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I. Executive Summary

All NJ acute care hospitals are required by state law to provide all necessary care to patients regardless of ability to pay. The NJ Hospital Care Payment Program (Charity Care) is free or reduced charge care that is provided to patients who receive inpatient and outpatient services at acute care hospitals throughout NJ. To help offset the costs to hospitals of uncompensated care delivered to low-income, uninsured patients as well as underinsured patients (e.g., high-deductibles, co-pays, etc.), NJDOH provides subsidies through Charity Care. The source of funding for Charity Care is through the Health Care Subsidy Fund administered under *N.J.S.A.26:2H-18.58*.

Charity Care subsidies to hospitals are based on the Charity Care formula, as outlined in *N.J.S.A. 26:2H-18.59¹* and superseded historically on an annual basis through the Budget Act and are not reimbursement for individual claims. Hospitals submit Charity Care claims to NJDOH, which are then priced at the Medicaid payment rate. NJDOH, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, audits these submitted Charity Care claims on a quarterly basis. The total value of a CY's audited Charity Claims is referred to as DCC. DCC is one of the factors used in the Charity Care subsidy formula to calculate individual hospital Charity Care subsidy amounts.

This annual report summarizes DCC data based on the Medicaid payment rate for all eligible NJ hospitals for each facility's CY ending in 2021 (71² acute care hospitals in total). NJ hospitals reported approximately \$477.7 million in DCC for CY 2021. The inpatient portion totaled approximately \$289.1 million (60.5%) and the outpatient portion totaled \$188.6 million (39.5%). Total DCC increased by 10.3% for a total of \$44.5 million from CY 2020; however, total DCC in CY 2021 (\$477.7 million) remains \$66.4 million (12.2%) behind DCC in CY 2019 (\$544.1 million). The decreasing trend through CY 2016 was attributed to the effects of expansion of the Medicaid (NJ FamilyCare) program originally effective January 1, 2014. Explanation of the trend reversal demonstrating increases in CY 2017 through CY 2019 DCC is unclear, though it may be related to changes in federal policy related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) beginning in 2017. Significant decreases observed in CY 2020 DCC for the vast majority of NJ hospitals are primarily due to the industry-wide impacts of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic on hospital admissions and overall operations.³ Many of these same downward trends and associated data anomalies were similarly observed in CY 2021, although to a lesser extent than CY 2020, as described in more detail in this report.

Relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, not all NJ hospitals were impacted in exactly the same way, and the data shows year-over-year variance starting with CY 2019 as a "base" year when compared to CY 2020 and CY 2021. That said, all hospitals experienced significant challenges related to increased COVID-19 caseloads and lack of sufficient resources and available staff. Further, all hospitals also experienced a drop in non-COVID-19 related services due to a temporary, statewide moratorium on elective hospital procedures that was put into effect in the Spring of 2020 and for which hospitals did not start to see a recovery from until the Fall of 2020. It is also worthwhile to note that there was also some degree of reluctance on the part of patients to visit emergency rooms, which resulted in deferrals of care. To this end, year-over-year from CY 2019 to CY 2020, patient statistics captured in the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority (NJHCFFA)'s Apollo database found that between September 2019 (nine-month period) and September

¹ Please see *N.J.S.A 26:2H-1859i*, which is available on the NJ Legislature's internet website at the following address:

<https://lis.nileg.state.nj.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=Publish:10.1048/Enu>.

² Please note that any hospitals that closed in CY 2020 are excluded from this annual report and thus individual rows in various charts may have shifted slightly from prior CYs. For example, Virtua Berlin Hospital was closed in CY 2019, but it is still included in the tables and charts for historical purposes. Please also note that St. Francis Medical Center closed on December 31, 2021, which brings the total count down to 70 acute care hospitals in the State. This will be reflected in future applicable annual DCC reports.

³ For more information about COVID-19, please visit NJDOH's COVID-19 internet website at the following address:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>.

2020, a 10.9% decline was observed in inpatient admissions, a 20.5% decrease was observed in same-day surgeries, a 22.2% decrease was observed in emergency department (ED) visits, and a 19.4% decrease was observed in clinic visits. Similarly, NJHCFFA's patient statistics from the Apollo data base found that year-over-year data from September 2020 to September 2021, a 6.57% increase was observed in inpatient admissions, a 21.40% increase was observed in same day surgeries, a 13.61% increase was observed in ED visits, and a 27.54% increase was observed in clinic visits. While downward trends and data variances were observed in both CY 2020 and CY 2021, CY 2021 showed improvements and recovery that tend to signal the likelihood of a return to the CY 2019 pre-COVID-19 baseline, assuming current trends remain the same.

In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic, but particularly in CY 2020 and CY 2021, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, allowed hospitals to submit and seek reimbursement for claims related to COVID-19 testing and treatment provided to uninsured individuals at a higher Medicare reimbursement rate. As a result, some albeit not all NJ hospitals availed themselves of this opportunity and shifted some portion of claims that may have otherwise flowed through Charity Care to HRSA instead. Ultimately, the impacts of COVID-19 and the availability of HRSA funding help to explain the overall decrease in DCC in both CY 2020 and CY 2021 from a data perspective, and DOH would expect to see the data normalize starting with upcoming CY 2022 data, particularly given the absence of HRSA funding and return to more standardized, normal Charity Care billing practices and associated timelines.

Individual Hospitals: Thirteen hospitals each reported over \$10 million in DCC in CY 2021, compared to 12 hospitals in CY 2020. For CY 2021, these 13 hospitals accounted for 61.7% of all DCC statewide, compared to 12 hospitals accounting for 58.3% in CY 2020. Forty-five hospitals reported an increase in DCC compared to 11 in CY 2020. Twenty-six hospitals reported a decrease in DCC compared to 60 in CY 2020. University Hospital reported the highest dollar amount of DCC in CY 2021 of \$57.1 million (compared to \$50.7 million in CY 2020, a 12.6% increase) and accounted for 12.0% of total DCC for the state. University Hospital reported the largest dollar increase of DCC in CY 2021 of \$6.4 million (12.6% for that hospital). Trinitas Regional Medical Center reported the largest dollar decrease in CY 2021 of \$4.9 million (18.3% for that hospital). Significant variations were seen in CY 2021 DCC among the vast majority of hospitals due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as noted above, ranging from a decrease of \$4.9 million to an increase of \$6.4 million.

Systems: RWJBarnabas Health reported the highest dollar amount of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$95.8 million and accounted for 20.1% of total DCC statewide, with Hackensack Meridian Health reporting the second highest of \$56.8 million and 11.9% of DCC statewide RWJBarnabas Health reported the largest dollar increase of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$18.4 million (23.7% increase over CY 2020). AtlantiCare Health System reported the largest dollar decrease of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$3.1 million (19.7% decrease over CY 2020). It is noteworthy that the second highest dollar increase of DCC overall is St. Joseph's Healthcare System for a total increase of \$6.88 million.

Regions: Hospitals in selected groupings reported higher average DCC than hospitals in other areas. At the county level, Essex and Hudson counties experienced the largest increase in DCC of \$12.4 million (14.1%) and \$9.0 million (23.8%) respectively, and Cape May, Cumberland, and Warren counties experienced the smallest increases. Union and Morris counties had the largest decreases in DCC of \$5.2 million (15.5%) and \$4.7 million (24.9%) respectively. The remaining 14 counties experienced decreases ranging from \$3.1 million (Atlantic) to \$13,124 (Sussex) and increases ranging from \$601,520 (Ocean) to \$8.9 million (Passaic).

II. Background

Established in 1993, Charity Care is free or reduced charge care that is provided to patients who receive their inpatient and outpatient services at acute care hospitals throughout NJ⁴. To help offset the costs to hospitals of uncompensated care delivered to low-income, uninsured patients as well as underinsured patients (e.g., high-deductibles, co-pays, etc.), NJDOH provides subsidies through Charity Care. Many states maintain a state or local government-owned public hospital system to provide care to these patients. However, NJ does not have a public hospital system and instead requires all NJ hospitals to participate in Charity Care and provide covered services.

NJ residents with income that is 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or below who do not qualify for Medicaid, or any other insurance are eligible to receive Charity Care covered services for both inpatient and outpatient care at any of NJ's acute care hospitals. Families with income that is 200% or below the FPL are eligible to receive free care, whereas families with income between 200-300% of the FPL are responsible for a portion of their hospital bill. The following is an example of the Schedule of Discounted Amounts for Charity Care Patients⁵:

	Patient Responsibility					
	0% of Rate	20% of Rate	40% of Rate	60% of Rate	80% of Rate	100% of Rate
Family Size*	<=200%	>200<=225%	>225<=250%	>250<=275%	>275<=300%	>300%
1	\$29,160 or less	\$29,161 to \$32,805	\$32,806 to \$36,450	\$36,451 to \$40,095	\$40,096 to \$43,740	\$43,741 or more
2	\$39,440 or less	\$39,441 to \$44,370	\$44,371 to \$49,300	\$49,301 to \$54,230	\$54,231 to \$59,160	\$59,161 or more
3	\$49,720 or less	\$49,721 to \$55,935	\$55,936 to \$62,150	\$62,151 to \$68,365	\$68,366 to \$74,580	\$74,581 or more
4	\$60,000 or less	\$60,001 to \$67,500	\$67,501 to \$75,000	\$75,001 to \$82,500	\$82,501 to \$90,000	\$90,001 or more
5	\$70,280 or less	\$70,281 to \$79,065	\$79,066 to \$87,850	\$87,851 to \$96,635	\$96,636 to \$105,420	\$105,421 or more
6	\$80,560 or less	\$80,561 to \$90,630	\$90,631 to \$100,700	\$100,701 to \$110,770	\$110,771 to \$120,840	\$120,841 or more
7	\$90,840 or less	\$90,841 to \$102,195	\$102,196 to \$113,550	\$113,551 to \$124,905	\$124,906 to \$136,260	\$136,261 or more
8	\$101,120 or less	\$101,121 to \$113,760	\$113,761 to \$126,400	\$126,401 to \$139,040	\$139,041 to \$151,680	\$151,681 or more
*For families with more than 8 members, add the following amounts to the highest amount in each column for each additional family member.						
Each Addition	\$10,280	\$11,565	\$12,850	\$14,135	\$15,420	

Further, to qualify for Charity Care, individual patient assets cannot exceed \$7,500 and family assets cannot exceed \$15,000. Should a patient's assets exceed these limits, they may "spend down" the assets to the eligible limits through payment of the excess toward the hospital bill and other approved out-of-pocket medical expenses.

⁴ Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 26:2H-18.64*, every NJ acute care hospital is required to provide care to any patient regardless of his or her ability to pay.

⁵ This chart is effective as of March 15, 2023.

III. Data Included in this Report

This annual report is based on data collected from 71⁶ licensed NJ acute care hospitals for CY 2021 (January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021), and also includes historical data from CY 2015 through 2020. Hospitals not included in this report include state-owned psychiatric hospitals, comprehensive rehabilitation hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, and federal military and veterans' hospitals. The hospital data outlined in this report is gathered from billing data that is submitted by the hospitals representing patient claims submitted to the state for CY 2021 through February 2022. Inpatient claim counts (discharges) are captured in NJDOH's analysis; however, outpatient claims counts are not reported because the occasions of service are largely incomparable.

IV. Lack of National Charity Care Data for Comparison

This annual report compares DCC for the state between the years of 2015 and 2021. The report does not include NJ Charity Care as compared to national data because there is no national requirement and/or readily available data source for hospital uncompensated care that is directly comparable to NJ's Charity Care Program in terms of design, eligibility, and covered services. On the federal level, Congress enacted the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) in 1986 to ensure that anyone who presents with an emergency medical condition (EMC) receives emergency services for stabilization (or if stabilization is not possible due to the nature of the EMC, then appropriate transfer) regardless of ability to pay⁷. NJ's Charity Care law is much broader than EMTALA and requires hospitals to provide medically necessary inpatient and outpatient licensed hospital services, as determined by a treating physician regardless of ability to pay. In addition, unlike Charity Care, EMTALA also does not prevent hospitals from billing uninsured or underinsured patients after the fact for services rendered.

