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Dear Ms. Haley,

<http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs181/1109945123571/img/181.jpg>As policymakers attempt to grapple with increasing medical costs in state workers' compensation systems, a new study, *Hospital Outpatient Cost Index for Workers' Compensation, 3rd Edition*, from the Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) helps them better understand one piece of the puzzle---- hospital payments associated with outpatient surgeries.

The hospital outpatient cost indices compare payments paid for common outpatient surgical episodes under workers' compensation from state to state in each study year and compare the trends within each state from 2005 to 2012. This study covers 33 large states representing nearly 90 percent of the workers' compensation benefits paid in the United States.

The states included in the study are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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