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California Commission On Health And Safety And Workers' Compensation

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Topics Covered In Today's Discussion

- About WCRI – who we are and what we do
- Selected findings from *CompScope™ Medical Benchmarks for California, 24th Edition* and other WCRI studies
- Questions and answers

About WCRI And Our Mission

- Independent, not-for-profit research organization
- Mission:

“Be a catalyst for improving WC systems by providing the public with high-quality, credible information on important public policy issues.”
- Diverse membership support
- Peer-reviewed studies focus on benefit delivery system
- Do not make recommendations or take positions; serve as a resource for public officials & system stakeholders
 - Content-rich website: www.wcrinet.org



Selected Findings From CompScope™ Medical Benchmarks For California, 24th Edition



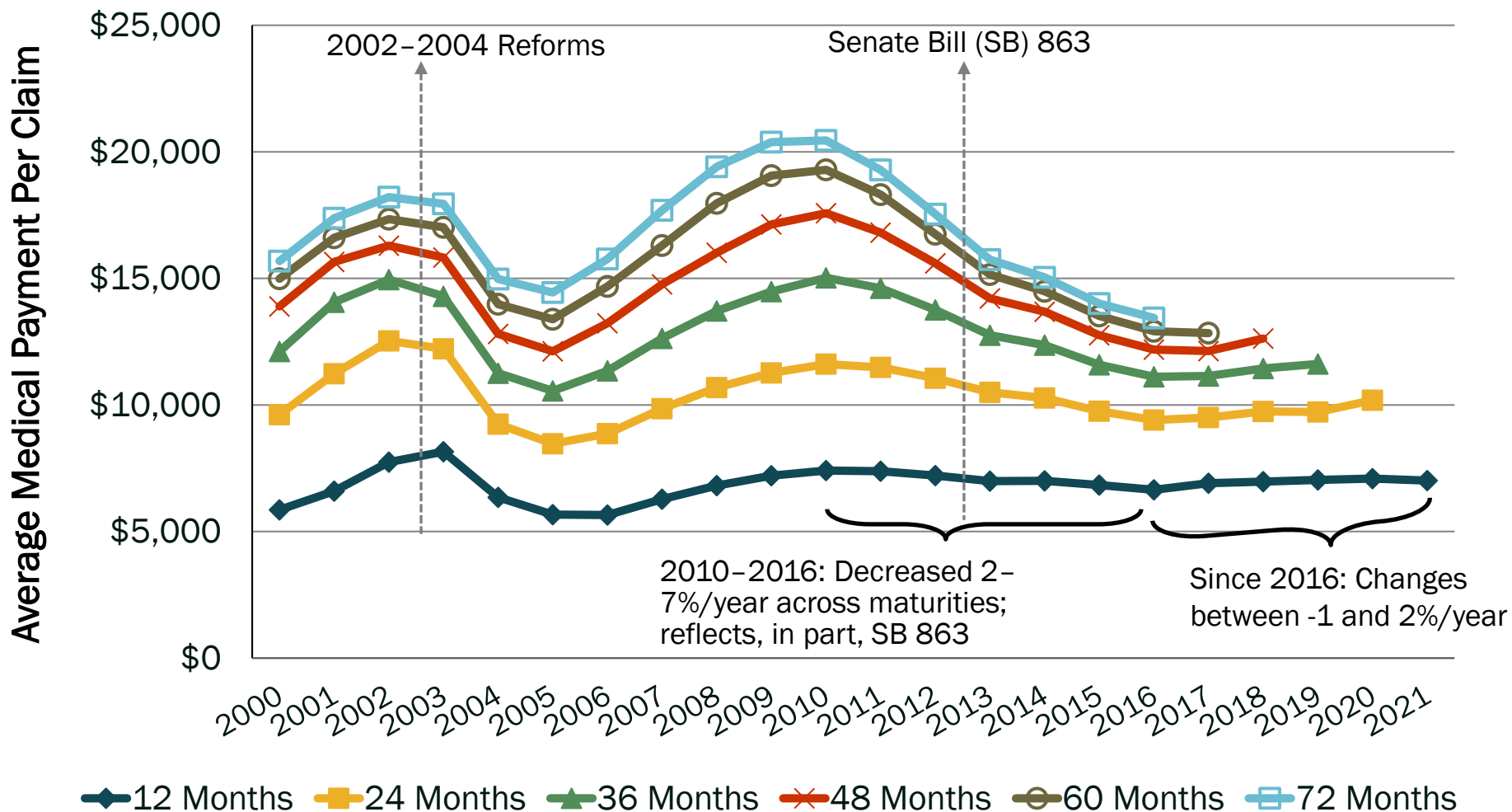
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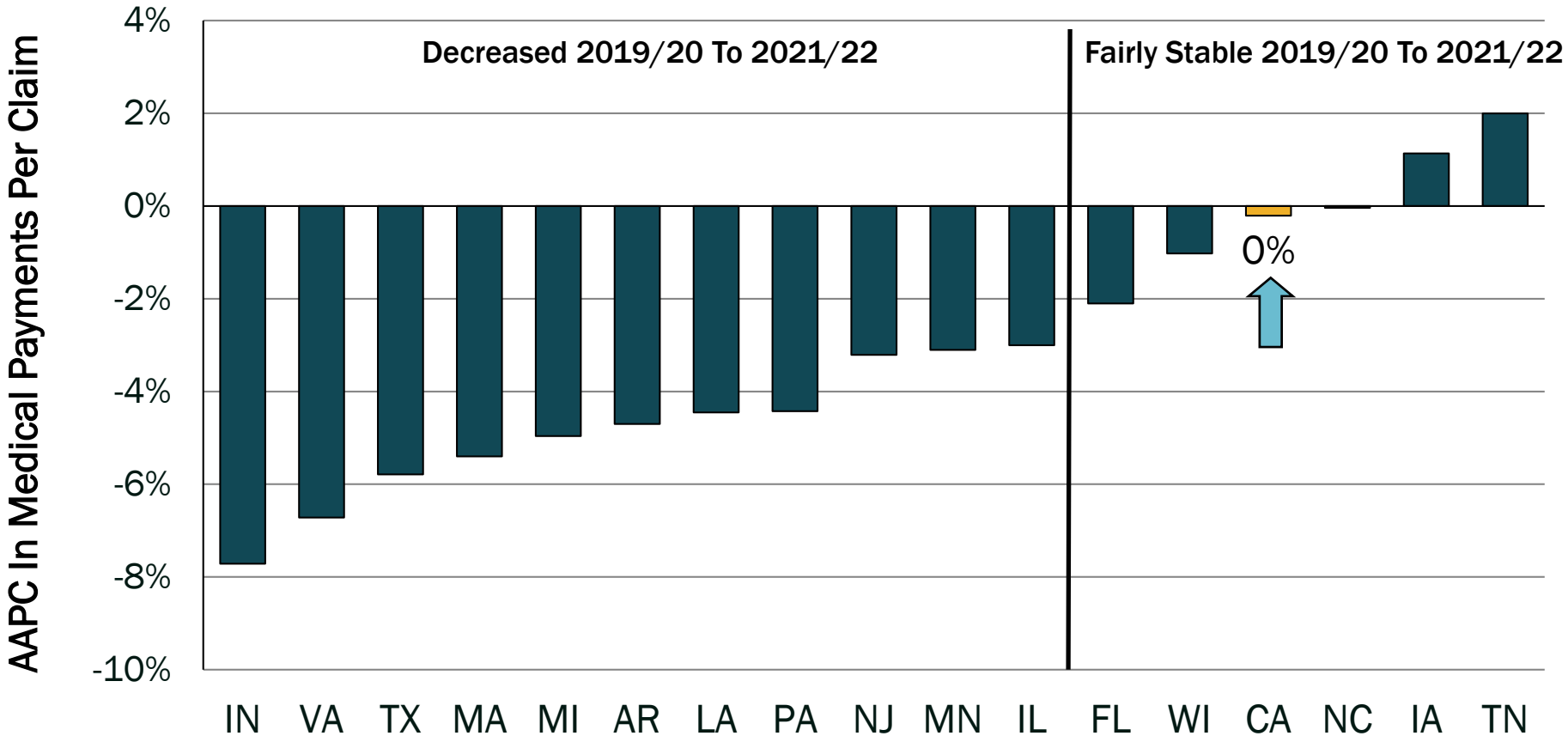
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CA Medical Payments/Claim Mostly Stable Since 2016, Including Little Change 2019/20–2021/22



Non-COVID-19 Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time At Various Claim Maturities, Not Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix

12 Months: Medical Payments/Claim Decreased In Many Study States Since 2019; Little Change In CA



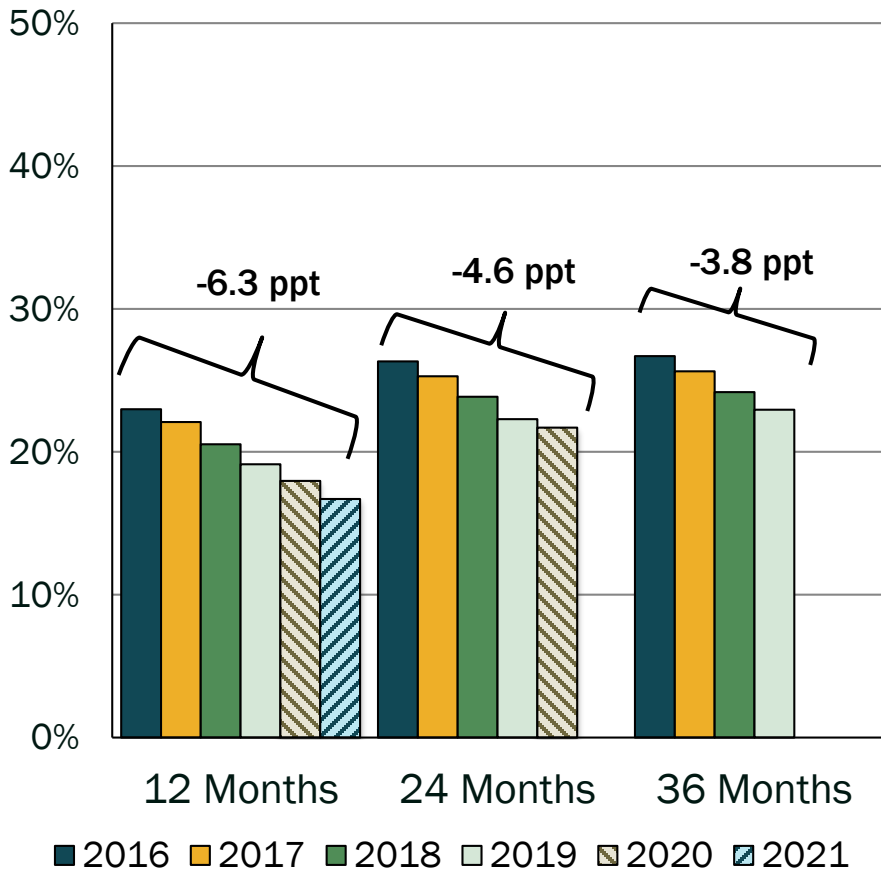
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 AAPC: Annual Average Percentage Change

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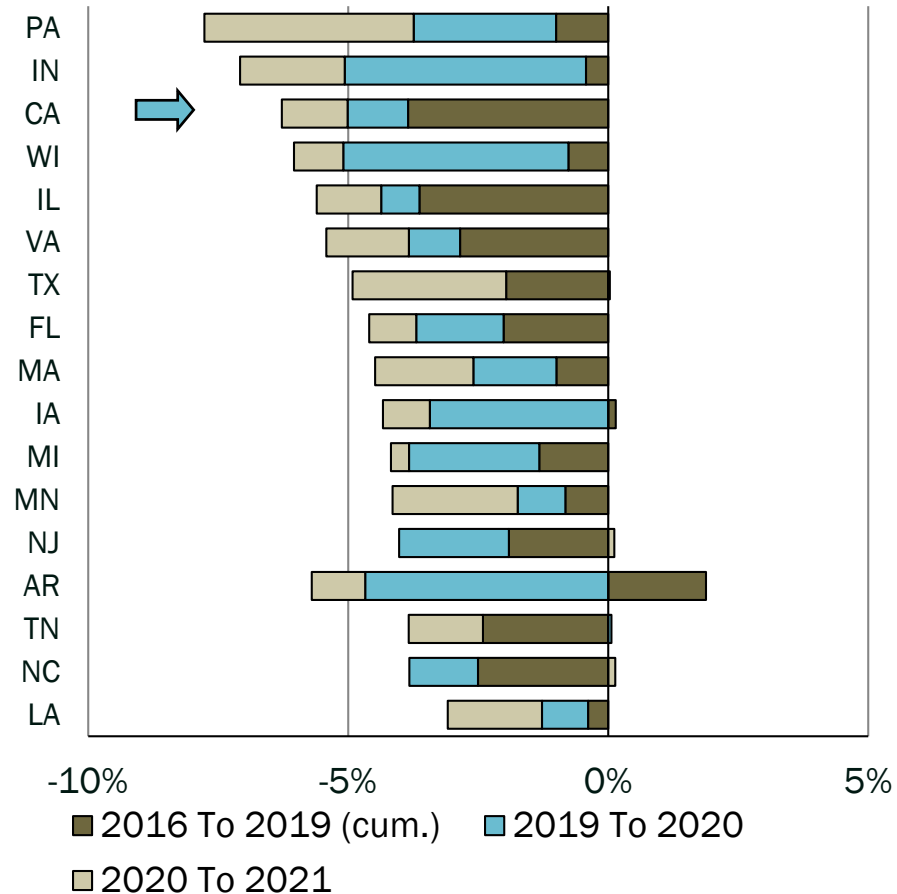
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Many Study States Experienced Decrease In Surgery Rate Since 2019; CA Decrease Similar To Prior Years

CA Trend In Overall Surgery Rate

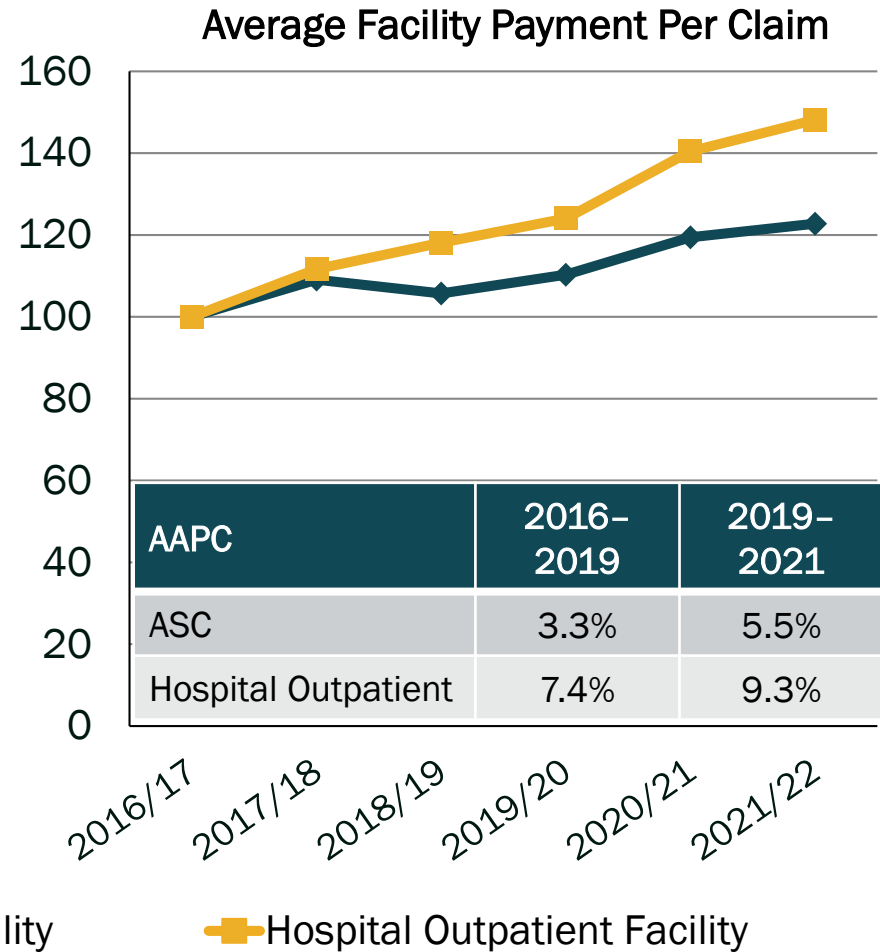
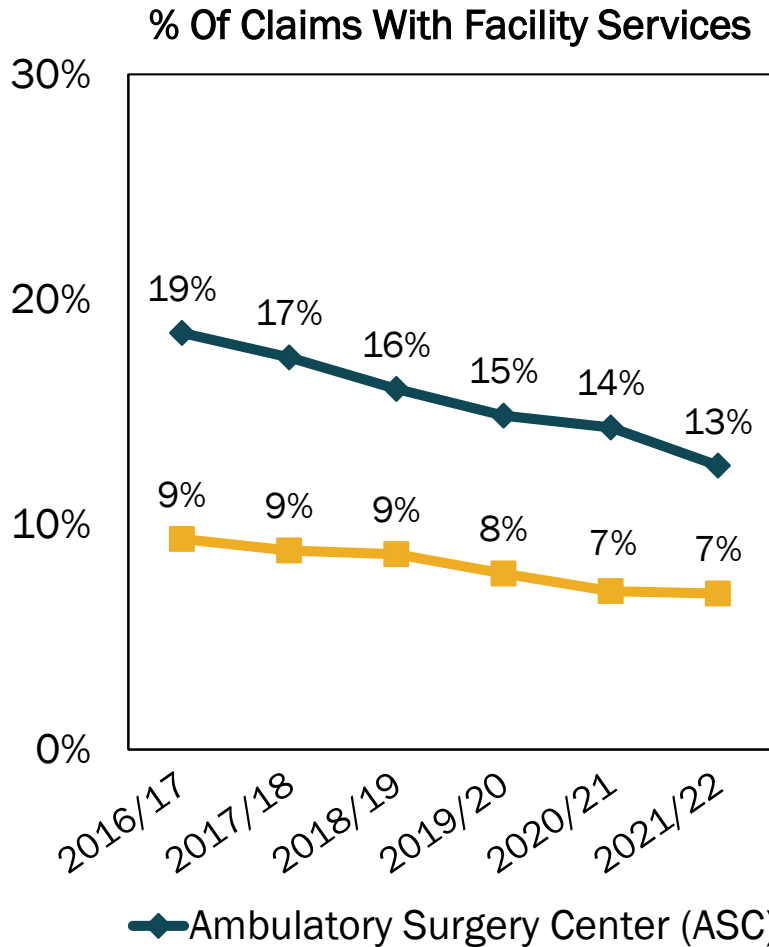