Nationally, comparable data is available for uncompensated care. Each year, the American Hospital Association (AHA) publishes its Annual Survey of Hospitals⁷, which provides aggregate information on the level of uncompensated care – care provided for which no payment is received from the patient or insurer – delivered by all types of U.S. hospitals. AHA's uncompensated care data includes both a sum of the hospital's bad debt⁸ and the financial assistance it provides⁹. Uncompensated care excludes other unfunded costs of care, such as underpayment from Medicaid and Medicare. As a result, the national data available from the AHA, like other nationally available data, is not comparable to NJ hospital DCC primarily (but not exclusively) because the national data includes bad debt.

V. The State of New Jersey DCC Data

Statewide, DCC was \$479.6 million in CY 2015, which decreased slightly in CY 2016 to \$450.6 million, likely associated with NJ Medicaid expansion that began in 2014. This demonstrates a tempered decline in CY 2015 and CY 2016. DCC increased slightly in CY 2017 (\$481.6 million) and CY 2018 (\$487.4 million), possibly due to changing guidance and uncertainty at the federal level as well as federal rollback of Medicaid expansion/ACA. DCC spiked in CY 2019 to \$544.1 million, and CY 2019 is generally understood to be a more accurate "baseline" year in terms of pre-COVID DCC. Below is a chart that provides an

⁶ St. Francis Medical Center closed as of December 31, 2022, which means there are now 70 acute care hospitals.

⁷ Please see the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS') internet website, which is available that the following link: <https://www.aha.org/fact-sheets/2020-01-06-fact-sheet-uncompensated-hospital-care-cost>.

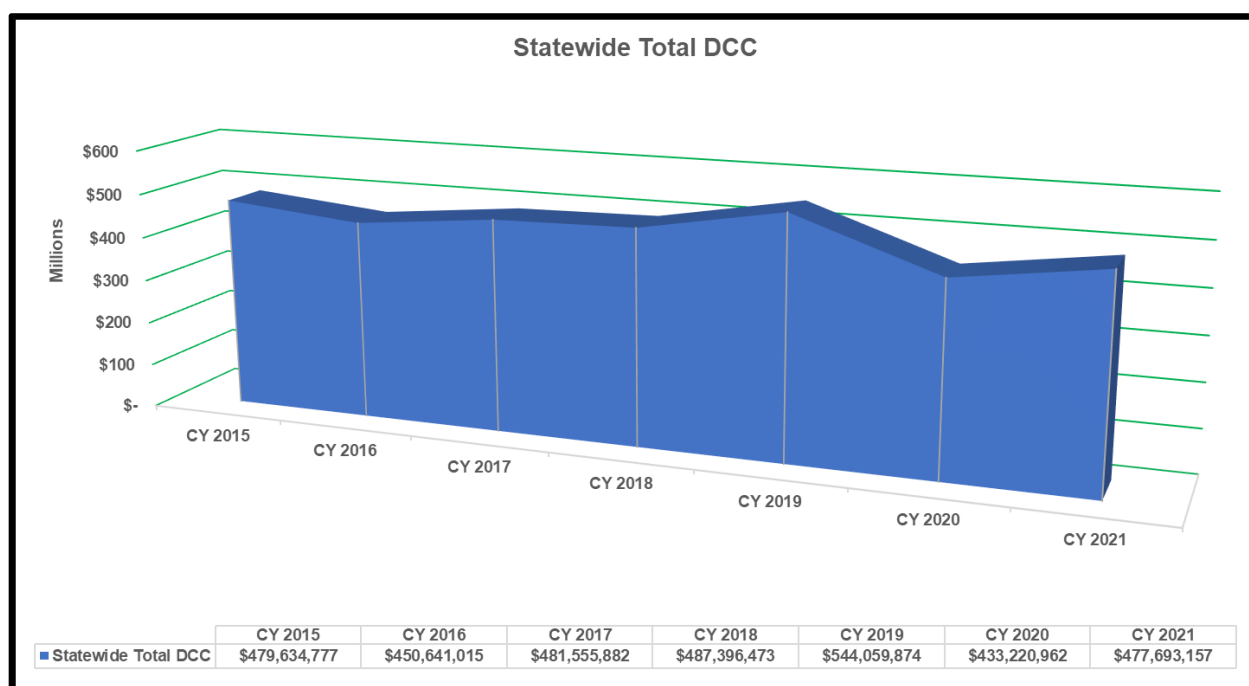
⁸ A hospital incurs bad debt when it cannot obtain reimbursement for care provided; this happens when patients are unable to pay their bills, but do not apply for financial assistance, or are unwilling to pay their bills.

⁹ Financial assistance includes care for which hospitals never expected to be reimbursed and care provided at a reduced cost for those in need.

overview of the seven-year trend between CY 2015 through CY 2021 in DCC for all NJ acute care hospitals.

The statewide seven-year trend beginning in CY 2015 and continuing through CY 2021 reveals a decrease of approximately \$2.0 million (0.5%) in DCC. One exception is with CY 2019, which reveals an increase of approximately \$56.7 million (11.6%) in DCC to \$544.1 million. CY 2020, in contrast, reveals a notable decrease of approximately \$110.8 million (20.4%) in DCC to \$433.2 million, which is largely attributable to the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals. CY 2021 shows some recovery from CY 2020 but still shows data variances/anomalies that result in an overall decrease of \$66.4 million when compared to CY 2019 (12.2%), which is likely due to the lingering effects of COVID-19.

The seven-year trend demonstrates some variability, up and down, for individual hospitals and regions that could be attributable to various market and social forces.



Thirteen hospitals each reported over \$10 million in DCC in CY 2021 and accounted for 61.7% of all DCC statewide. Forty-five hospitals reported an increase in DCC compared to 11 in CY 2020. Twenty-six hospitals reported a decrease in DCC compared to 60 in CY 2020. University Hospital reported the highest dollar amount of DCC in CY 2021 of \$57.1 million (compared to \$50.7 million in CY 2020, a 12.6% increase) and accounted for 12.0% of total DCC for the state. University Hospital also reported the largest dollar increase of DCC in CY 2021 of \$6.4 million (12.6% for that hospital). Trinitas Regional Medical Center reported the largest dollar decrease in CY 2021 of \$4.9 million (18.3% for that hospital). Similar to CY 2020, significant data anomalies/variations continued to be observed in CY 2021 DCC among many hospitals due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as noted above, ranging from a decrease of \$4.9 million to an increase of \$6.4 million.

The expansion of NJ FamilyCare in 2014 made free or low-cost health coverage available to this newly eligible population, regardless of disability, family status, or financial resources. These elements had previously been taken into account in Medicaid eligibility decisions. Since NJ residents with incomes up to 300% of the FPL who do not qualify for Medicaid are eligible to receive Charity Care, there are patients

that previously could have received and likely did receive services through Charity Care (and thus would be included in DCC) that are now enrolled in Medicaid. The direct effect of NJ FamilyCare expansion on DCC cannot be quantified, but a large part of the decline in DCC between CY 2015 and CY 2016 is most likely due to NJ FamilyCare expansion. The trend reversal increase demonstrated in CY 2017 and continuing in CY 2018 and 2019 DCC may be related to changing guidance and uncertainty at the federal level as well as federal rollback of Medicaid expansion/ACA. The significant downward trend in CY 2020 and continuing into CY 2021, as noted above, is largely attributable to the initial and lingering adverse impacts of the COVID- 19 pandemic on hospitals.

The below charts and analysis summarize data for DCC based on the Medicaid rate for all eligible NJ hospitals for each facility's CY ending in 2021 – 71¹⁰ hospitals in total. As is described in Table 1 on the next page, NJ hospitals reported \$477.7 million in DCC in CY 2021. Total DCC increased 10.3% from CY 2020 (\$433.2 million) but remains \$66.4 million (12.2%) below CY 2019 figures, as noted above.

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¹⁰ As noted elsewhere, St. Francis Medical Center closed on December 31, 2022, which means that there are now 70 acute care hospitals although data for 71 is reflected in this report.

Table 1 - DCC by Facility, CY 2021 - CY 2019

Table 1 DCC Comparison CY 2021 - CY 2019 Hospital Name	CY 2021 DCC	CY 2020 DCC	CY 2019 DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020 Difference	CY 2020 - CY 2019 Difference	CY 2021 - CY 2019 Difference
University Hospital	57,062,985	50,679,713	65,317,879	6,383,272	(14,638,165)	(8,254,893)
St. Joseph's University Medical Center	41,735,036	35,523,751	42,141,563	6,211,284	(6,617,812)	(406,527)
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	27,616,412	22,767,802	22,864,396	4,848,610	(96,593)	4,752,016
Hackensack University Medical Center	24,552,258	19,234,803	23,052,060	5,317,455	(3,817,258)	1,500,197
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	21,746,535	26,602,468	36,088,423	(4,855,932)	(9,485,955)	(14,341,887)
Cooper Hospital/University MC	19,616,327	17,197,388	20,346,548	2,418,939	(3,149,159)	(730,220)
St. Peter's University Hospital	19,404,335	17,447,709	22,561,003	1,956,625	(5,113,293)	(3,156,668)
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center	17,675,450	15,598,038	24,429,513	2,077,412	(8,831,475)	(6,754,063)
Capital Health Regional Medical Center	15,051,552	11,455,990	19,037,577	3,595,563	(7,581,587)	(3,986,025)
New Bridge Medical Center	14,901,295	14,227,353	20,927,763	673,942	(6,700,410)	(6,026,468)
Jersey City Medical Center	13,364,689	10,759,648	19,637,746	2,605,042	(8,878,098)	(6,273,057)
Hackensack UMC - Palisades	11,803,041	9,718,750	9,838,358	2,084,291	(119,608)	1,964,683
CarePoint Health - Christ Hospital	10,188,060	6,484,957	9,936,836	3,703,103	(3,451,879)	251,224
CarePoint Health - Hoboken University Medical Center	9,540,410	8,907,489	11,432,903	632,921	(2,525,414)	(1,892,493)
Monmouth Medical Center	8,960,331	7,183,245	7,862,722	1,777,085	(679,477)	1,097,609
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	8,923,081	6,857,078	9,087,995	2,066,002	(2,230,917)	(164,914)
St. Michael's Medical Center	8,724,177	9,383,104	8,770,540	(658,927)	612,564	(46,363)
Morristown Medical Center	8,698,658	11,184,087	11,531,323	(2,485,428)	(347,237)	(2,832,665)
Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell	8,273,786	8,047,140	6,953,157	226,645	1,093,983	1,320,628
AtlantiCare Regional MC - City	7,255,685	8,769,079	10,548,707	(1,513,393)	(1,779,628)	(3,293,022)
St. Barnabas Medical Center	7,178,573	5,229,778	6,881,921	1,948,794	(1,652,143)	296,652
St. Mary's General Hospital	6,813,379	4,814,993	4,497,222	1,998,386	317,771	2,316,157
Clara Maass Medical Center	6,143,255	3,942,597	6,528,014	2,200,658	(2,585,417)	(384,759)
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	5,687,253	7,683,378	8,546,085	(1,996,125)	(862,707)	(2,858,833)
AtlantiCare Regional MC - Mainland	5,617,300	7,252,368	9,806,609	(1,635,069)	(2,554,240)	(4,189,309)
Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	5,573,357	3,648,491	4,830,780	1,924,866	(1,182,289)	742,577
RWJ University Hospital - Somerset	5,337,641	3,772,767	3,607,134	1,564,874	165,633	1,730,507
Overlook Medical Center	5,235,390	5,333,357	5,540,610	(97,967)	(207,253)	(305,220)
Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center	4,436,890	3,816,900	4,280,143	619,990	(463,243)	156,747
JFK Medical Center	4,268,181	6,873,509	7,110,075	(2,605,328)	(236,566)	(2,841,894)
Inspira Medical Center - Vineland	4,171,079	4,047,865	5,488,058	123,214	(1,440,193)	(1,316,979)
Community Medical Center	3,569,304	2,342,692	2,862,859	1,226,613	(520,167)	706,446
Virtua Memorial Hospital	3,281,879	3,129,107	4,410,956	152,772	(1,281,849)	(1,129,077)
St. Francis Medical Center	3,275,639	2,646,809	3,753,516	628,830	(1,106,708)	(477,877)
CentraState Medical Center	3,073,622	2,636,364	2,994,584	437,258	(358,221)	79,037
Deborah Heart and Lung Center	2,970,373	2,857,532	3,390,718	112,842	(533,186)	(420,345)
Monmouth Medical Center Southern	2,899,784	3,161,918	3,557,966	(262,134)	(396,048)	(658,182)
Virtua Marlton Hospital	2,789,178	2,449,961	3,881,084	339,217	(1,431,123)	(1,091,906)
CareWell Health (formerly East Orange General Hospital)	2,697,403	2,698,023	4,403,507	(620)	(1,705,484)	(1,706,104)
Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital	2,685,379	756,925	1,288,846	1,928,454	(531,922)	1,396,533
St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center	2,519,485	1,847,515	2,845,740	671,969	(998,225)	(326,255)
St. Clare's Hospital - Denville	2,508,962	2,685,366	2,358,862	(176,404)	326,504	150,100
St. Clare's Hospital - Dover	2,452,511	4,308,252	2,094,836	(1,855,741)	2,213,416	357,675
Valley Hospital	2,443,298	2,752,314	3,147,533	(309,016)	(395,220)	(704,236)
Hunterdon Medical Center	2,159,946	2,205,027	2,586,913	(45,081)	(381,886)	(426,967)
Holy Name Medical Center	2,121,116	2,255,479	3,258,111	(134,362)	(1,002,632)	(1,136,994)
RWJ University Hospital - Hamilton	1,995,379	1,410,888	2,020,499	584,492	(609,612)	(25,120)
CarePoint Health - Bayonne Medical Center	1,863,741	1,889,252	1,560,692	(25,511)	328,560	303,049
Ocean Medical Center	1,836,235	2,042,156	2,711,576	(205,921)	(669,420)	(875,341)
Riverview Medical Center	1,683,912	1,640,794	1,906,458	43,119	(265,664)	(222,545)
Virtua Willingboro Hospital	1,677,155	1,271,584	2,399,571	405,571	(1,127,987)	(722,416)
Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy	1,562,888	2,230,553	2,427,006	(667,665)	(196,454)	(864,118)
St. Luke's Warren Hospital	1,323,386	1,179,375	1,093,303	144,011	86,072	230,082
RWJ University Hospital - Rahway	1,071,562	1,281,579	1,392,143	(210,018)	(110,564)	(320,581)
Shore Medical Center	1,012,176	910,448	1,231,654	101,728	(321,206)	(219,478)
Inspira Medical Center - Mullica Hill	700,245	878,307	1,041,831	(178,062)	(163,524)	(341,585)
Southern Ocean Medical Center	691,091	848,128	764,473	(157,038)	83,655	(73,383)
Hackensack UMC - Mountinside	644,240	222,454	958,274	421,787	(735,820)	(314,033)
Chilton Medical Center	617,489	826,596	705,936	(209,107)	120,659	(88,447)
Jefferson Stratford Hospital	593,446	291,429	1,308,929	302,017	(1,017,500)	(715,483)
Newton Medical Center	583,927	597,051	656,177	(13,125)	(59,125)	(72,250)
Cape Regional Medical Center	456,501	446,131	389,630	10,369	56,501	66,871
Hackettstown Regional Medical Center	429,524	297,645	333,861	131,879	(36,216)	95,663
Raritan Bay Medical Center - Old Bridge	398,192	302,755	468,731	95,436	(165,976)	(70,540)
Bayshore Community Hospital	384,288	343,355	781,812	40,933	(438,456)	(397,523)
Jefferson Washington Twp Hospital	293,915	350,987	1,664,297	(57,072)	(1,313,310)	(1,370,382)
Hudson Regional Hospital	286,652	255,970	346,803	30,682	(90,832)	(60,151)
Virtua Voorhees Hospital	219,642	114,222	692,281	105,419	(578,059)	(472,640)
Inspira Medical Center - Elmer	194,832	269,742	466,298	(74,910)	(196,556)	(271,467)
Salem Medical Center	158,808	124,515	362,402	34,294	(237,887)	(203,594)
Hackensack UMC - Pascack Valley	9,653	16,166	55,486	(6,513)	(39,320)	(45,832)
Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Berlin *	0	0	58	0	(58)	(58)
Totals	477,693,157	433,220,962	544,059,874	44,472,194	(110,838,912)	(66,366,718)

