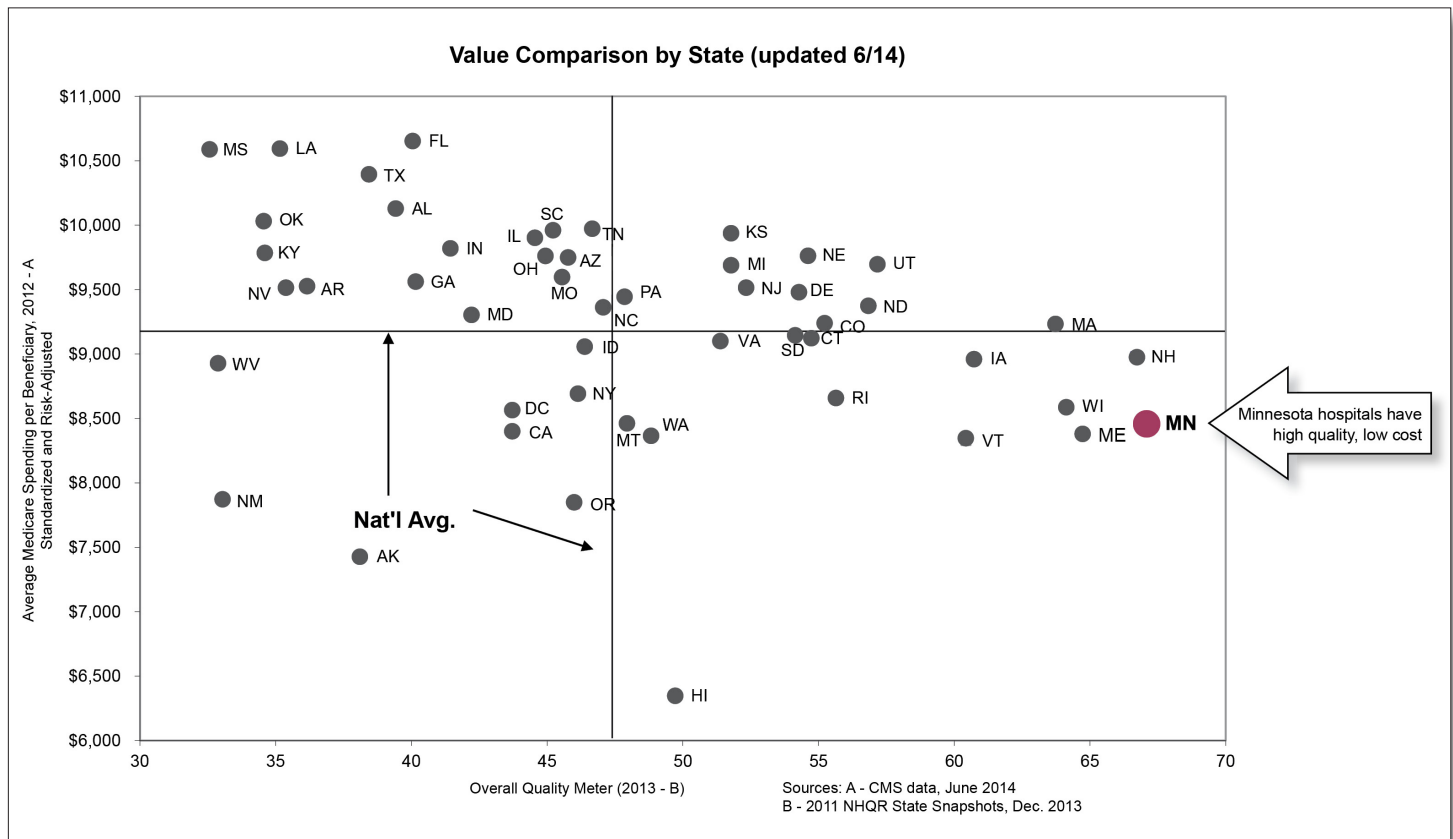




Minnesota provides high quality, low cost health care

Minnesota is one of the states with the highest quality and lowest health care costs in the nation. According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, on average, Minnesota health care spending is 10 percent less costly per capita than the national average, while maintaining high quality. This data measures the combined payments for services provided to patients from 3 days to 30 days after an inpatient stay, and then compares that amount to the national average.



The federal Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ) has ranked Minnesota as having the best overall health care quality in the nation for the second year in a row. Minnesota has the eighth highest quality score for hospital care and is first for ambulatory care (tied with Wisconsin). Since 2006, Minnesota has ranked in the top three states. This report is considered the gold standard for measuring the

health care quality performance of states. View the National Healthcare Quality Report:

http://nhqrnet.ahrq.gov/inhqrdr/Minnesota/snapshot/summary/All_Measures/All_Topics.

