

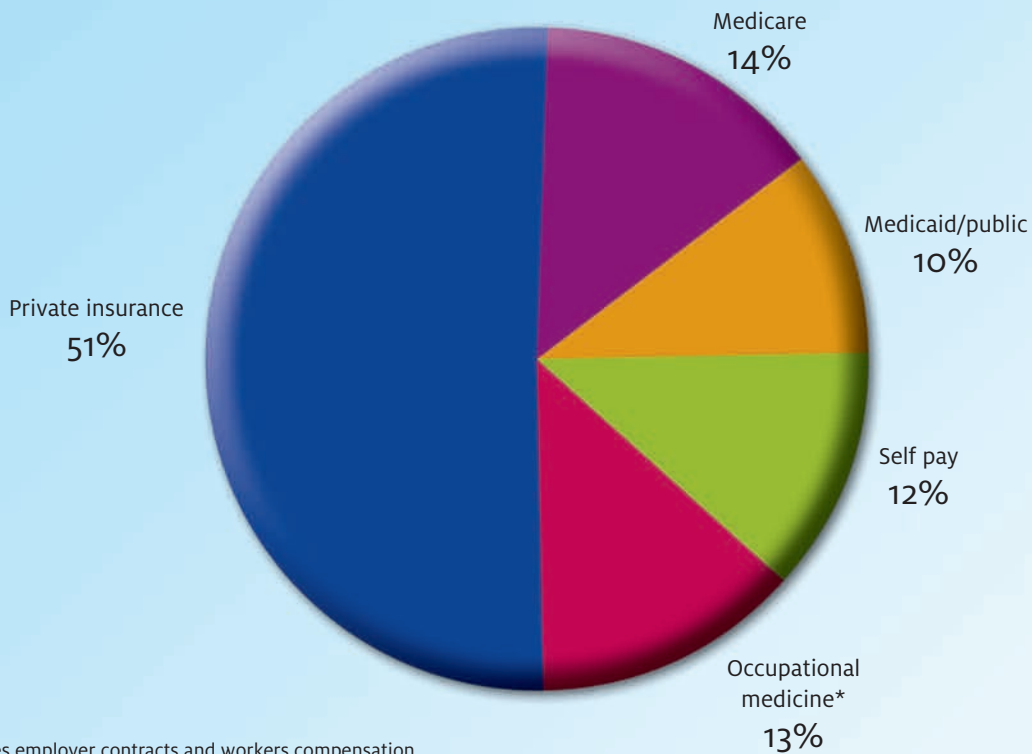


DEVELOPING DATA

In early 2008, UCAOA revamped its annual survey in conjunction with researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University with the goal of assuring that the UCAOA Benchmarking Committee's efforts produced a scientifically valid report.

Here, we present some of the data from this landmark survey, to which 436 urgent care centers responded.
In this issue: Which payors foot the biggest portion of the bill among responding urgent care centers?

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*Includes employer contracts and workers compensation.

The results are not dramatically different from the last time the question was asked on a UCAOA benchmarking survey (2006); slightly higher percentages are coming from Medicaid and Medicare, a slightly lower percentage of patients are paying out-of-pocket, and private insurance is covering exactly the same proportion, according to the current report.

The current UCAOA survey report also offered comparison data with primary care and emergency medicine. The portion of payments coming from the occupational medicine segment was dramatically higher in urgent care than in either primary or emergency care, while Medicaid paid a much higher percentage in emergency care than in either urgent care or primary care. Other categories saw less variation among the three settings.

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