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VI. DCC by Health System¹¹

Overall, health systems reported increases in DCC in CY 2021 when compared to CY 2020, but decreases when compared to CY 2019, the latter of which is again largely due to the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic (Table 2) that have in large part carried over from CY 2020 despite some recovery as evidenced by the data. RWJBarnabas Health reported the highest dollar amount of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$95.8 million and accounted for 20.1% of total DCC statewide, with Hackensack Meridian Health reporting the second highest of \$56.8 million and 11.9% of total DCC statewide. RWJBarnabas Health reported the largest dollar increase of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$18.4 million (23.7% increase over CY 2020). The second highest dollar increase of DCC overall is St. Joseph's Healthcare System for a total increase of \$6.9 million (18.4% increase over CY 2020). AtlantiCare Health System reported the largest dollar decrease of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$3.1 million (19.7% decrease over CY 2020). It is noteworthy that the second largest increase of DCC overall is attributable to all other single-site hospitals that are not system-affiliated for a total increase of \$4.8 million (10.8% of total CY 2021 increase).

Table 2 - DCC by Health System, CY 2021 - CY 2019						
Table 2 DCC Comparison CY 2021 - CY 2019 Hospital/Health System	CY 2021 DCC	CY 2020 DCC	CY 2019 DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020 Difference	CY 2020 - CY 2019 Difference	CY 2021 - CY 2019 Difference
RWJBarnabas Health	95,812,380	77,450,952	101,644,912	18,361,428	(24,193,961)	(5,832,533)
Hackensack Meridian Health	56,757,060	50,330,501	59,162,303	6,416,881	(8,831,803)	(2,414,922)
St. Joseph's Healthcare System	44,254,521	37,371,267	44,987,303	6,883,254	(7,616,036)	(732,783)
Capital Health System	23,325,338	19,503,130	25,990,735	3,822,208	(6,487,604)	(2,665,396)
CarePoint Health	21,592,211	17,281,698	22,930,431	4,310,512	(5,648,733)	(1,338,220)
Prime Healthcare Services	20,499,029	21,191,715	17,721,459	(692,686)	3,470,256	2,777,570
Atlantic Health System	15,564,988	18,238,736	18,767,907	(2,673,748)	(529,172)	(3,202,920)
Virtua	13,541,211	10,613,366	16,214,730	2,927,845	(5,601,364)	(2,673,519)
AtlantiCare Health System	12,872,985	16,021,447	20,355,316	(3,148,462)	(4,333,868)	(7,482,330)
Inspira Health Network	5,066,156	5,195,914	6,996,187	(129,758)	(1,800,273)	(1,930,031)
Penn Medicine	4,436,890	3,816,900	4,280,143	619,990	(463,243)	156,747
Jefferson Health	3,572,740	1,399,341	4,262,073	2,173,399	(2,862,732)	(689,333)
Trinity Health	3,275,639	2,646,809	3,753,516	628,830	(1,106,708)	(477,877)
St. Luke's University Health Network	1,323,386	1,179,375	1,093,303	144,011	86,072	230,082
Single Site Hospitals	155,798,624	150,979,811	195,899,555	4,818,813	(44,919,744)	(40,100,931)
Totals	477,693,157	433,220,962	544,059,874	44,462,516	(110,838,912)	(66,376,396)

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¹¹ Health systems identified in this report correspond to the system membership as of December 31, 2021, for all time periods reported. Any changes that occurred during CY 2022 or later will be captured in the applicable future annual DCC report.

VII. Historical DCC by County

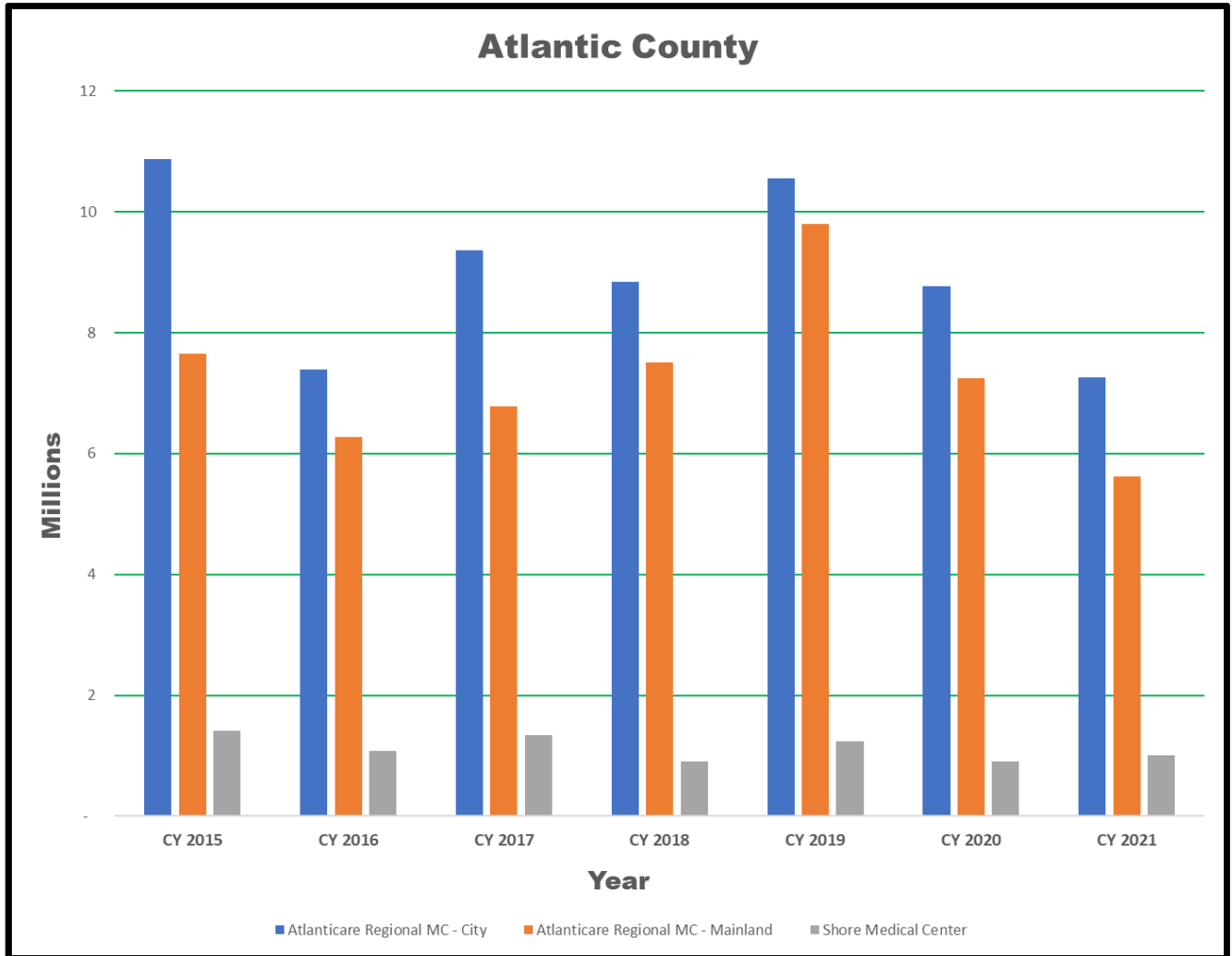
The DCC was broken down by county for analysis (Table 3). Essex County reported \$100.1 million in DCC in CY 2021 and is consistently the highest DCC county statewide. This one county accounted for 21.0% of all DCC in CY 2021. Increases and decreases were seen in DCC among the remaining counties ranging from a decrease of \$5.2 million (Union County) to an increase of \$9.0 (Hudson County). Salem County reported the lowest dollar amount of DCC in CY 2021 of \$353,640, accounting for only 0.07% of total DCC for the state.