% Point Change In Overall Surgery Rate Across States (12 months)



Non-COVID-19 Claims With Surgery As A Percentage Of Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time, Not Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix

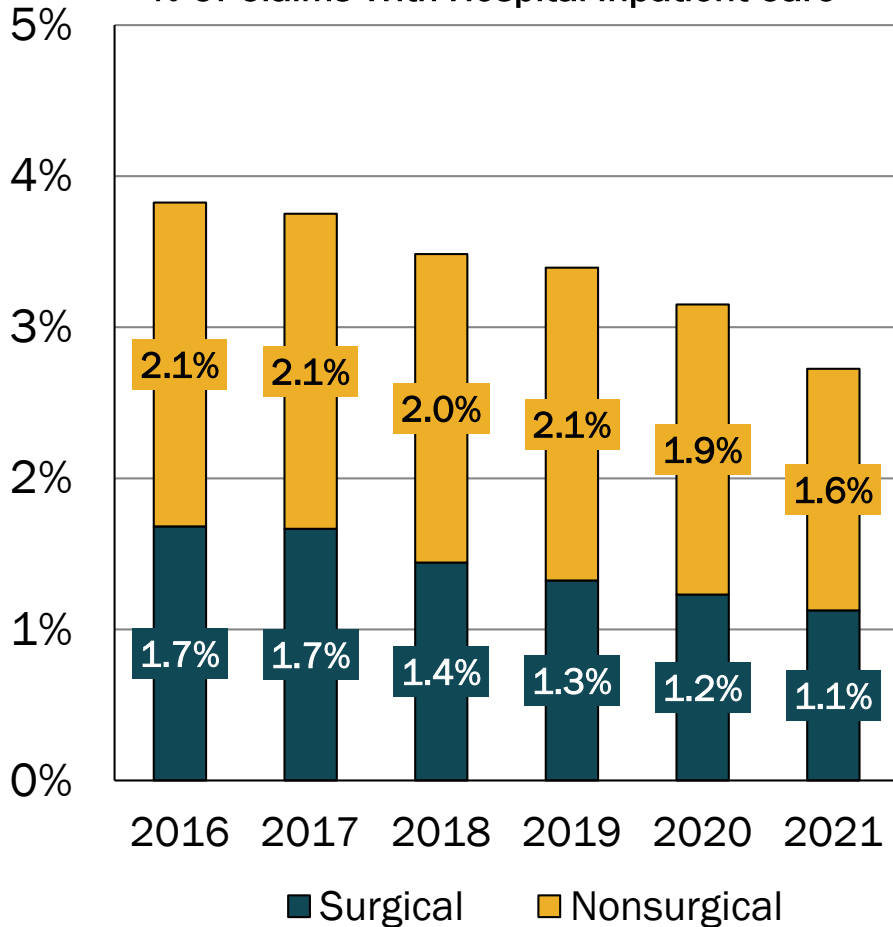
% Of CA Claims With Facility Services Decreased Since 2016; Payments Per Claim Increased



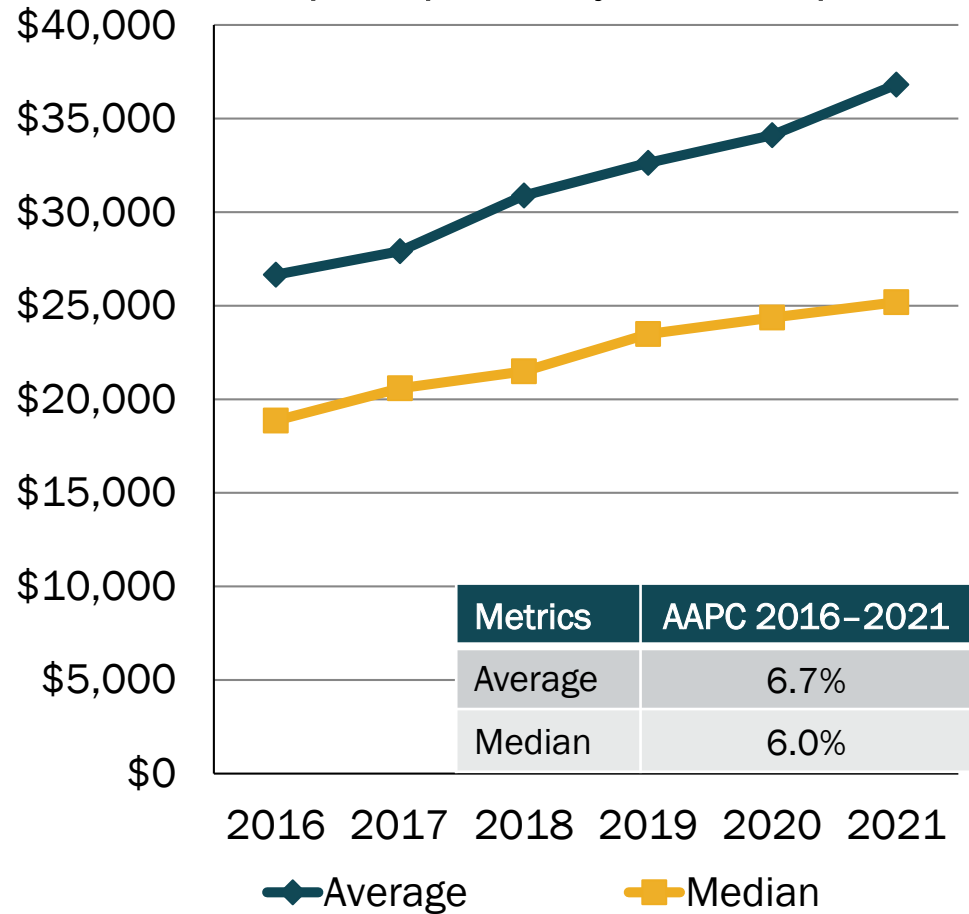
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2016–2021: Decrease In % Of CA Claims With Inpatient Care; Hosp. Pmts./Inpatient Episode Grew

% Of Claims With Hospital Inpatient Care



Hospital Inpatient Payments Per Episode



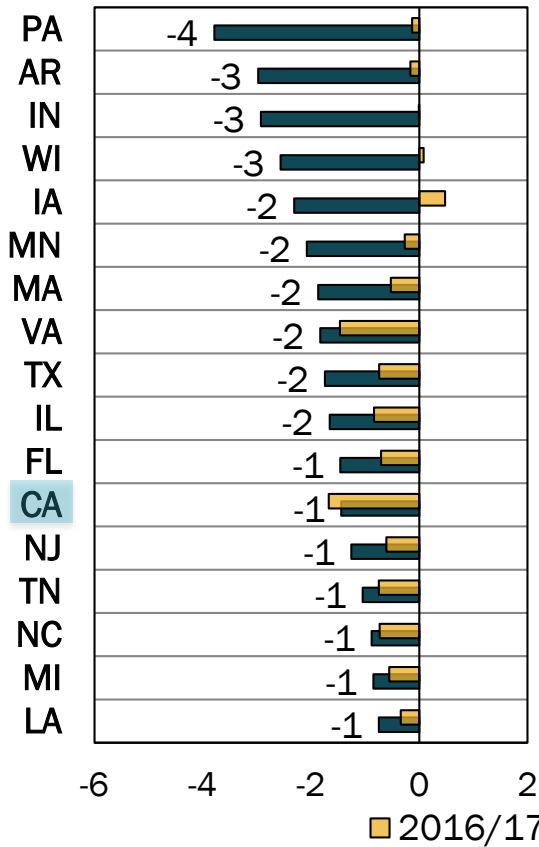
Metrics	AAPC 2016–2021
Average	6.7%
Median	6.0%

