

NCOIL Health Insurance & Long-Term Care Issues Committee Interim Meeting

Improving Affordability for Patients Model Act

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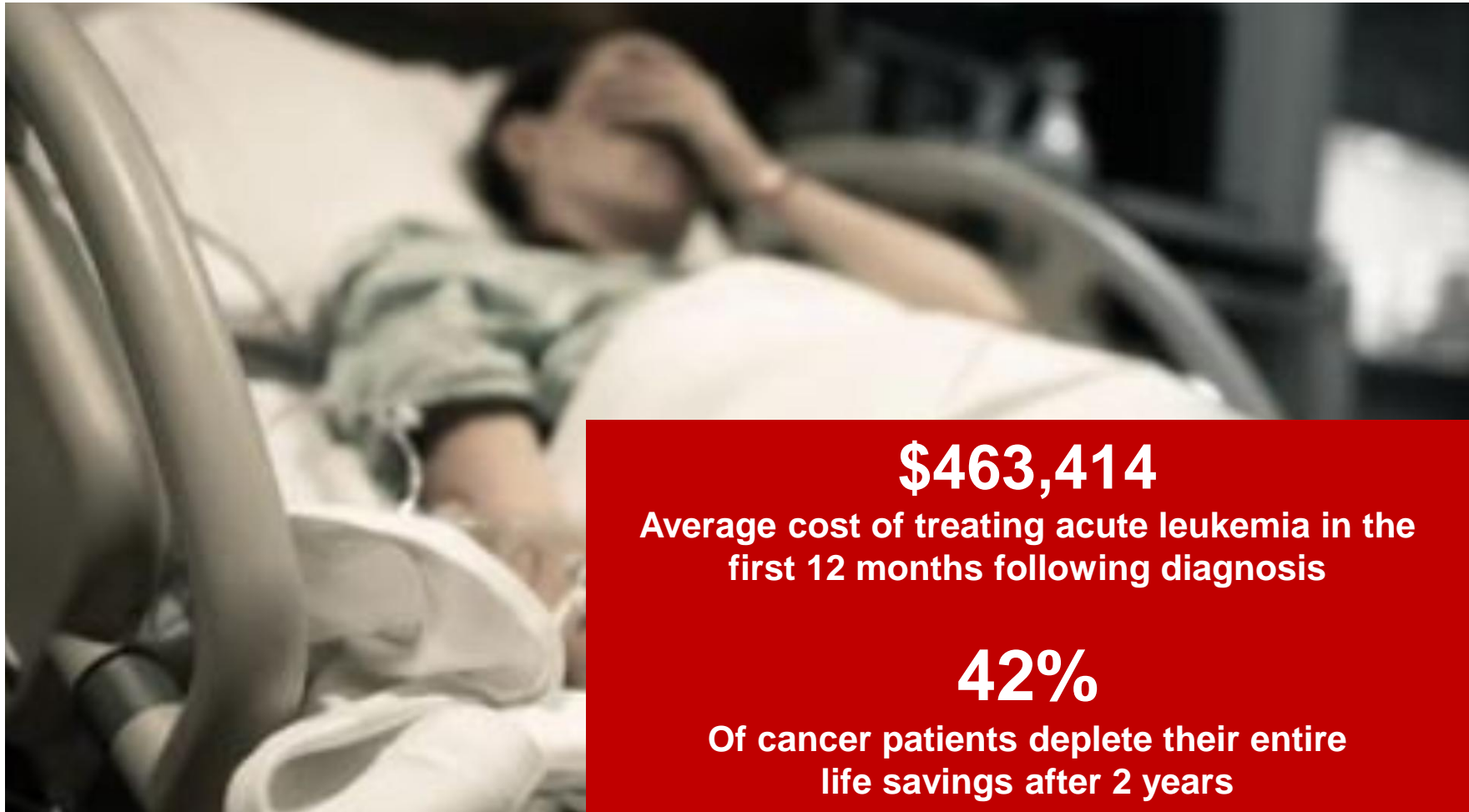
The mission: Cure blood cancer and improve the quality of life of all patients and their families.

