

Tuscaloosa, AL

Ranking Summary (of 306 Local Areas)	2016 Scorecard		2012 Scorecard (Rev.) ^a	
	Quintile	Rank	Quintile	Rank
OVERALL	5	257	5	267
Access & Affordability	3	169	3	158
Prevention & Treatment	4	220	5	252
Avoidable Hospital Use & Cost	5	290	5	273
Healthy Lives	5	261	5	286

Change in Performance ^c	2016 Scorecard	
	count	percent
Indicators with trends	32	100%
Area rate improved	13	41%
Area rate worsened	2	6%
Little or no change in area rate	17	53%

Percentage of Indicators This Area Ranked in the:	2016 Scorecard	
	count	percent
Total indicators	35	100%
Top 10th percentile	4	11%
Top quintile	3	9%
2nd quintile	7	20%
3rd quintile	5	14%
4th quintile	6	17%
Bottom quintile	14	40%
Bottom 10th percentile	11	31%

Demographic Characteristics ^b	Tuscaloosa, AL	U.S. Average
Total Population	267,678	313,922,028
Median Household Income	\$39,720	\$58,489
Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	42%	34%
200% to 399% of FPL	30%	30%
400% of FPL or higher	28%	36%
% White Race, Non-Hispanic	62%	62%
% Black Race, Non-Hispanic	34%	12%
% Other Race, Non-Hispanic	2%	8%
% Hispanic Ethnicity	2%	17%

Estimated Impact of Local Improvement ^d	
If Tuscaloosa, AL improved its performance to the level of the best-performing local area for this indicator, then:	
11,736	more adults (ages 19–64) would be covered by health insurance (public or private), and therefore would be more likely to receive health care when needed
26,378	more adults (age 18 and older) would have a usual source of care to help ensure that care is coordinated and accessible when needed
7,896	more adults would receive age and gender appropriate recommended preventive care, such as colon cancer screenings, mammograms, and pap smears
3,872	fewer Medicare beneficiaries would receive an unsafe medication
178	fewer premature deaths (before age 75) would occur from causes that are potentially treatable or preventable with timely and appropriate care
322	fewer hospital readmissions would occur among Medicare beneficiaries (age 65 and older)
2,256	fewer emergency department visits for nonemergent or primary-care-treatable conditions would occur among Medicare beneficiaries
17,489	fewer adults (ages 18–64) would have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection, or gum disease

Notes

(a) Ranks from the 2012 edition of the Local Scorecard have been revised to match methodology and measure definitions used in the 2016 edition.

(b) The Local Scorecard reports at the level of the Hospital Referral Region (HRR), an area representing the local market for health care services, defined by health care utilization patterns. HRR boundaries may differ from other commonly used region definitions (e.g., county or Metropolitan Statistical Areas).

(c) Improved or worsened denotes a change of at least one-half (0.5) of a standard deviation (a statistical measure of variation) larger than the indicator's distribution among all Hospital Referral Regions (HRRs) over the two time points. Little or No change denotes no change in rate or a change of less than one-half of a standard deviation.

(d) The table shows the estimated impact if this HRR's performance improved to the rate of the best-performing HRR for eight Scorecard indicators. Benchmark HRRs, those with the best rate, have an estimated impact of zero (0).

[See the interactive 2016 Local Scorecard report and link to Scorecard methodology at www.CMWF.org.](#)