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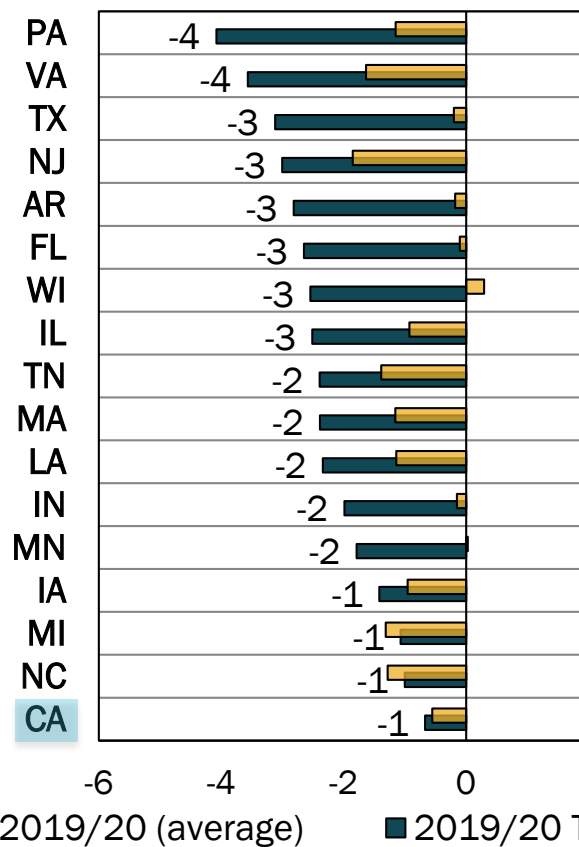
2019–2021: CA Decreases In % Of Claims With Facility Services & Hospital Services Smaller Than Other States

Percentage Of Claims (% point change)

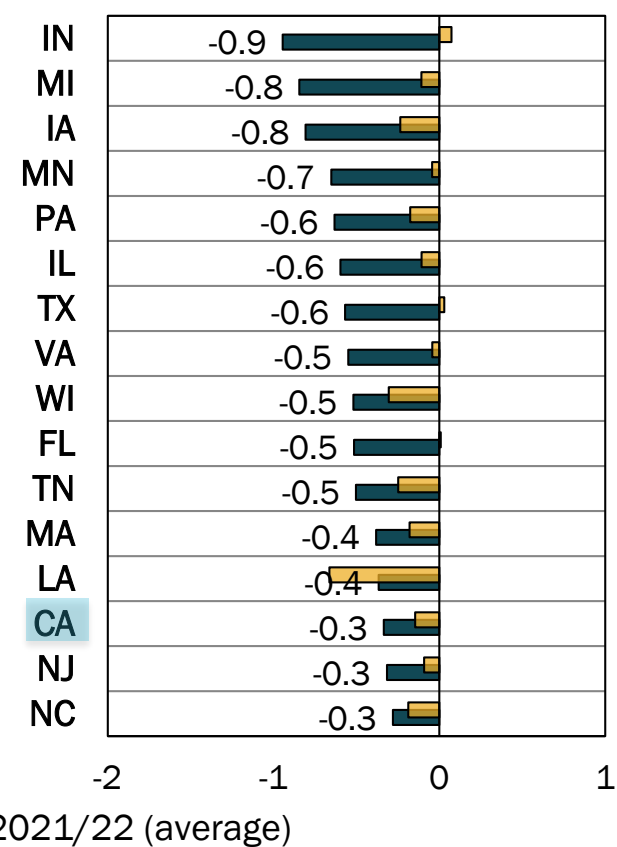
Facility Services (ASC and hospital outpatient, minor and major surgery)



Hospital Outpatient (all services)