Table 3 - DCC by County, CY 2015 - CY 2021								
Table 3	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
DCC Comparison	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
County								
Atlantic County	19,935,200	14,740,170	17,487,568	17,247,405	21,586,969	16,931,895	13,885,161	(3,046,734)
Bergen County	46,735,704	42,267,046	47,490,585	49,920,723	58,987,038	46,169,492	49,714,873	3,545,380
Burlington County	11,311,553	9,463,979	9,428,070	10,235,120	14,082,329	9,708,184	10,718,586	1,010,402
Camden County	27,800,761	25,533,513	27,304,719	28,059,575	28,467,442	22,008,456	28,688,151	6,679,695
Cape May County	1,076,495	805,656	975,406	775,526	389,630	446,131	456,501	10,369
Cumberland County	7,781,875	5,090,788	6,082,538	4,378,324	5,488,058	4,047,865	4,171,079	123,214
Essex County	86,368,218	76,534,168	97,991,800	101,074,018	117,289,647	87,753,707	100,126,083	12,372,376
Gloucester County	2,963,337	2,473,965	2,340,860	3,356,122	2,706,128	1,229,294	994,160	(235,134)
Hudson County	52,367,885	60,685,602	50,079,080	47,983,063	52,753,338	38,016,066	47,046,593	9,030,527
Hunterdon County	3,095,015	2,459,853	2,252,019	2,112,641	2,586,913	2,205,027	2,159,946	(45,081)
Mercer County	28,520,873	30,085,349	27,335,108	28,600,764	31,764,750	23,560,827	28,596,357	5,035,530
Middlesex County	54,263,645	51,768,096	52,061,057	47,365,619	59,711,354	53,439,229	57,686,897	4,247,669
Monmouth County	19,901,994	21,182,934	23,883,210	23,576,949	22,633,570	18,660,836	23,025,234	4,364,398
Morris County	16,214,685	13,907,012	14,295,864	14,575,227	16,690,958	19,004,301	14,277,621	(4,726,680)
Ocean County	8,874,463	8,688,286	8,757,386	9,626,807	9,896,874	8,394,894	8,996,414	601,520
Passaic County	48,722,063	41,292,676	52,187,128	53,806,804	49,484,525	42,186,260	51,067,899	8,881,640
Salem County	899,970	726,935	818,079	694,468	828,700	394,257	353,640	(40,617)
Somerset County	2,582,684	3,334,561	3,170,476	3,448,865	3,607,134	3,772,767	5,337,641	1,564,874
Sussex County	996,891	869,931	728,577	430,728	656,177	597,051	583,927	(13,124)
Union County	37,313,644	37,633,335	35,572,947	38,652,961	43,021,176	33,217,404	28,053,487	(5,163,917)
Warren County	1,907,823	1,097,159	1,313,403	1,474,764	1,427,165	1,477,021	1,752,910	275,889
Totals	479,634,777	450,641,015	481,555,881	487,396,473	544,059,874	433,220,962	477,693,157	44,472,195

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A. Atlantic County

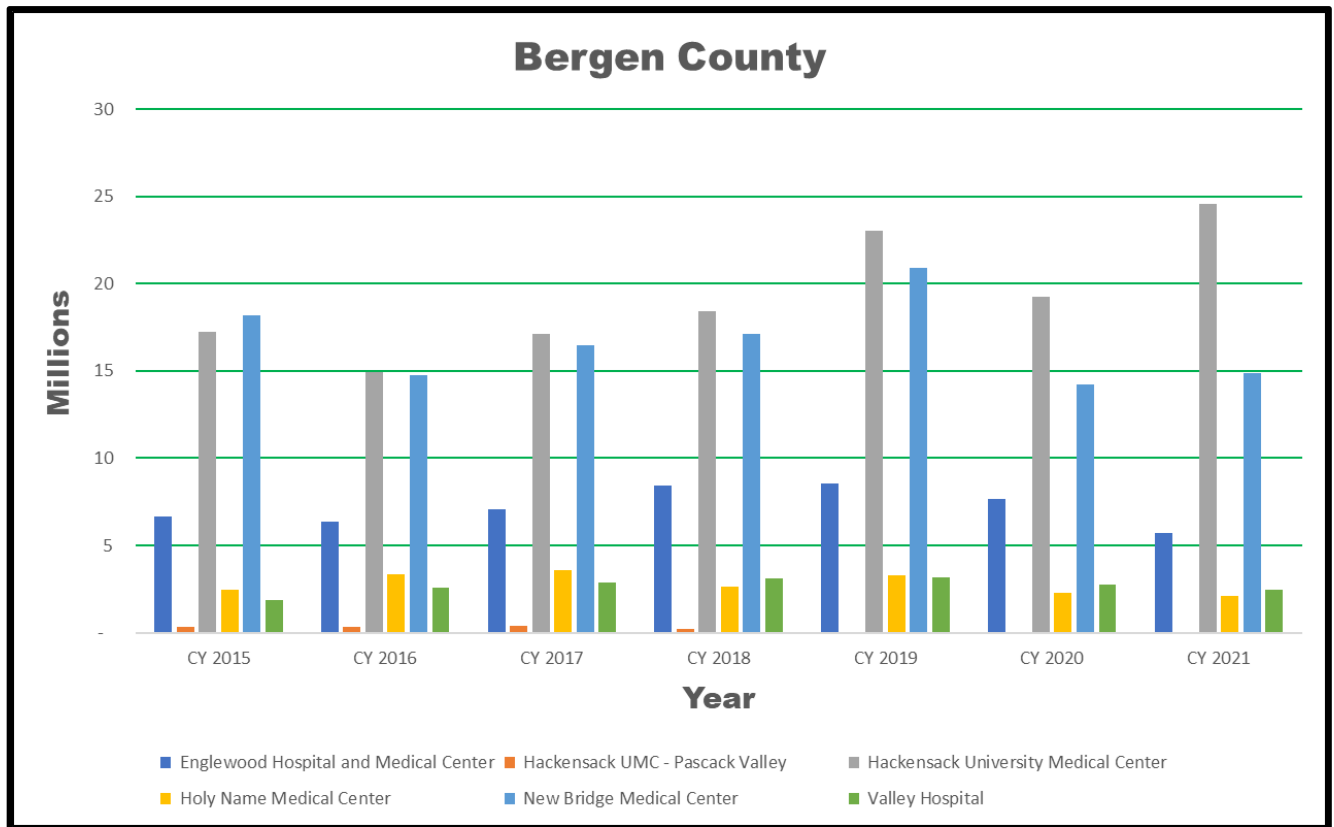
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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Atlanticare Regional MC - City	10,875,644	7,391,581	9,361,807	8,845,820	10,548,707	8,769,079	7,255,685	(1,513,394)
Atlanticare Regional MC - Mainland	7,649,062	6,274,897	6,782,155	7,503,256	9,806,609	7,252,368	5,617,300	(1,635,068)
Shore Medical Center	1,410,494	1,073,692	1,343,605	898,329	1,231,654	910,448	1,012,176	101,728
Atlantic County	19,935,200	14,740,170	17,487,568	17,247,405	21,586,969	16,931,895	13,885,161	(3,046,734)



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B. Bergen County

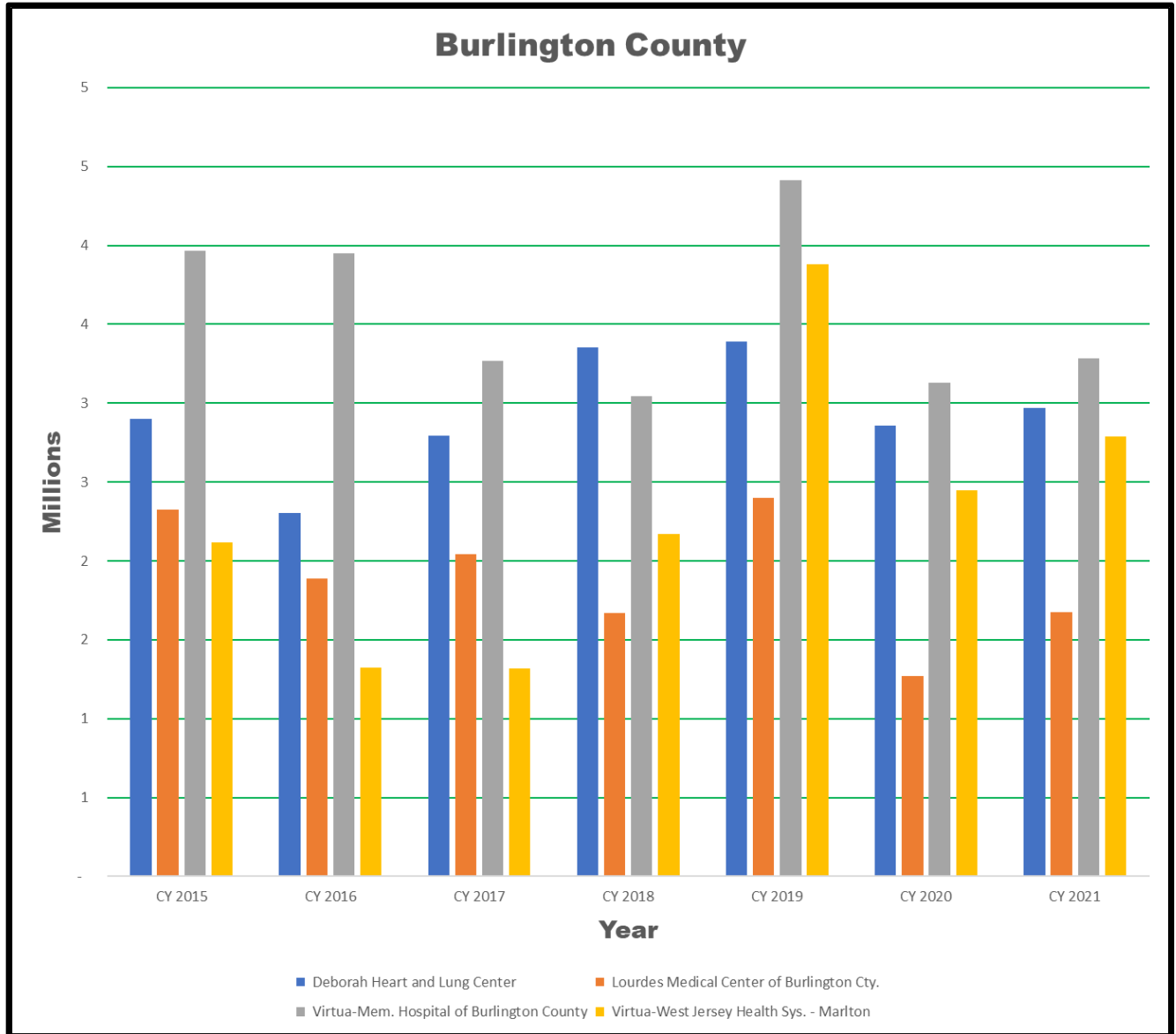
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	6,651,638	6,372,475	7,071,044	8,408,525	8,546,085	7,683,378	5,687,253	(1,996,125)
Hackensack UMC - Pascack Valley	319,101	302,948	394,483	219,050	55,486	16,166	9,653	(6,513)
Hackensack University Medical Center	17,228,540	14,925,861	17,136,528	18,400,073	23,052,060	19,234,803	24,552,258	5,317,455
Holy Name Medical Center	2,484,005	3,361,436	3,558,070	2,645,518	3,258,111	2,255,479	2,121,116	(134,363)
New Bridge Medical Center	18,208,014	14,755,166	16,480,320	17,142,360	20,927,763	14,227,353	14,901,295	673,942
Valley Hospital	1,844,406	2,549,160	2,850,141	3,105,197	3,147,533	2,752,314	2,443,298	(309,016)
Bergen County	46,735,704	42,267,046	47,490,585	49,920,722	58,987,038	46,169,492	49,714,873	3,545,381



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C. Burlington County

Table 6								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Deborah Heart and Lung Center	2,901,334	2,302,201	2,794,788	3,352,551	3,390,718	2,857,532	2,970,373	112,841
Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington Cty.	2,323,870	1,890,770	2,045,320	1,669,207	2,399,571	1,271,584	1,677,155	405,571
Virtua-Mem. Hospital of Burlington County	3,967,351	3,947,961	3,269,860	3,042,455	4,410,956	3,129,107	3,281,879	152,772
Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Marlton	2,118,997	1,323,048	1,318,102	2,170,907	3,881,084	2,449,961	2,789,178	339,217
Burlington County	11,311,553	9,463,979	9,428,070	10,235,120	14,082,329	9,708,184	10,718,586	1,010,401