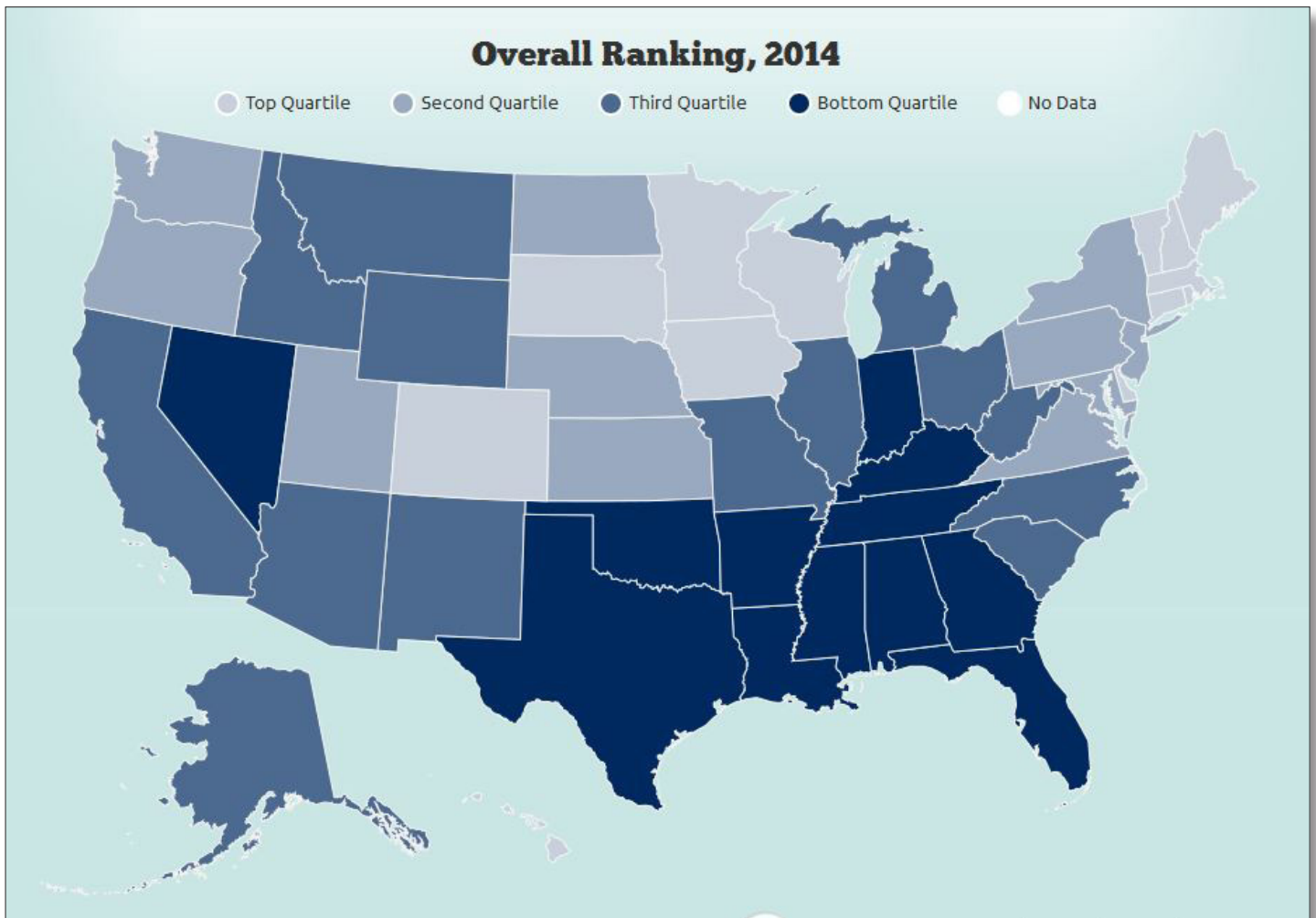


Minnesota is ranked number one in the nation for health care access, quality and outcomes by the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation. The state was specifically cited as a national leader in guaranteeing access to care and investing in primary care.

Ranking summary

2014 scorecard

Overall	1
Access & affordability	3
Prevention & treatment	6
Avoidable hospital use & cost	7
Equity	15
Healthy lives	1



Source: D.C. Radley, D. McCarthy, J.A. Lippa, S.L. Hayes, and C. Schoen, *Results from a Scorecard on State Health System Performance, 2014*, The Commonwealth Fund, April 2014,

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2014/apr/2014-state-scorecard>.