Hospital Inpatient Episodes

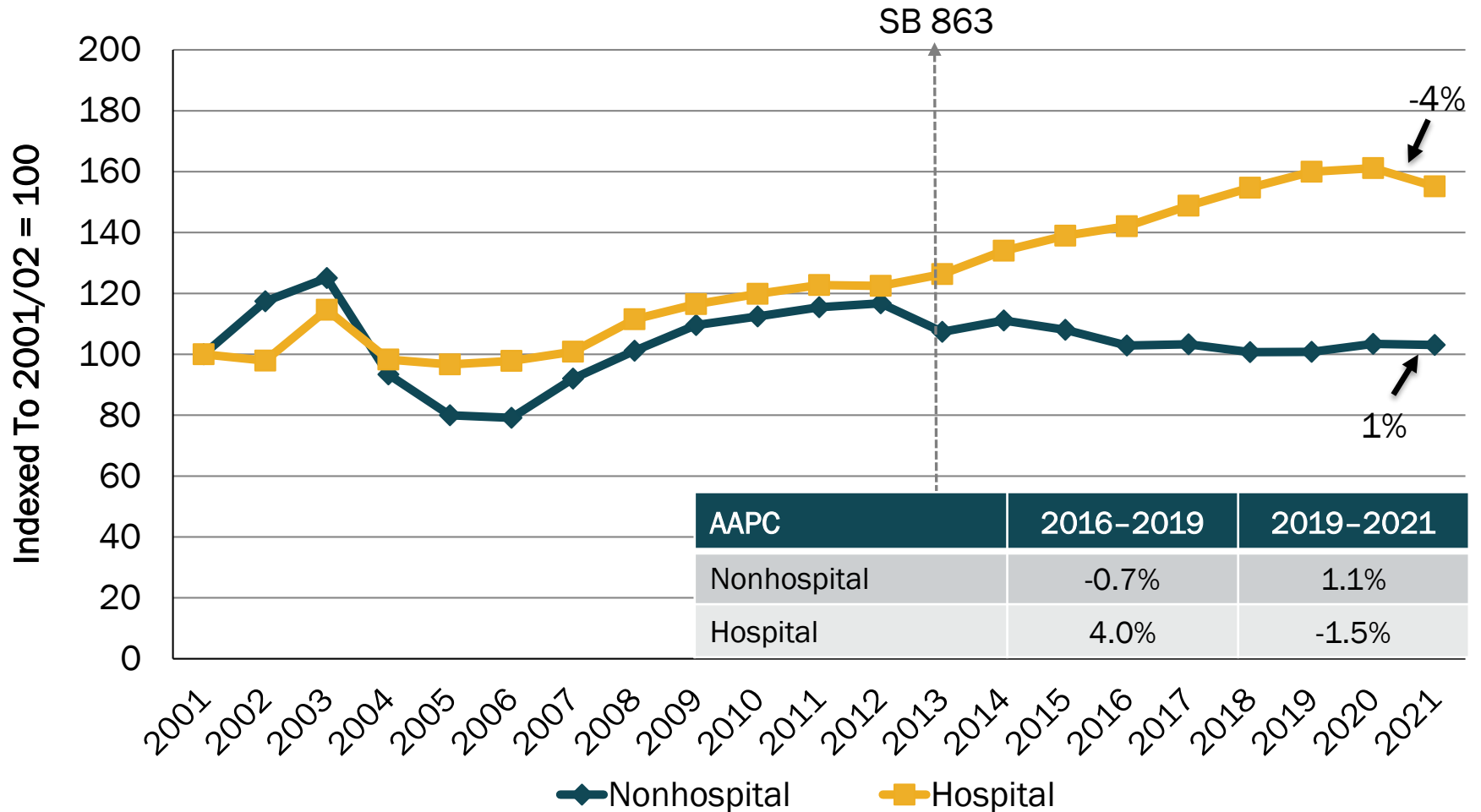


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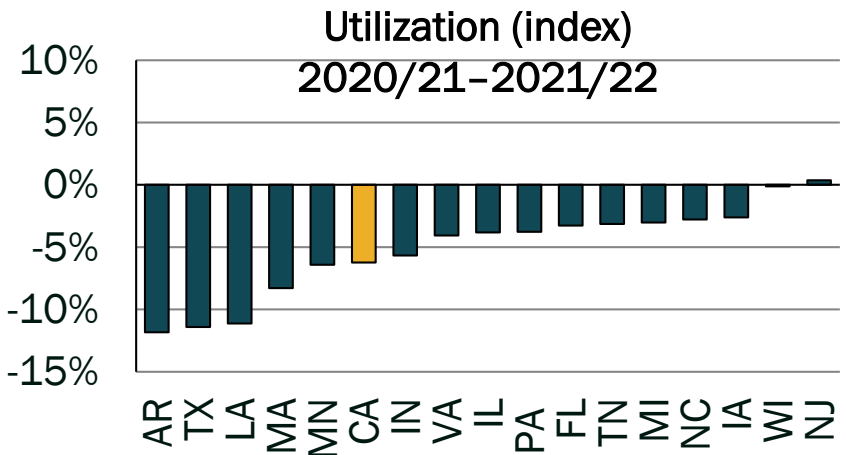
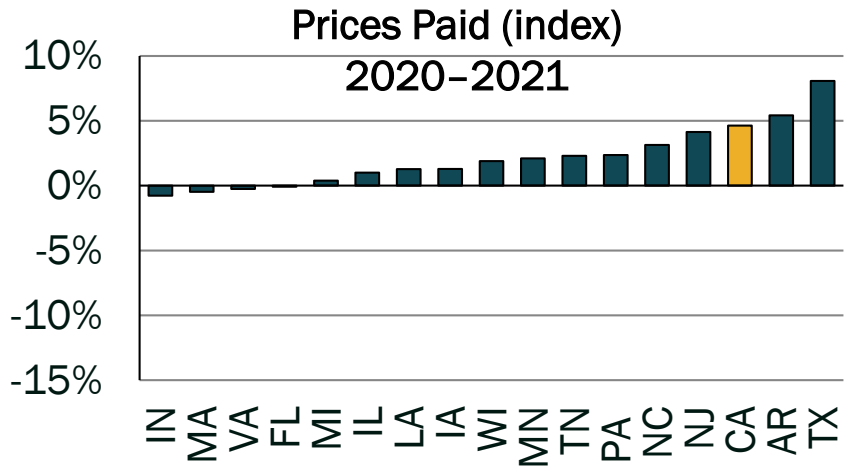
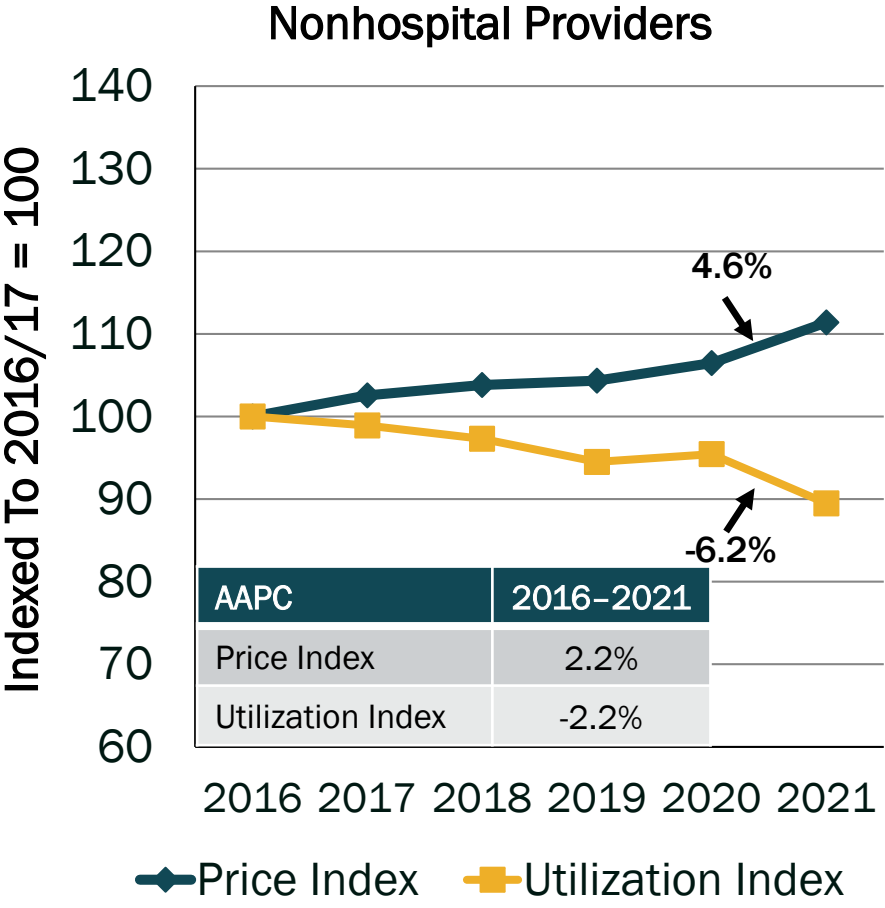
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Key Driver Of Stability In CA Medical Pmts./Claim Since 2016: Little Change In Nonhospital Pmts.



Non-COVID-19 Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time At 12 Months Of Experience, Not Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix

CA Prices & Utilization Of Professional Services Fairly Stable Since 2016, Masks Larger Changes In 2021



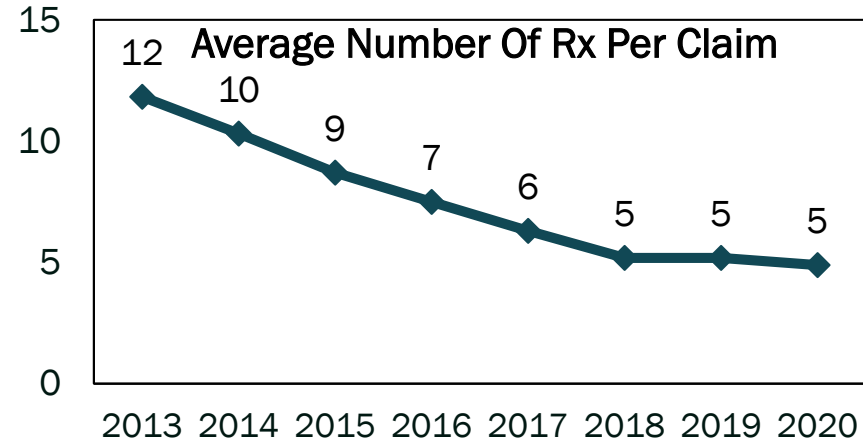
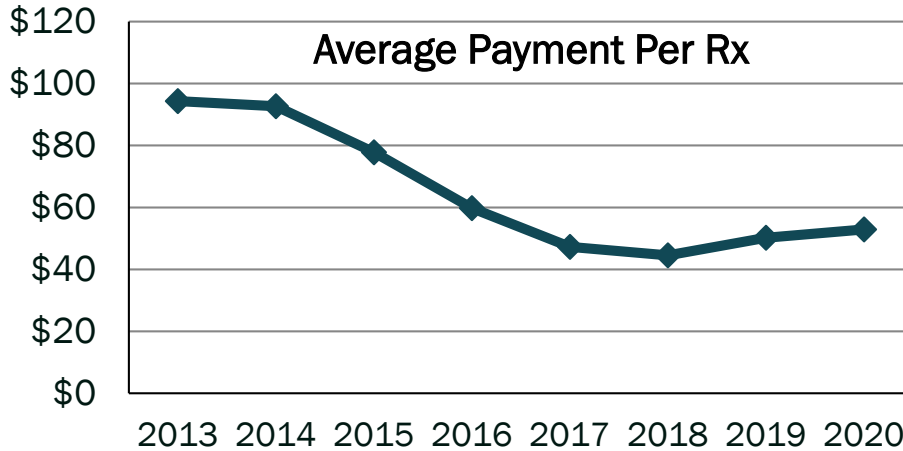
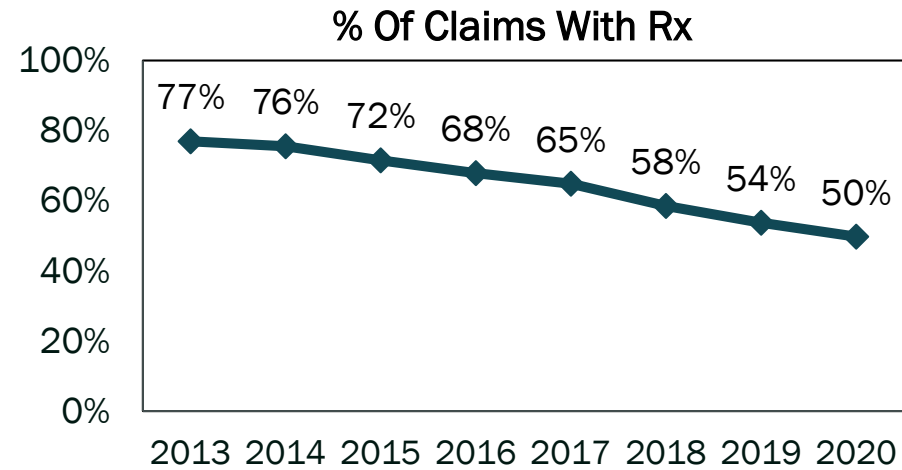
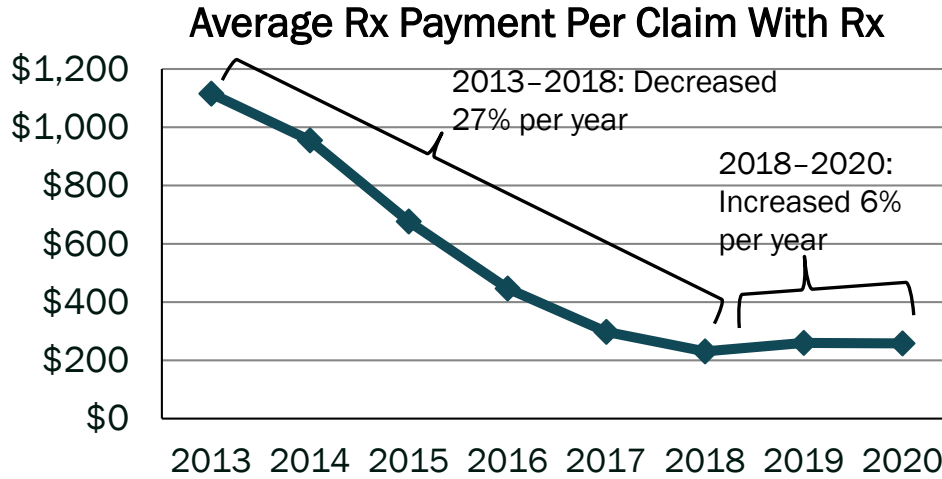
Note: For nonhospital care, price is based on calendar year.

