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# Boston Medical Center

- Beds 626
- Discharges 29,411
- OPD Visits 803,705
- Emergency Visits 129,169
- FTE's 4,765
- Budget \$957M

- \* 70% of patients are racial and ethnic minorities
- \* 30% do not speak English as a 1<sup>st</sup> language
- \* Affiliated with 15 CHCs (5 on BMC license)
- \* Own 250,000 Member Low Income Health Plan

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	Pre Health Care Reform 2006	Post Health Care Reform 2010
<u>Payor Mix</u>		
Medicaid	31%	32%
Free Care	17%	8%
Commonwealth Care (CWC)	0%	6%
Medicare	27%	27%
Commercial HMO	<u>25%</u>	<u>27%</u>
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Low Income Gain/Loss (Medicaid/Free Care/CWC)	<u>\$29.9M</u>	<u>\$&lt;176.7 M&gt;</u>

# BMC's cost increases averaged only 4% per year while payments fell dramatically below cost for the same volume of low income patients

