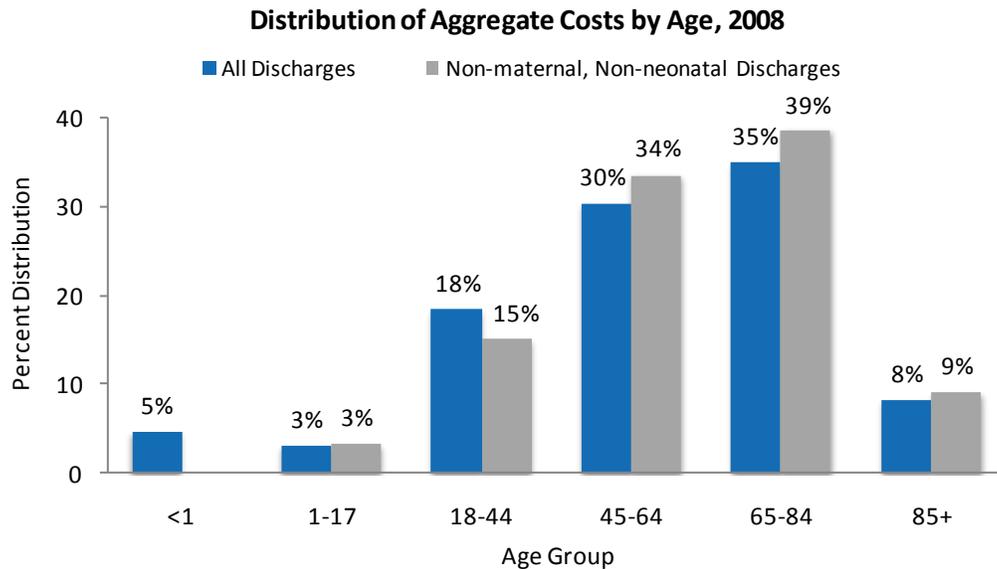


EXHIBIT 4.3 Cost by Age

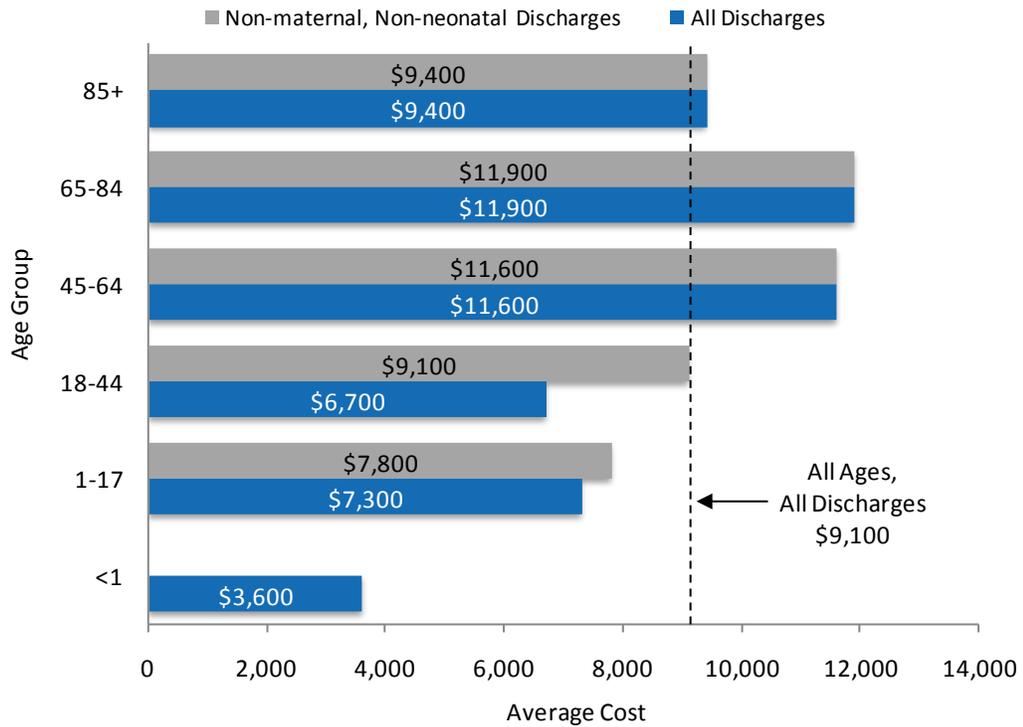


Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2008.

In 2008, the aggregate cost for all hospital stays was \$364.7 billion.

- Non-elderly adult discharges accounted for less than half (48 percent) of the aggregate cost of all inpatient stays, including maternal and neonatal stays.
- Patients 65-84 years accounted for 35 percent of all hospital costs.
- Discharges among patients 45-64 and 65-84 years accounted for larger shares of aggregate non-maternal, non-neonatal costs (34 and 39 percent, respectively) relative to other age groups.

Average Cost per Discharge by Age, 2008



Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2008.

- Stays for patients under one year of age had an average cost of \$3,600. The overwhelming majority of these discharges were liveborn infants.
- On average, the cost per discharge for all patients 1-17 years (\$7,300) was less than the average cost per discharge across all age groups (\$9,100).
- When maternal hospital stays were excluded, the average cost of a discharge for patients 18-44 years changed from \$6,700 to \$9,100.
- The average cost per discharge for patients 45-64 years and 65-84 years were similar—\$11,600 and \$11,900, respectively— and were greater than the cost per discharge across all age groups (\$9,100).
- The average cost per discharge for patients 85 years and over was \$9,400.