

# Highlights from the 2017 St. Louis Health Industry Overview, Volume 2: Hospital Report

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## 25% of St. Louis Hospitals achieved 4 Star quality rating from Medicare

No local hospital achieved 5 stars



Medicare's 5-star rating system blends 57 hospital performance measures into a single, easy-to-use rating system. It has been designed to help consumers sift through the more than 100 performance measures found on HospitalCompare.org.

## Medicare raised the bar on quality and patient safety requirements

Across programs, penalties increased

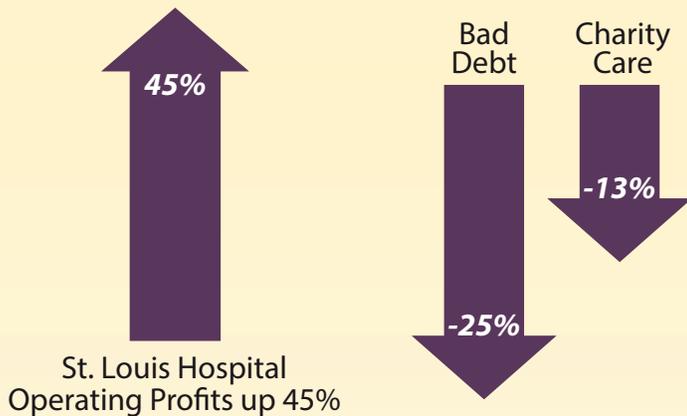
St. Louis hospital penalties grew to **\$13.2 million** or **0.9%** of **\$1.4 billion** in annual STL Medicare inpatient revenue.

**86%** of STL hospitals to **leave money on the table** due to lower than expected results in one or more programs.



## 2015 Hospital profits swell as bad debt and charity care decline

St. Louis hospital profit margins net of depreciation average 10.8%, ranging between 2.9% and 15.3%



## Medicare Advantage Plans Outperform Traditional Medicare on Readmission Rates

Medicare Advantage enrollees are 33% less likely to experience a readmission within 30 days.



**Nationally and locally, readmission penalties grew 20%**

## Central line infections, a bigger problem than previously understood



250,000 U.S. cases hospital-wide, up from 80,000 when measure included ICU only



Nationally, \$46,000 to treat per case



Up to 25% of U.S. cases are fatal



Half of St. Louis hospitals scored better than expected... **half scored below expected**

## Half of local hospitals receive safety grade of "A"

...the largest percentage of hospitals to ever receive this rating!

The **Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score** is based on 30 measures of preventable harm, such as accidents and infections. It is one tool consumers can use to select a safer hospital.

However, the number of hospitals receiving "C" grades doubled.

