affairs, August 2014

## EXHIBIT 2

### Impacts Of Value-Based Purchasing (VBP), Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP), And Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs On Safety-Net And Non-Safety-Net Hospitals, 2013

Impact	Safety-net hospitals (n=60)	Other hospitals (n=182)	p value
Hospitals penalized under VBP	70.0%	58.2%	0.1051
VBP total performance score	45.0	52.2	0.0035
VBP process score	53.8	60.0	0.0615
VBP patient experience score	24.4	34.2	<0.0001
Hospitals penalized under the HRRP	88.3	68.1	0.0022
30-day readmission rate for acute myocardial infarction	19.9	19.2	0.0051
30-day readmission rate for heart failure	25.7	24.1	<0.0001
30-day readmission rate for pneumonia	18.9	18.2	0.0100
Hospitals receiving Medicare payment for demonstrating EHR meaningful use	38.3	55.0	0.0256

**SOURCE** Authors' analysis of data from the Medicare Impact File for 2013, Hospital Compare for 2011, and VBP performance scores for 2013 from Hospital Compare and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website. **NOTES** Readmission rates are risk-adjusted. Additional analytic details for the exhibit are included in the online Appendix (to access the Appendix, click on the Appendix link in the box to the right of the article online).

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## EXHIBIT 3

### Thirty-Day Risk-Adjusted Mortality Rates For Acute Myocardial Infarction, Heart Failure, And Pneumonia, 2009-11

	Safety-net hospitals (n=60)	Other hospitals (n=182)	p value
Mortality rate for:			
Acute myocardial infarction	14.5%	15.0%	0.0950
Heart failure	9.5	11.2	<0.0001
Pneumonia	10.9	11.8	0.0036
Mortality rate index (actual over expected)	0.91	1.02	<0.0001
Hospitals with lower-than-expected mortality	66.7	41.2	0.0006

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