We fund **RESEARCH** to advance lifesaving treatments

We drive **ADVOCACY** for policies that protect patient access to lifesaving treatment

We provide patients and families with hope, guidance, education and **SUPPORT**

THE COST OF CANCER CARE IS STAGGERING



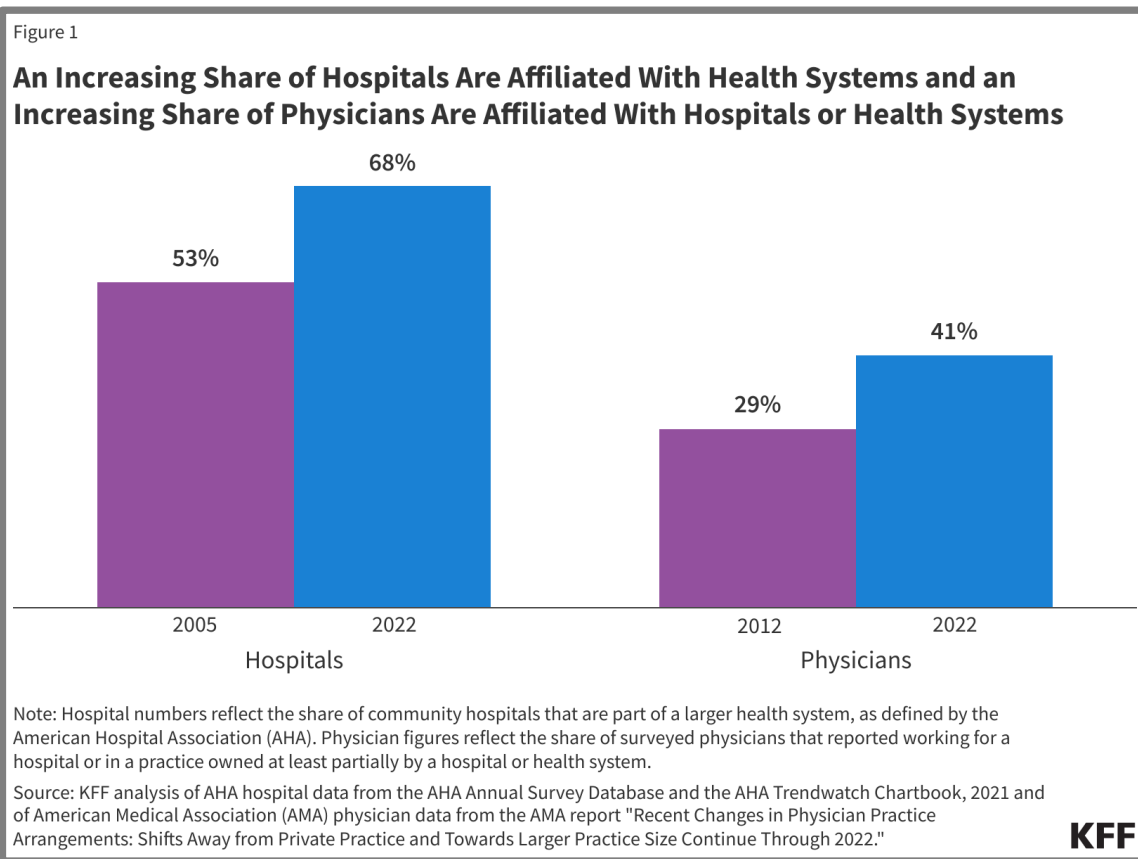
\$463,414

Average cost of treating acute leukemia in the first 12 months following diagnosis

42%

Of cancer patients deplete their entire life savings after 2 years

PROVIDER MARKETS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONSOLIDATED OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS



WHAT IS A FACILITY FEE?



**FACILITY FEES
DRIVE UP THE
COST OF CARE
FOR PATIENTS**

A facility fee is a charge assessed by a healthcare provider that is separate from and in addition to charges for professional services.

- Often come as a surprise to patients.
- Frequency has increased significantly, in part due to provider consolidation.
- May make sense in some cases but not for routine doctors' visits and outside of hospitals.

IMPROVING AFFORDABILITY FOR PATIENT MODEL ACT

LLS is pleased to support the model act. Suggested modifications to further improve protections for patients:

- Treat telehealth visits the same as those provided in outpatient settings, i.e., extend facility fee protections to all services.
- Direct facility fee bills to insurance companies, rather than directly to patients.
- Ensure that provider identification numbers (NPIs) include the site of service and system information.

THANK YOU

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