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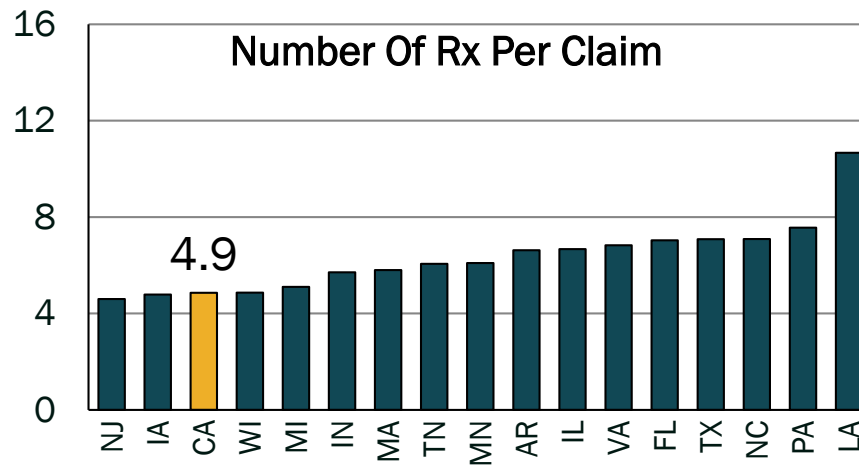
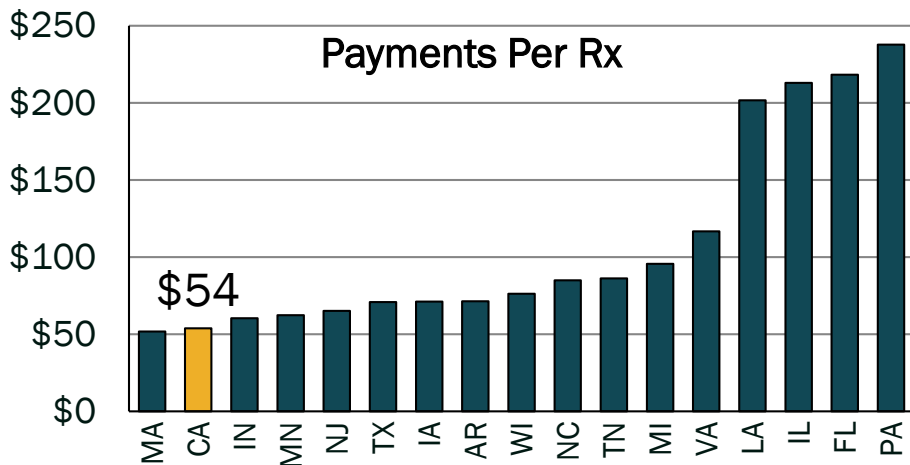
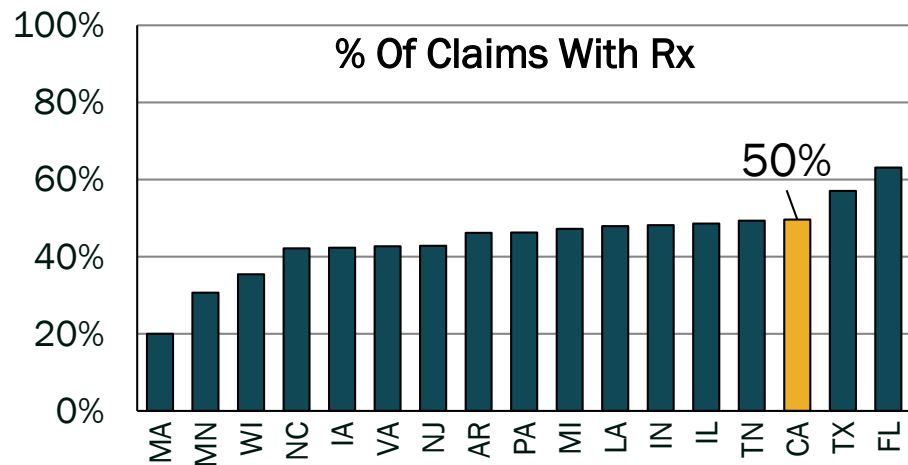
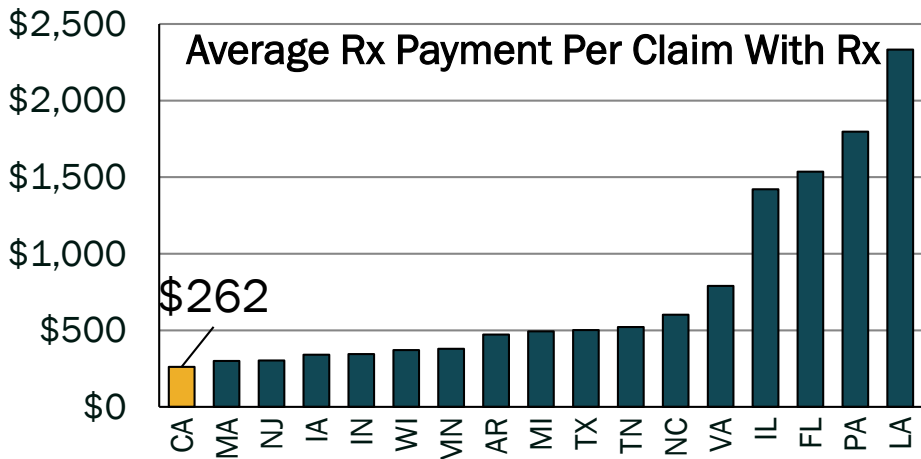
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24 Months: Rapid Decreases In CA Prescription (Rx) Payments Per Claim Ended After 2018



Non-COVID-19 Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time With Prescription Drugs, Not Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix

CA Rx Payments/Claim With Rx Among Lowest Of Study States; % Of Claims With Rx Fairly Typical