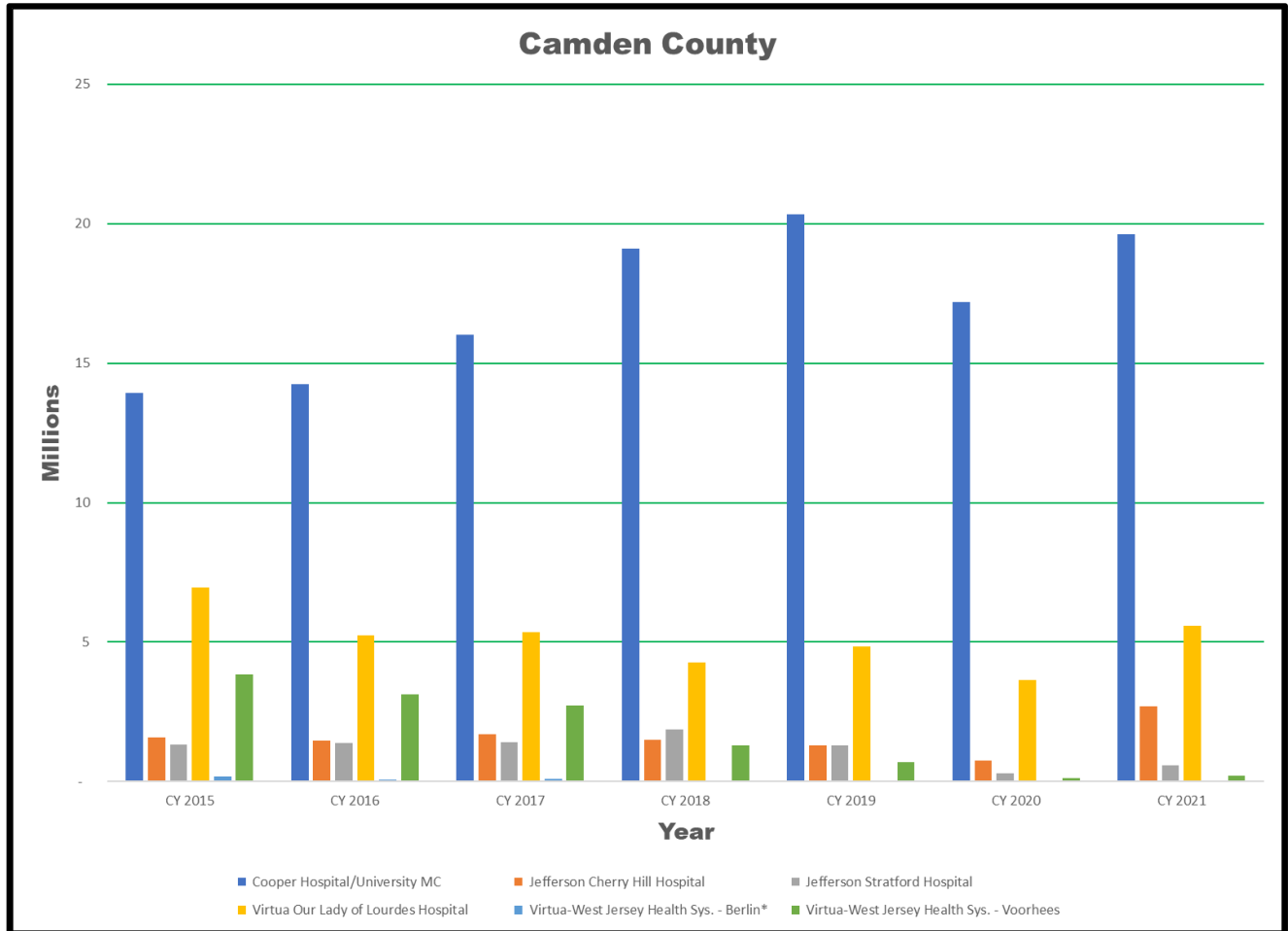


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D. Camden County

Table 7								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Cooper Hospital/University MC	13,934,001	14,237,261	16,023,724	19,117,048	20,346,548	17,197,388	19,616,327	2,418,939
Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital	1,579,487	1,465,607	1,687,565	1,489,492	1,288,846	756,925	2,685,379	1,928,454
Jefferson Stratford Hospital	1,313,394	1,394,313	1,408,199	1,872,374	1,308,929	291,429	593,446	302,017
Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	6,949,904	5,230,742	5,363,485	4,278,670	4,830,780	3,648,491	5,573,357	1,924,866
Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Berlin*	186,760	78,584	89,226	7,411	58	0	0	0
Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Voorhees	3,837,215	3,127,006	2,732,520	1,294,580	692,281	114,222	219,642	105,420
Camden County	27,800,761	25,533,513	27,304,719	28,059,576	28,467,442	22,008,456	28,688,151	6,679,695

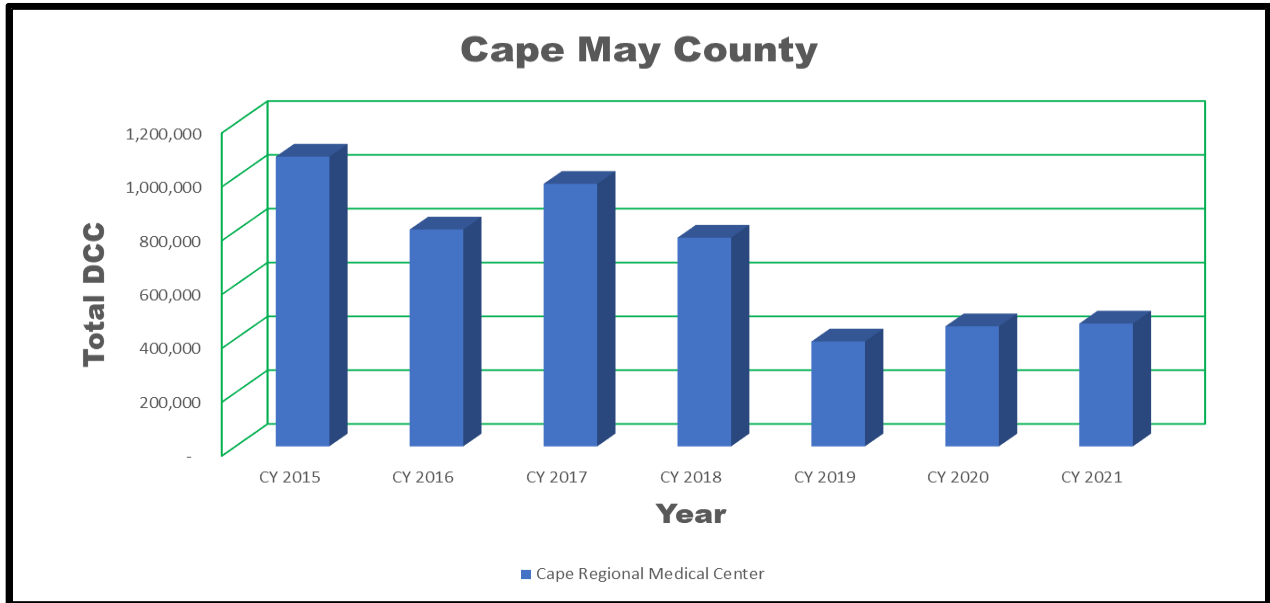
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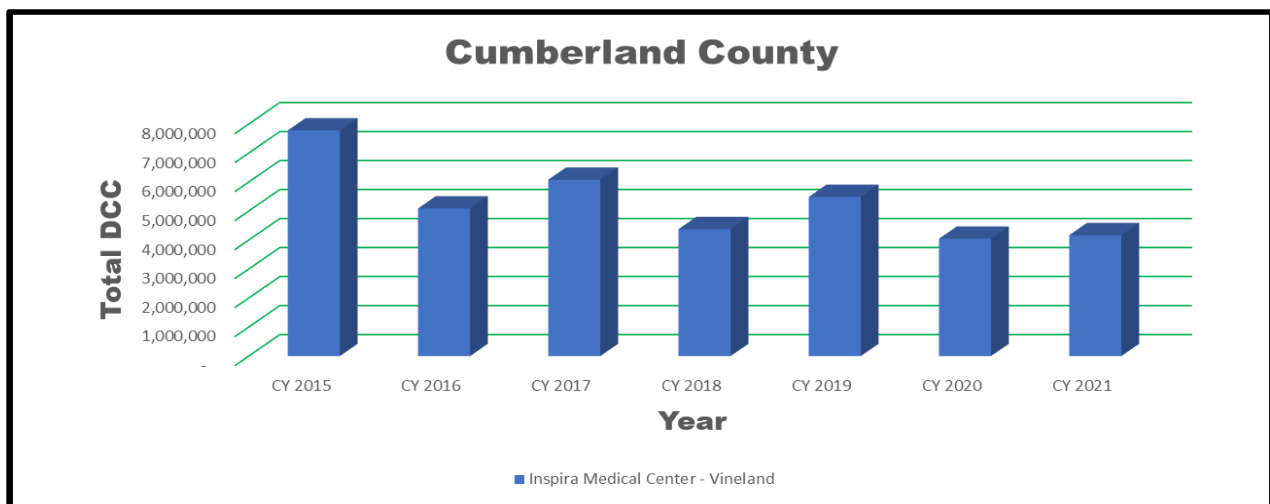
E. Cape May County

Table 8								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Cape Regional Medical Center	1,076,495	805,656	975,406	775,526	389,630	446,131	456,501	10,369
Cape May County	1,076,495	805,656	975,406	775,526	389,630	446,131	456,501	10,369



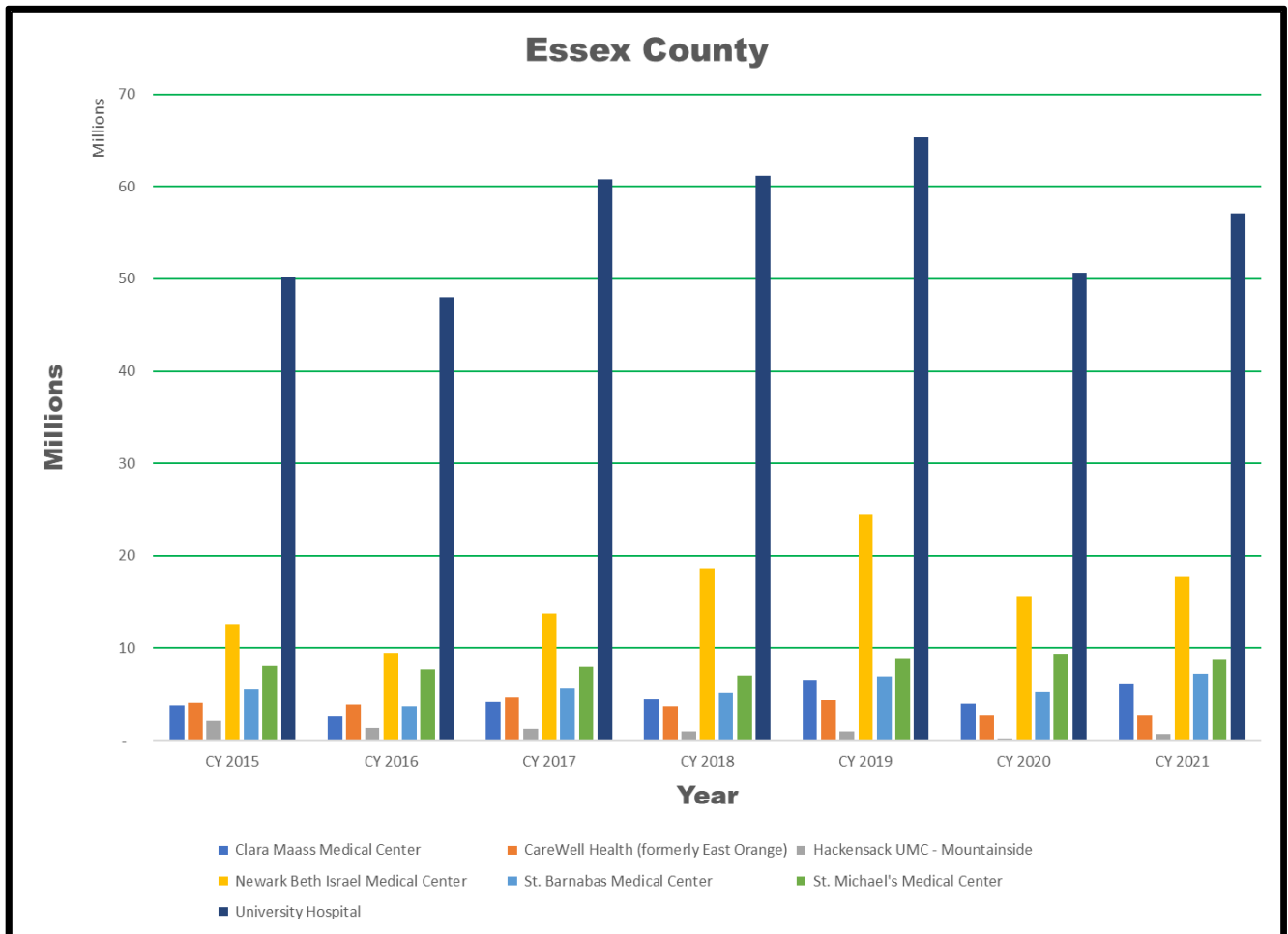
F. Cumberland County

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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Inspira Medical Center - Vineland	7,781,875	5,090,788	6,082,538	4,378,324	5,488,058	4,047,865	4,171,079	123,214
Cumberland County	7,781,875	5,090,788	6,082,538	4,378,324	5,488,058	4,047,865	4,171,079	123,214



