

1991-2014 saw minimal change in health spending per state

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(HealthDay)—From 1991 to 2014 there was minimal change in health

spending by state, according to a study published online June 14 in *Health Affairs*.

David Lassman, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Baltimore, and colleagues examined per capita spending by state of residence and per enrollee spending for Medicare, Medicaid, and [private health insurance](#) from 1991 through 2014. They also assessed the effects of implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the most recent economic recession and recovery on [health spending](#).

The researchers note that the lagged impact of severe recession and extended modest recovery as well as the enactment and implementation of comprehensive health reform legislation had effects on [health care coverage](#), as well as its financing and delivery. However, during these years there was almost no change in overall [health care spending](#) by state, resulting in negligible movement in the relative rankings of overall per capita health spending by state.

"Future vintages of state health expenditure data will permit further evaluation of state-level health spending experiences beyond 2014, as coverage continues to expand and economic factors continue to evolve," the authors write.

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