Table 1. Local Area Health System Performance Indicator Data by Dimension

Dimension and Indicator	Data Year	Tuscaloosa, AL			Benchmarks			Data Year	Area Rate	U.S. Average	Substantial Change Over Time ¹	
		Performance Quintile	Rank (of 306)	Area Rate	Alabama Rate	U.S. Average	Best Area Rate					
ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY								2016 Scorecard			Baseline	
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2014	2	120	14%	18%	16%	4%	2012	19%	21%	Improved	
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2014	*	*	*	4%	6%	2%	2012	*	7%	--	
Adults who went without care because of cost in past year	2013/14	3	140	15%	17%	15%	6%	2011/12	21%	15%	Improved	
At-risk adults without a routine doctor visit in past two years	2013/14	2	122	13%	12%	14%	6%	2011/12	12%	14%	No Change	
Adults without a dental visit in past year	2012 & 2014	4	224	18%	17%	15%	9%	--	--	--	--	
PREVENTION & TREATMENT								2016 Scorecard			Baseline	
Adults with a usual source of care	2013/14	3	181	77%	81%	79%	90%	2011/12	77%	79%	No Change	
Adults with age and gender appropriate cancer screenings	2012 & 2014	2	63	71%	67%	70%	79%	--	--	--	--	
Adults with age appropriate vaccines	2013/14	2	114	38%	35%	35%	49%	2011/12	36%	35%	No Change	
Medicare beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2013	5	306	30%	25%	17%	9%	2011	34%	20%	Improved	
Medicare beneficiaries with dementia, hip/pelvic fracture, or chronic renal failure who received a prescription drug that is contraindicated for that condition	2013	5	303	29%	25%	20%	9%	2011	35%	23%	Improved	
Risk-adjusted 30-day mortality among Medicare beneficiaries hospitalized for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, or stroke	07/2011 - 06/2014	3	162	12.9%	13.1%	12.8%	11.3%	07/2010 - 06/2013	13.2%	13.2%	No Change	
Hospital safety composite score ²	07/2012 - 06/2014	2	86	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	07/2011 - 06/2013	0.9	0.9	Improved	
Hospitalized patients given information about what to do during their recovery at home	2014	5	276	83%	85%	86%	91%	2013	88%	86%	Worsened	
Hospitalized patients who reported hospital staff always managed pain well, responded when needed help to get to bathroom or pressed call button, and explained medicines and side effects	2014	1	6	74%	70%	68%	76%	2013	68%	68%	Improved	
Home health patients who get better at walking or moving around	2014	1	3	69%	68%	63%	70%	2012	64%	59%	Improved	
Home health patients whose wounds improved or healed after an operation	2014	3	151	90%	91%	89%	96%	2012	91%	89%	No Change	
High-risk nursing home residents with pressure sores	1/2015 - 9/2015	1	19	4%	6%	6%	1%	1/2013 - 9/2013	6%	6%	Improved	
Long-stay nursing home residents with an antipsychotic medication	1/2015 - 9/2015	5	256	22%	21%	18%	7%	1/2013 - 9/2013	22%	21%	No Change	

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2016 Scorecard								Baseline			
Hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, ages 65–74, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2014	5	297	46	35	27	9	2012	48	29	No Change
Hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, age 75 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2014	5	283	91	75	66	33	2012	98	70	No Change
Medicare 30-day hospital readmissions, rate per 1,000 beneficiaries	2014	5	292	46	33	27	10	2012	55	34	Improved
Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home	2012	4	221	23%	22%	20%	12%	2010	20%	22%	Worsened
Long-stay nursing home residents hospitalized within a six-month period	2012	5	255	24%	21%	17%	5%	2010	23%	19%	No Change
Home health patients also enrolled in Medicare with a hospital admission	2014	4	211	17%	17%	16%	12%	2012	18%	17%	Improved
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2013	5	249	205	184	181	122	2011	210	185	No Change
Total reimbursements per enrollee (age 18-64) with employer-sponsored insurance	2014	2	72	\$3,922	\$3,677	\$4,569	\$2,720	2013	\$3,895	\$4,489	No Change
Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per enrollee	2014	4	232	\$9,437	\$9,228	\$8,819	\$5,593	2012	\$9,659	\$8,854	No Change
2016 Scorecard								Baseline			
Mortality amenable to health care, deaths per 100,000 population	2012-13	5	281	120	111	84	47	2010-11	118	85	No Change
Breast cancer deaths per 100,000 female population	2012-13	5	250	25.1	23.9	22.8	12.3	2010-11	25.2	23.7	No Change
Colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 population	2012-13	5	274	19.3	18.6	15.9	9.6	2010-11	19.5	16.7	No Change
Suicide deaths per 100,000 population	2012-13	2	62	11.5	14.8	12.9	6.0	2010-11	12.0	12.5	No Change
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2012-13	5	274	8.5	8.7	6.0	2.5	2010-11	10.6	6.1	Improved
Adults ages 18–64 who report fair/poor health or activity limitations because of physical, mental, or emotional problems	2013/14	4	199	29%	31%	25%	13%	2011/12	37%	25%	Improved
Adults who smoke	2013/14	5	265	24%	23%	19%	7%	2011/12	24%	19%	No Change
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (BMI >= 30)	2013/14	3	158	32%	34%	28%	14%	2011/12	36%	28%	Improved
Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection, or gum disease	2012 & 2014	4	203	14%	17%	10%	2%	--	--	--	--

Table 1 Notes:

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(2) Values are the unweighted average of the region's hospitals' safety composite (PSI 90) score.