G. Essex County

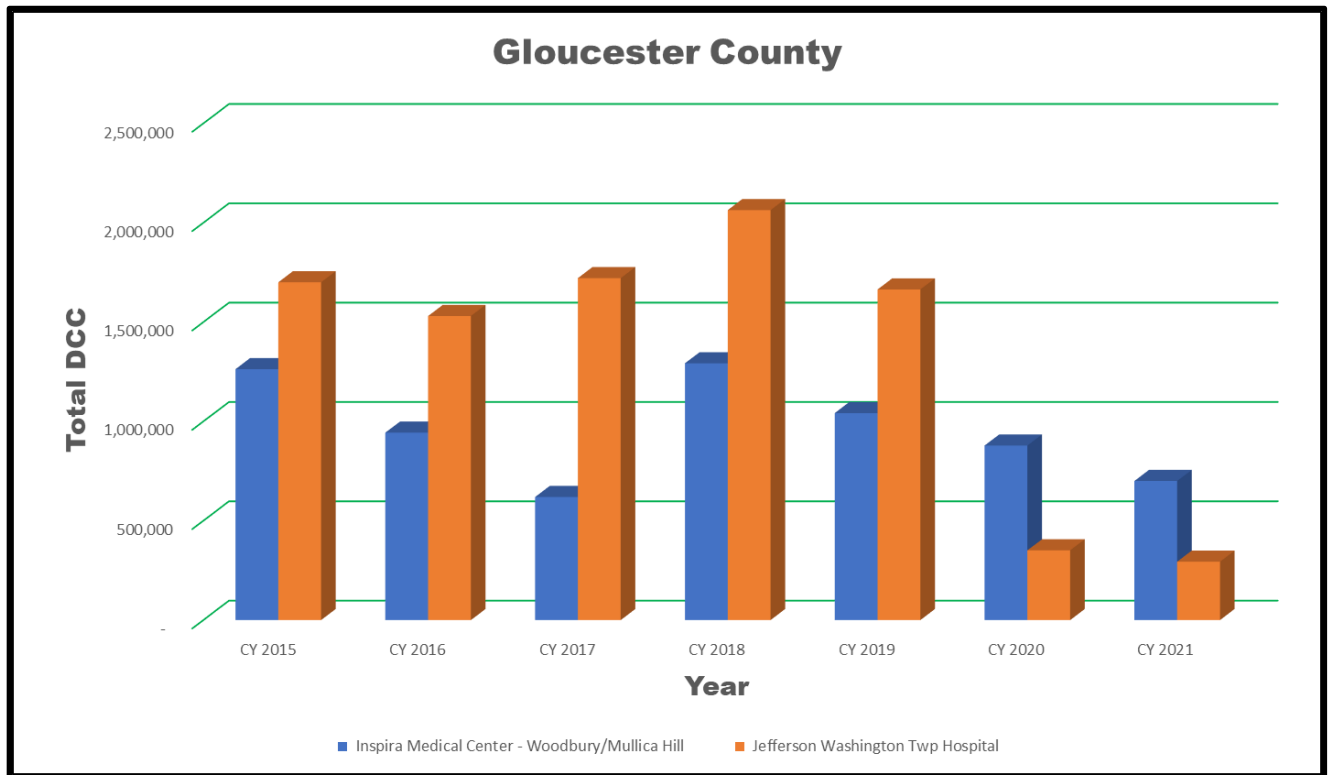
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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Clara Maass Medical Center	3,833,263	2,537,220	4,145,390	4,475,442	6,528,014	3,942,597	6,143,255	2,200,658
CareWell Health (formerly East Orange)	4,062,549	3,860,474	4,617,487	3,739,830	4,403,507	2,698,023	2,697,403	(620)
Hackensack UMC - Mountainside	2,109,283	1,352,242	1,200,876	997,686	958,274	222,454	644,240	421,786
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center	12,613,393	9,500,660	13,733,945	18,652,557	24,429,513	15,598,038	17,675,450	2,077,412
St. Barnabas Medical Center	5,503,730	3,658,951	5,566,122	5,119,620	6,881,921	5,229,778	7,178,573	1,948,795
St. Michael's Medical Center	8,092,081	7,662,293	7,990,813	6,973,525	8,770,540	9,383,104	8,724,177	(658,927)
University Hospital	50,153,919	47,962,329	60,737,168	61,115,358	65,317,879	50,679,713	57,062,985	6,383,272
Essex County	86,368,218	76,534,168	97,991,800	101,074,017	117,289,647	87,753,707	100,126,083	12,372,376



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H. Gloucester County

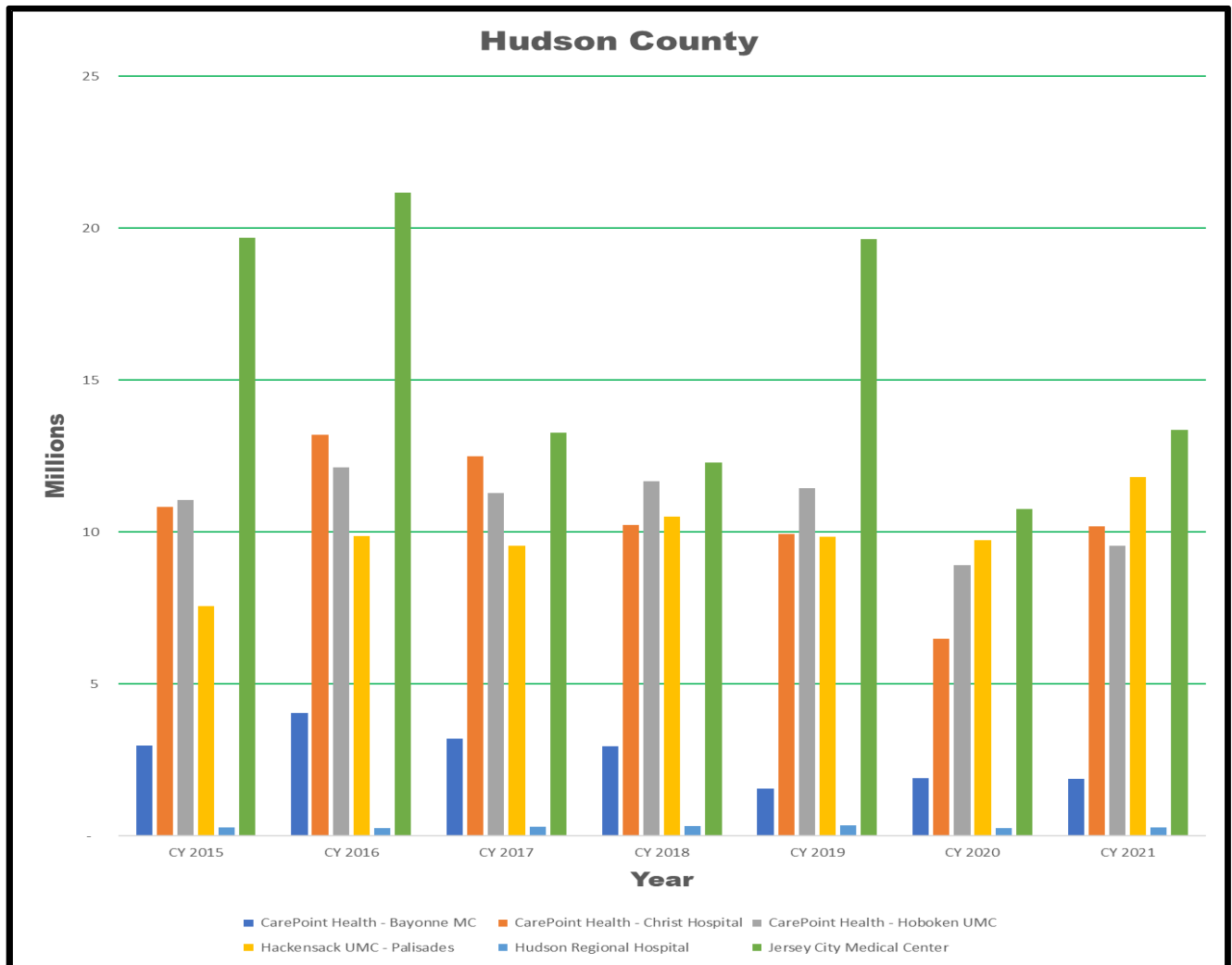
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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Inspira Medical Center - Woodbury/Mullica Hill	1,263,040	943,370	619,593	1,292,470	1,041,831	878,307	700,245	(178,062)
Jefferson Washington Twp Hospital	1,700,297	1,530,595	1,721,267	2,063,652	1,664,297	350,987	293,915	(57,072)
Gloucester County	2,963,337	2,473,965	2,340,860	3,356,122	2,706,128	1,229,294	994,160	(235,134)



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I. Hudson County

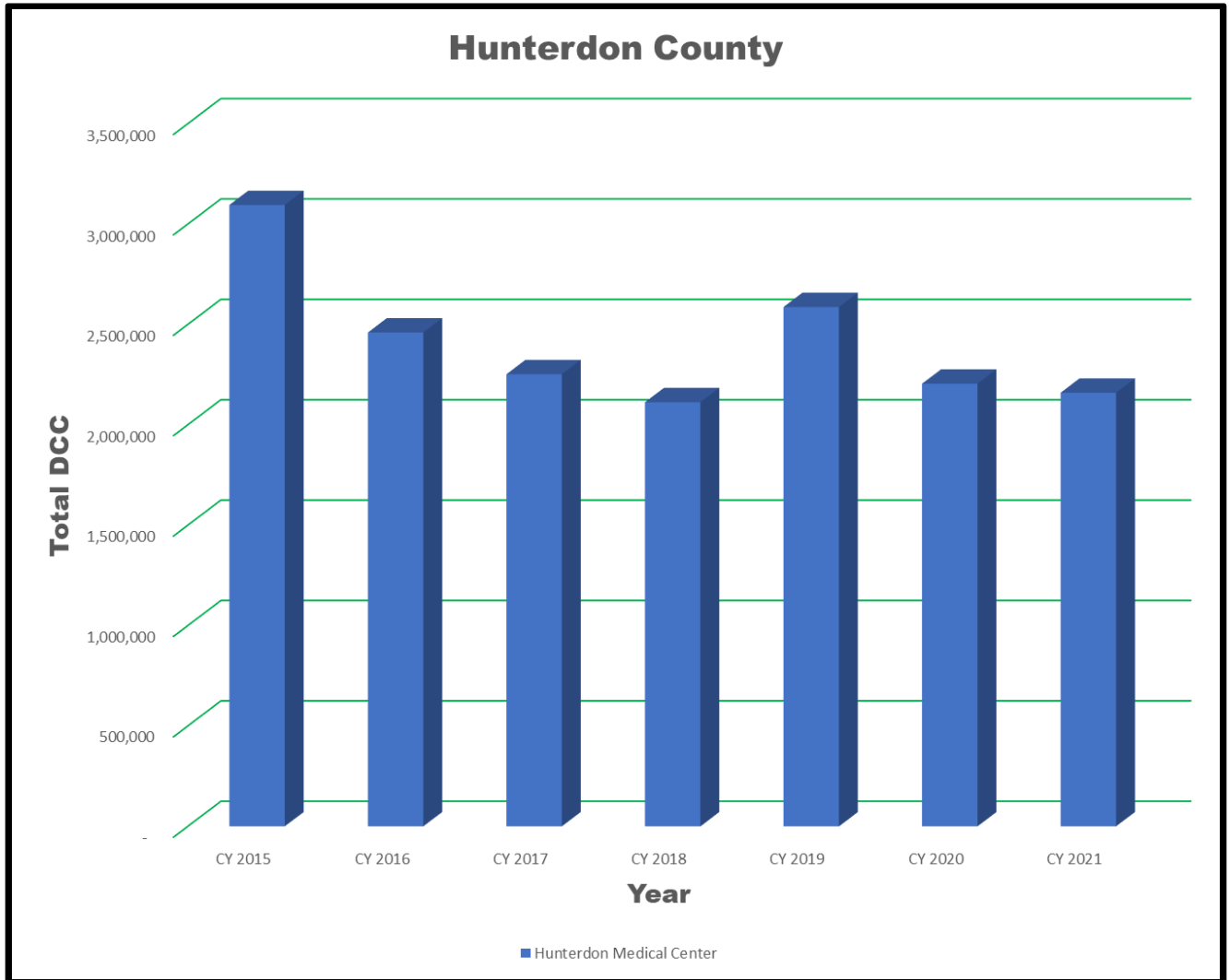
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
CarePoint Health - Bayonne MC	2,971,963	4,034,428	3,202,993	2,950,284	1,560,692	1,889,252	1,863,741	(25,511)
CarePoint Health - Christ Hospital	10,827,093	13,208,551	12,492,590	10,241,218	9,936,836	6,484,957	10,188,060	3,703,103
CarePoint Health - Hoboken UMC	11,042,143	12,132,382	11,277,480	11,667,735	11,432,903	8,907,489	9,540,410	632,921
Hackensack UMC - Palisades	7,562,085	9,876,711	9,541,849	10,512,893	9,838,358	9,718,750	11,803,041	2,084,291
Hudson Regional Hospital	274,189	256,750	299,166	326,191	346,803	255,970	286,652	30,682
Jersey City Medical Center	19,690,410	21,176,779	13,265,003	12,284,742	19,637,746	10,759,648	13,364,689	2,605,041
Hudson County	52,367,885	60,685,602	50,079,080	47,983,064	52,753,338	38,016,066	47,046,593	9,030,527