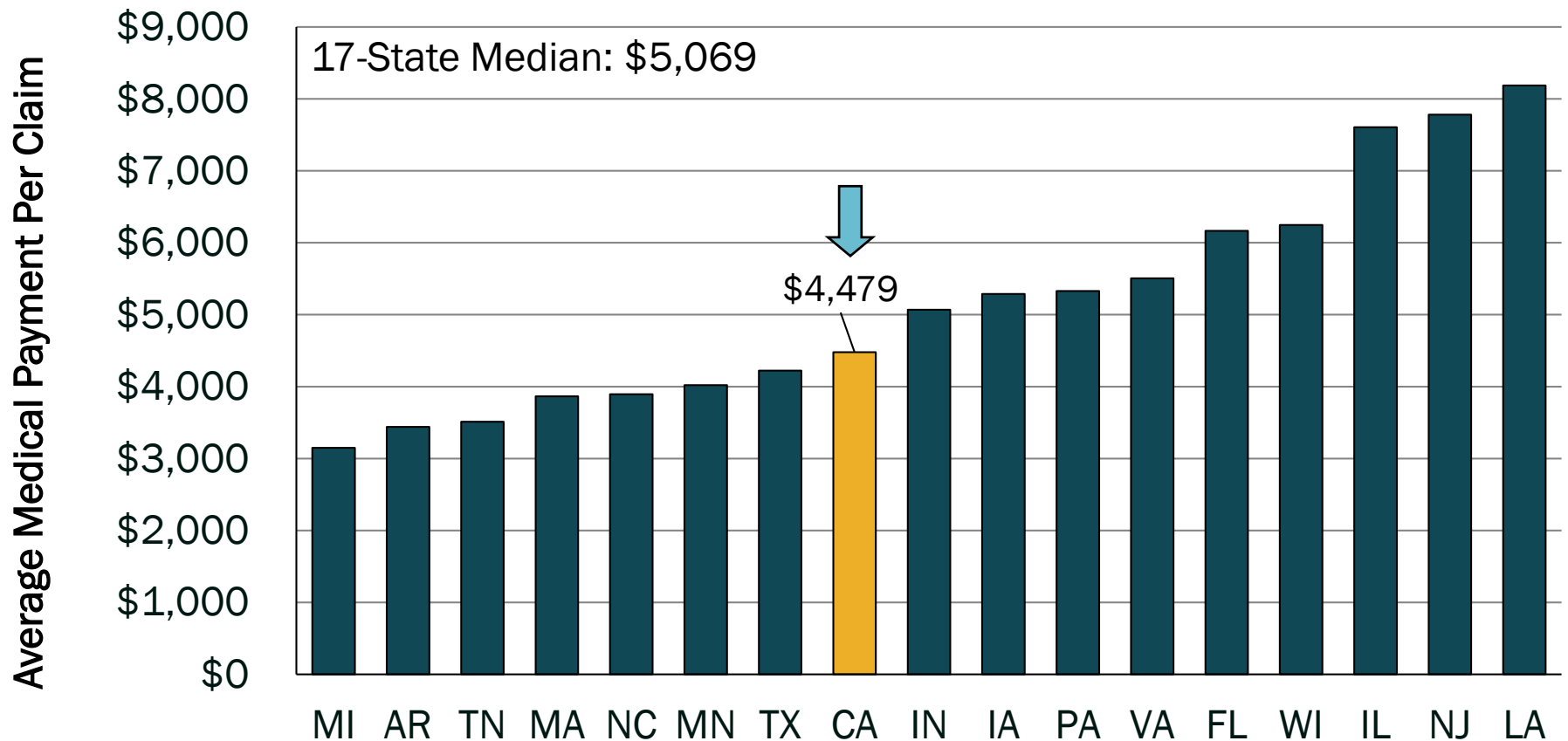


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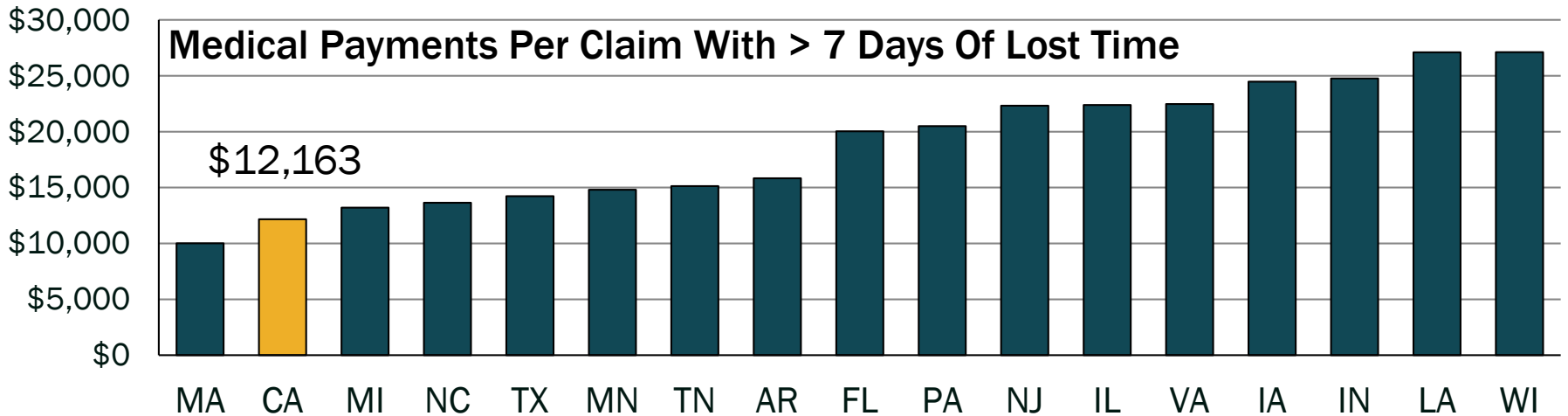
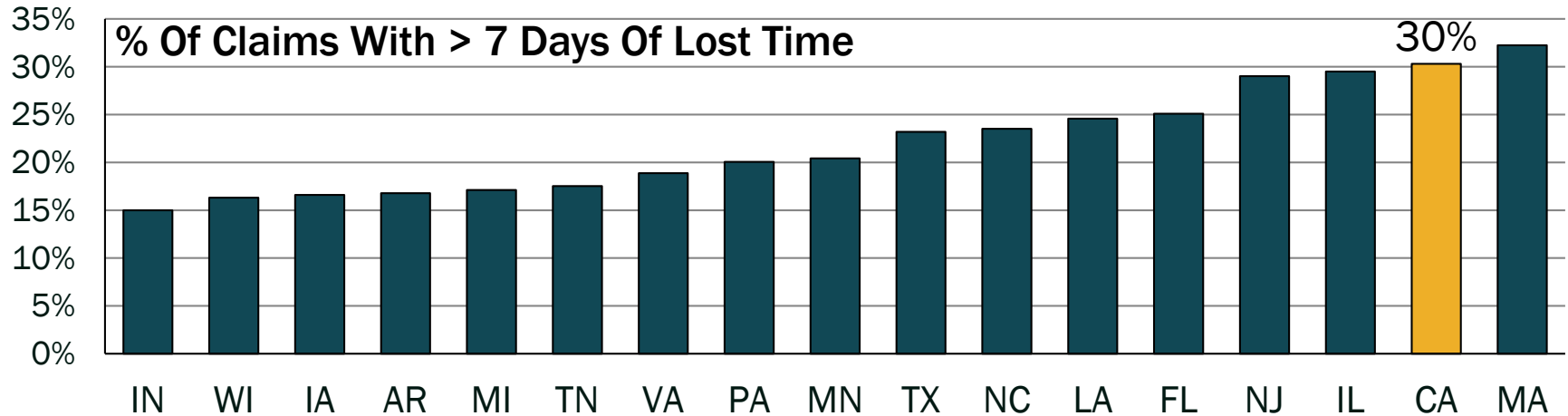
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2019/22 All Paid Claims At 36 Months Of Experience, Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix

Higher % Of Claims With More Than 7 Days Of Lost Time Was A Key Cost Driver In CA



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2019/22 Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time: CA Mostly Lower On Key Med. Pmt. & Utilization Metrics

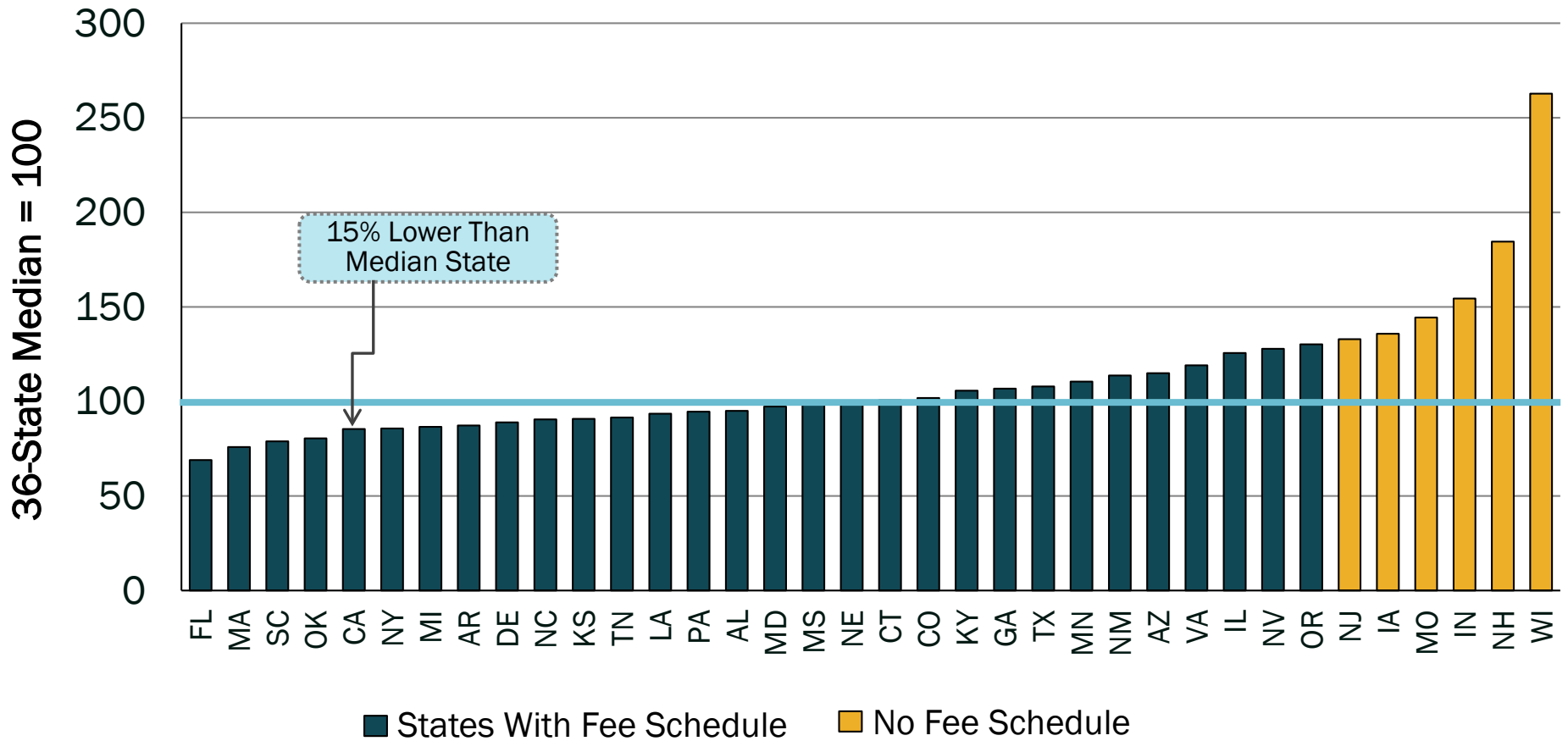
Type Of Provider	CA Compared With Median Study State 2019/22 Claims With More Than 7 Days Of Lost Time			
	Payments Per Claim	Prices	Utilization	% Of Claims
Nonhospital	Lower	Lower	Typical	Higher
Hospital Outpatient	Lowest	Typical	Lowest	Lowest
Hospital Inpatient	Lower	n/a	n/a	Lowest

Prices are from calendar year 2019.

