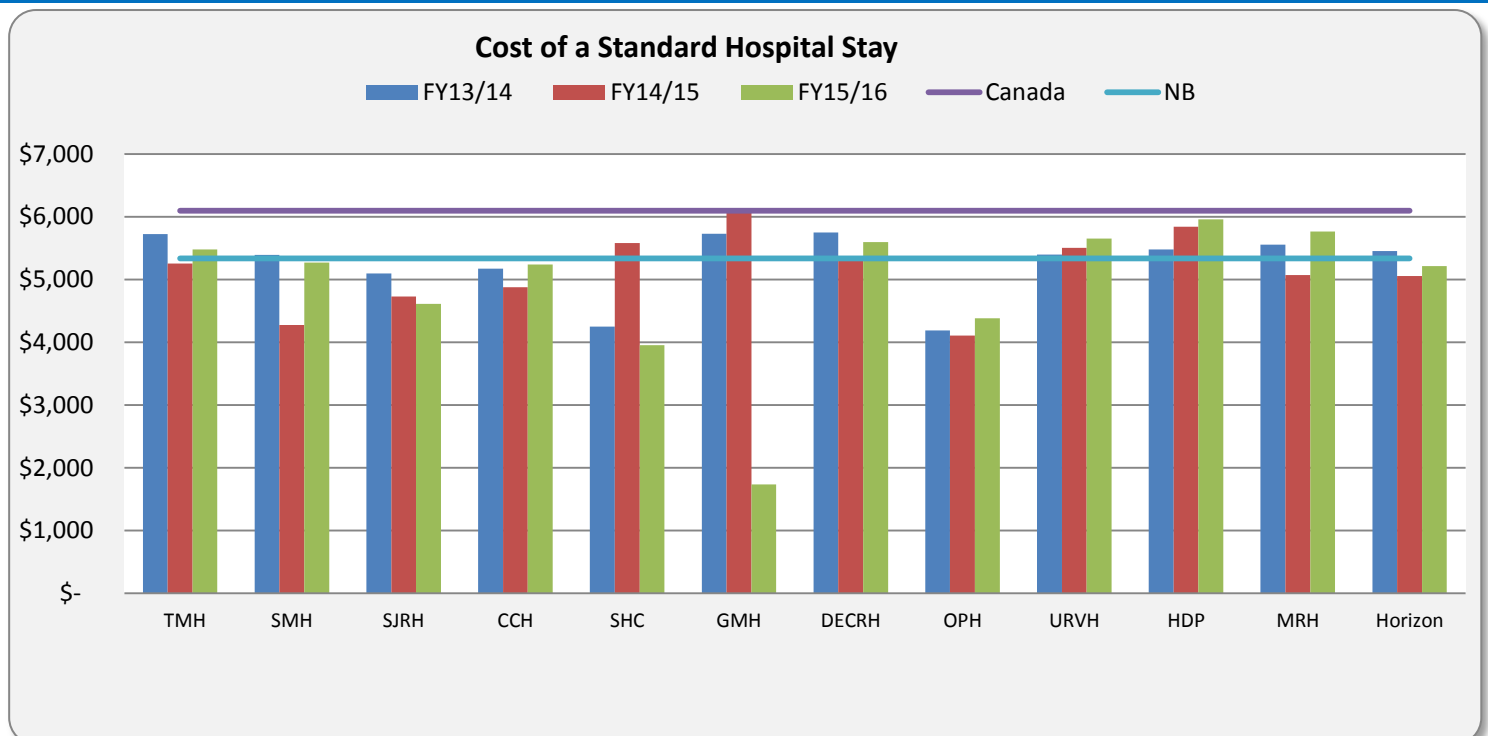


This is a Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) measure that looks at the cost of a standard hospital stay after adjusting for differences in the types of patients a hospital sees. It gives a sense of how efficiently acute care hospital services are provided, though it does not tell us how well those services are delivered.

Definition: Measures the relative cost-efficiency of a hospital's ability to provide acute inpatient care. Compares a hospital's total acute inpatient care expenses to the number of acute inpatient weighted cases related to the inpatients that it provided care for. The result is the hospital's average full cost of treating the average acute inpatient. A high cost of a standard hospital stay indicates a relatively high cost of treating the average acute inpatient; a low cost of a standard hospital stay indicates that the cost of treating the average acute inpatient is relatively low.

2017/18 Benchmark: Canada: \$6098, NB: \$5339



Analysis: The increase in 2015/16 to \$5212 can be attributed to wage and supply increases. Horizon's Cost of a Standard Hospital Stay remains lower than the Canadian average and is increasing at a slower rate. Horizon is constantly looking for opportunities to reduce spending and increase productivity.

Note: The Cost of a Standard Hospital Stay in smaller hospitals fluctuate more due to the smaller number of patients.