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J. Hunterdon County

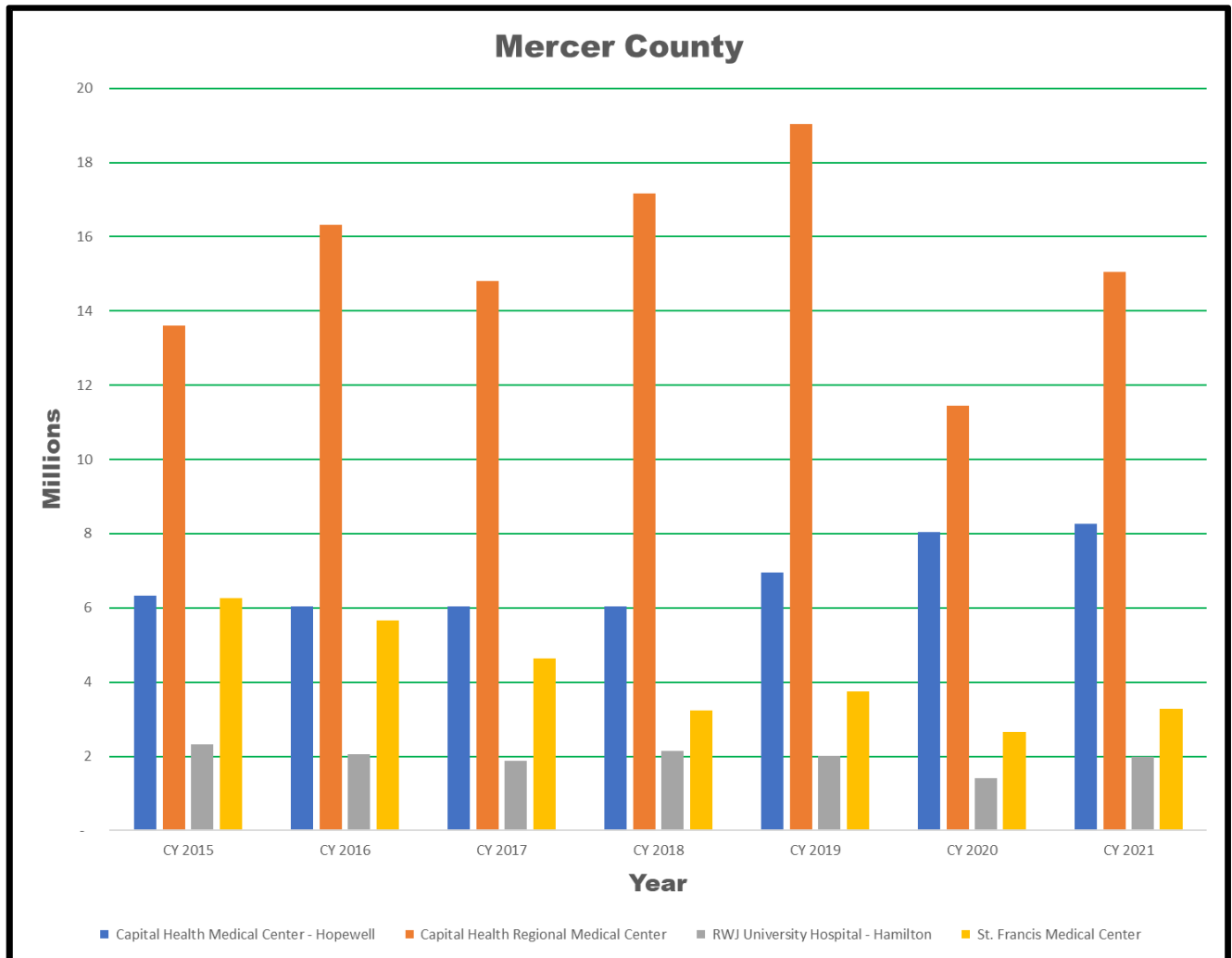
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Hunterdon Medical Center	3,095,015	2,459,853	2,252,019	2,112,641	2,586,913	2,205,027	2,159,946	(45,081)
Hunterdon County	3,095,015	2,459,853	2,252,019	2,112,641	2,586,913	2,205,027	2,159,946	(45,081)



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K. Mercer County

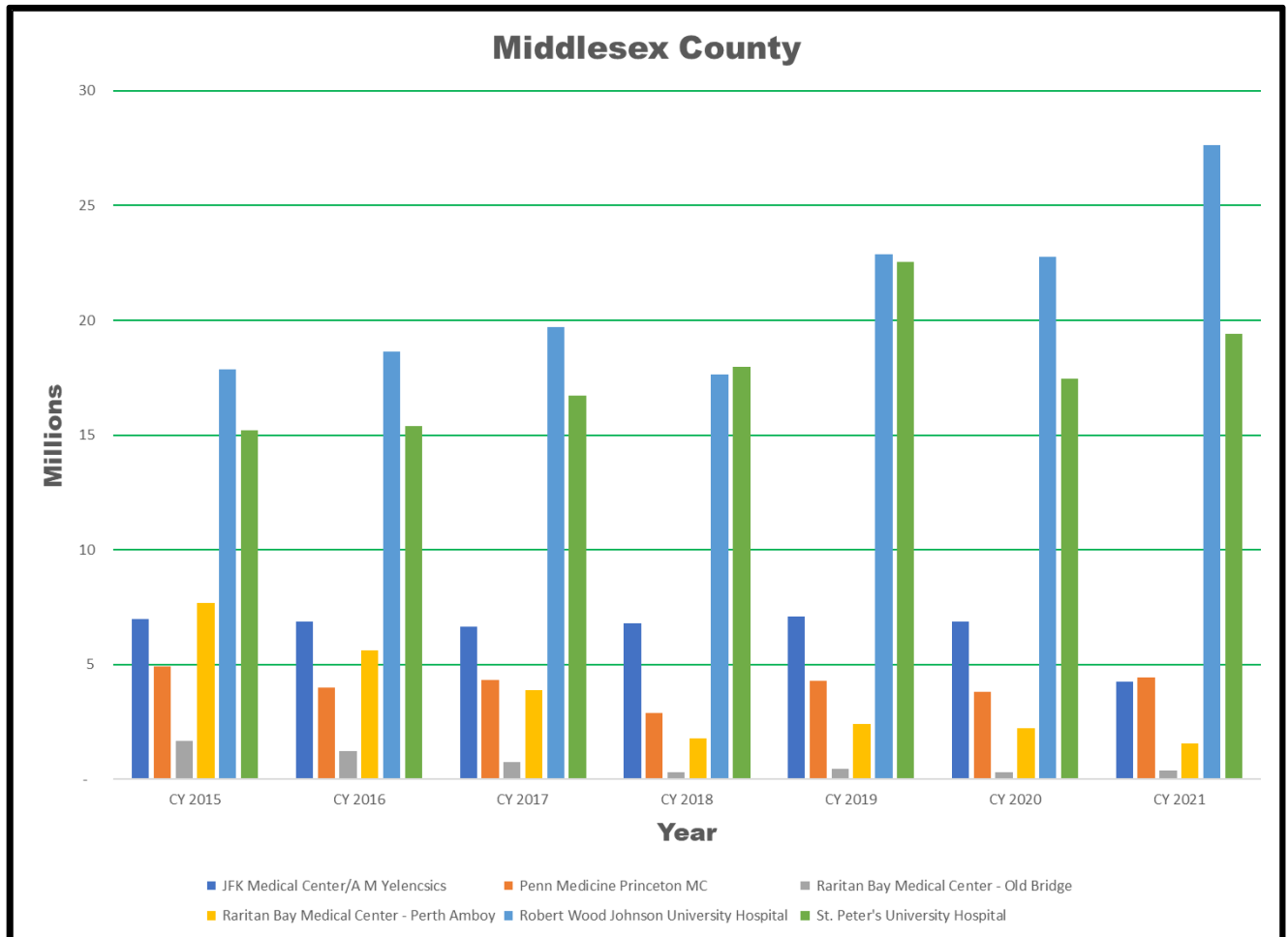
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell	6,338,283	6,041,099	6,032,161	6,046,619	6,953,157	8,047,140	8,273,786	226,646
Capital Health Regional Medical Center	13,597,151	16,321,096	14,797,816	17,169,384	19,037,577	11,455,990	15,051,552	3,595,562
RWJ University Hospital - Hamilton	2,320,897	2,054,283	1,871,999	2,141,369	2,020,499	1,410,888	1,995,379	584,491
St. Francis Medical Center	6,264,542	5,668,871	4,633,133	3,243,392	3,753,516	2,646,809	3,275,639	628,830
Mercer County	28,520,873	30,085,349	27,335,108	28,600,764	31,764,750	23,560,827	28,596,357	5,035,529