Hospital outpatient prices and utilization are based on payments per service and number of services per claim.

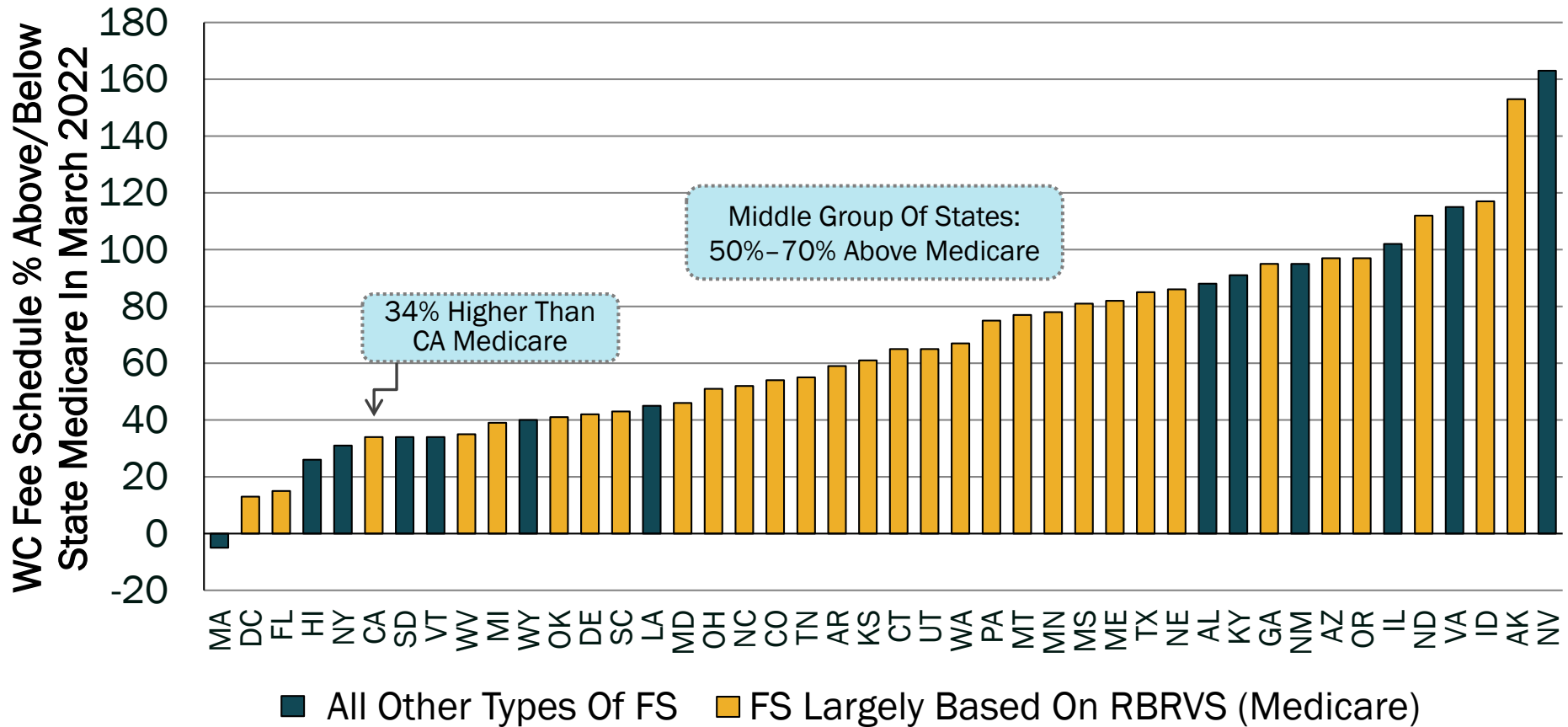
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Overall Prices Paid For Professional Services In CA Were Lower Compared With Other Study States



Prices Paid For Professional (nonhospital) Services In Calendar Year 2022 (January through June)
 Source: WCRI Medical Price Index For Workers' Compensation, 15th Edition (2023)

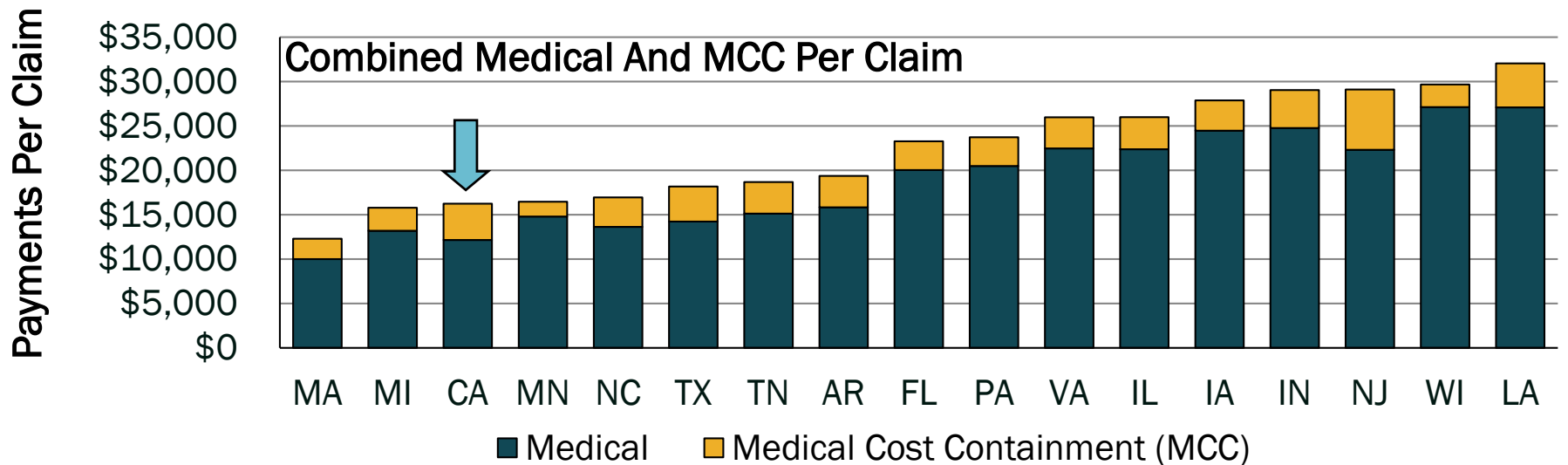
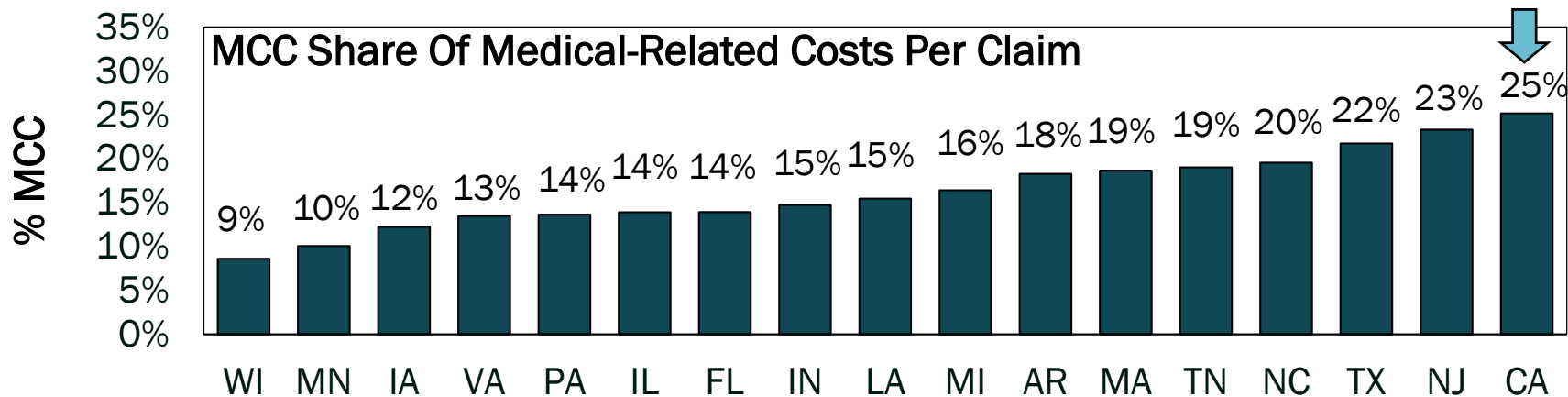
CA Fee Schedule For Professional Services Among The Lowest Nationwide



Source: *Designing Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedules, 2022* (2022)

FS: Fee Schedule; RBRVS: Resource-Based Relative Value Scale

MCC Represented 25% Of CA Medical-Related Costs/Claim, Largest Share Among Study States



2019/22 Claims With > 7 Days Of Lost Time, Adjusted For Injury/Industry Mix
 Source: *CompScope™ Benchmarks For California, 23rd Edition (2023)*

Thank You!

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