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L. Middlesex County

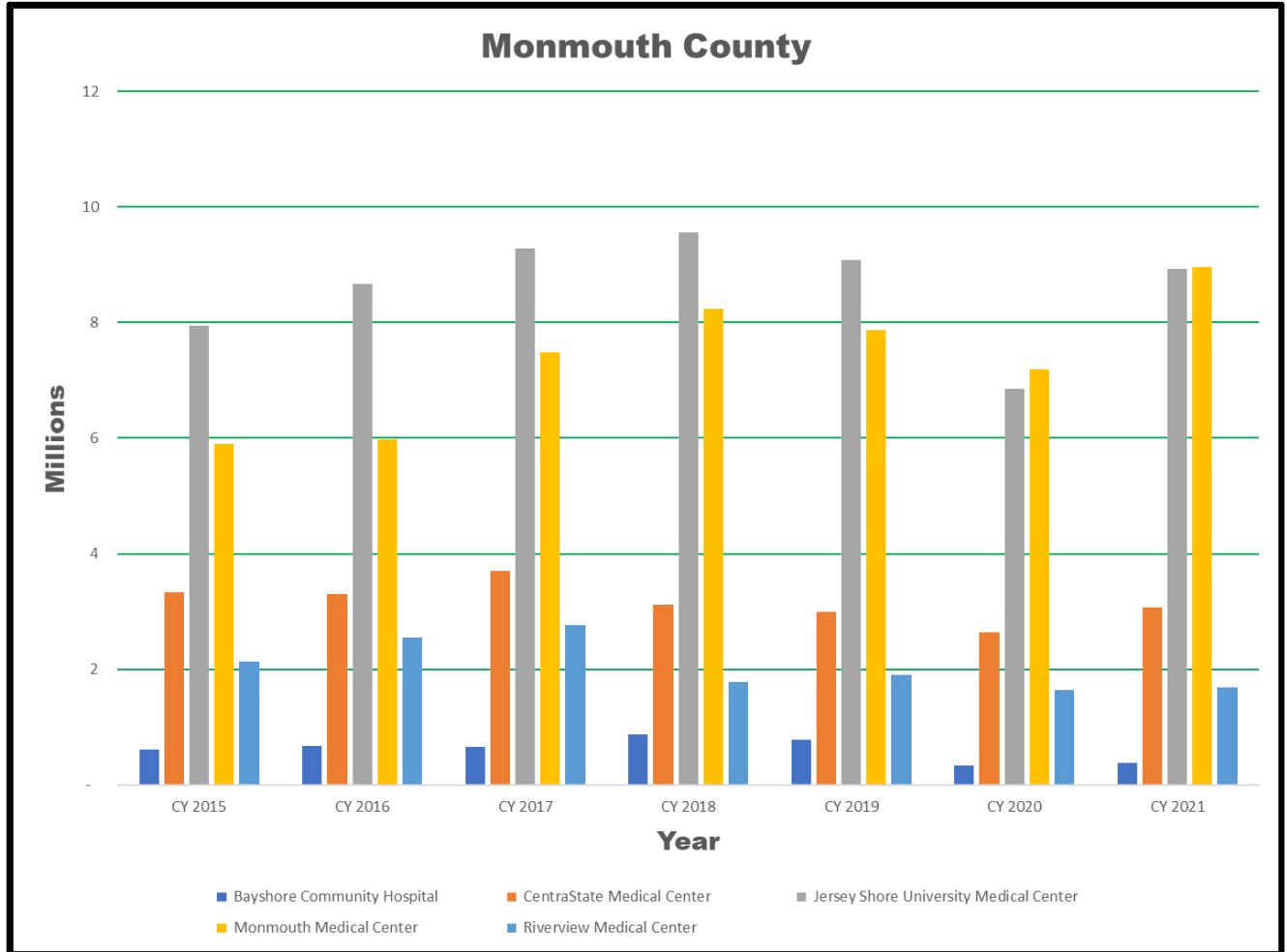
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
JFK Medical Center/A M Yelencsics	6,970,588	6,886,428	6,650,931	6,796,304	7,110,075	6,873,509	4,268,181	(2,605,328)
Penn Medicine Princeton MC	4,914,266	4,010,742	4,339,556	2,891,385	4,280,143	3,816,900	4,436,890	619,990
Raritan Bay Medical Center - Old Bridge	1,660,592	1,219,967	769,548	306,058	468,731	302,755	398,192	95,437
Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy	7,674,386	5,602,459	3,882,519	1,776,927	2,427,006	2,230,553	1,562,888	(667,665)
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	17,843,049	18,645,999	19,716,922	17,638,329	22,864,396	22,767,802	27,616,412	4,848,610
St. Peter's University Hospital	15,200,763	15,402,501	16,701,582	17,956,616	22,561,003	17,447,709	19,404,335	1,956,626
Middlesex County	54,263,645	51,768,096	52,061,057	47,365,619	59,711,354	53,439,229	57,686,897	4,247,669



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M. Monmouth County

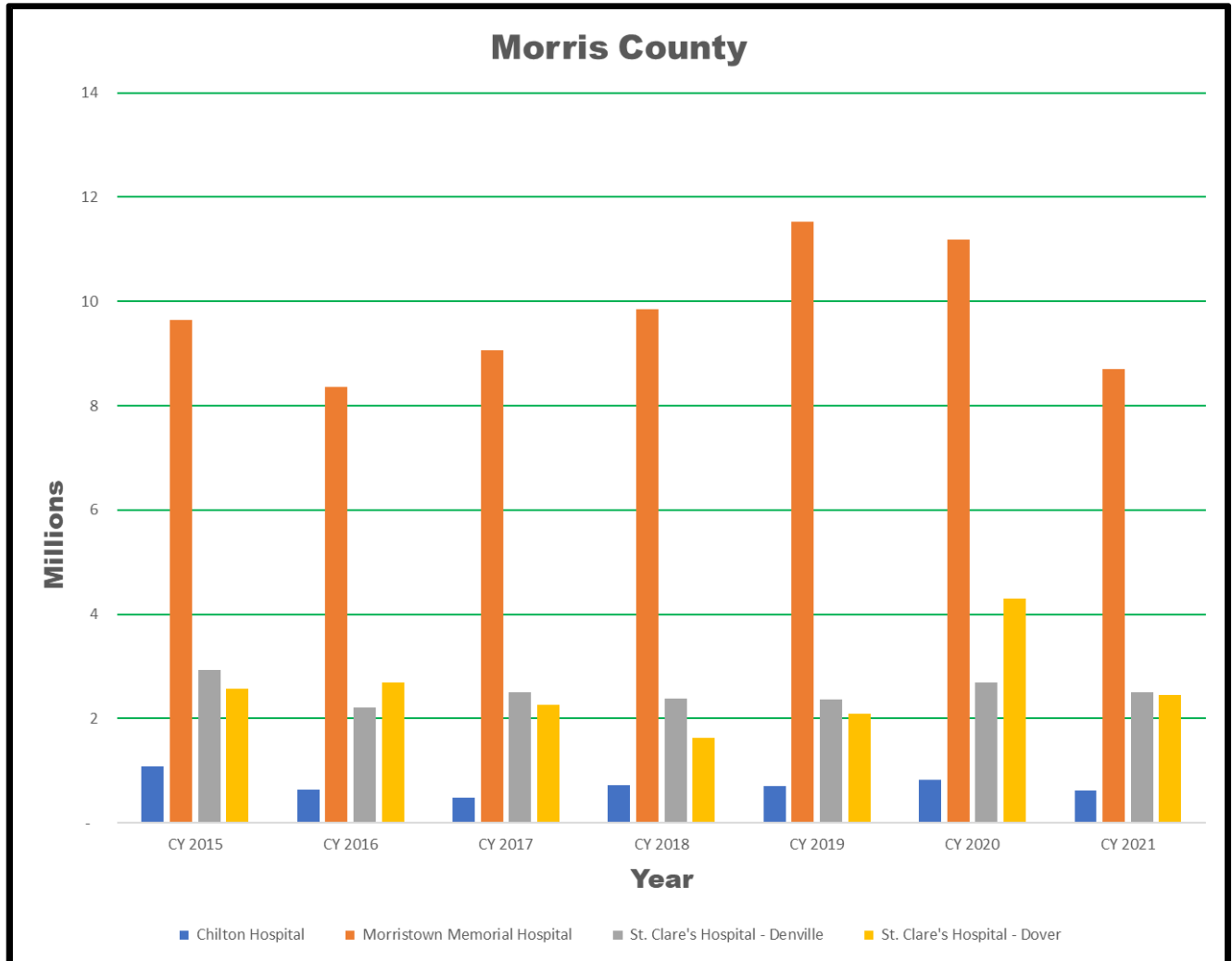
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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Bayshore Community Hospital	606,107	680,666	660,578	873,184	781,812	343,355	384,288	40,933
CentraState Medical Center	3,330,275	3,306,858	3,697,556	3,124,057	2,994,584	2,636,364	3,073,622	437,258
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	7,939,838	8,669,130	9,283,028	9,561,765	9,087,995	6,857,078	8,923,081	2,066,003
Monmouth Medical Center	5,893,758	5,977,280	7,475,933	8,236,957	7,862,722	7,183,245	8,960,331	1,777,086
Riverview Medical Center	2,132,016	2,548,999	2,766,116	1,780,986	1,906,458	1,640,794	1,683,912	43,118
Monmouth County	19,901,994	21,182,934	23,883,210	23,576,949	22,633,570	18,660,836	23,025,234	4,364,398



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N. Morris County

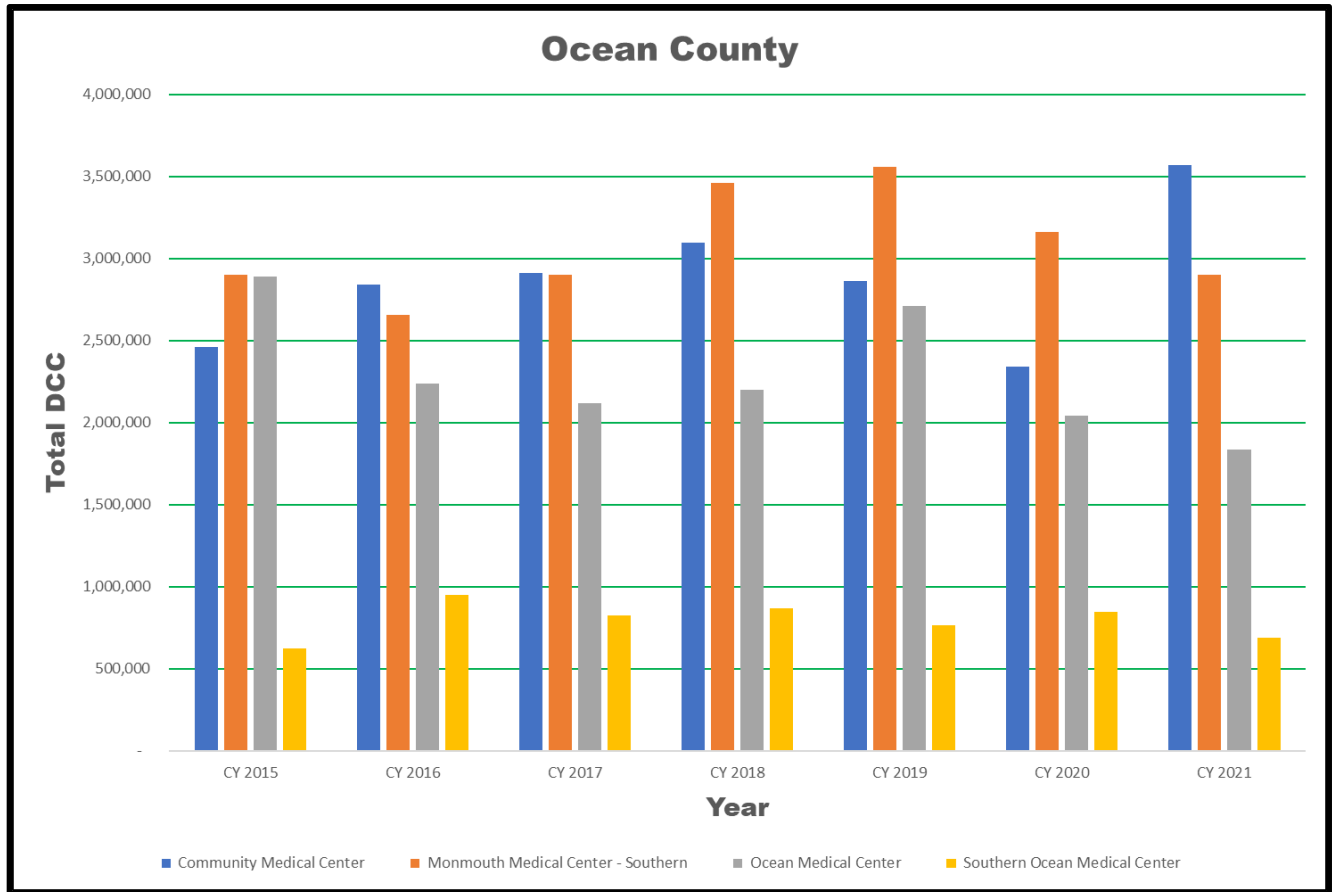
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Chilton Hospital	1,079,843	643,574	485,358	715,174	705,936	826,596	617,489	(209,107)
Morristown Memorial Hospital	9,639,403	8,351,586	9,056,512	9,845,909	11,531,323	11,184,087	8,698,658	(2,485,429)
St. Clare's Hospital - Denville	2,928,002	2,214,924	2,498,807	2,378,521	2,358,862	2,685,366	2,508,962	(176,404)
St. Clare's Hospital - Dover	2,567,437	2,696,928	2,255,187	1,635,623	2,094,836	4,308,252	2,452,511	(1,855,741)
Morris County	16,214,685	13,907,012	14,295,864	14,575,227	16,690,958	19,004,301	14,277,621	(4,726,681)



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O. Ocean County

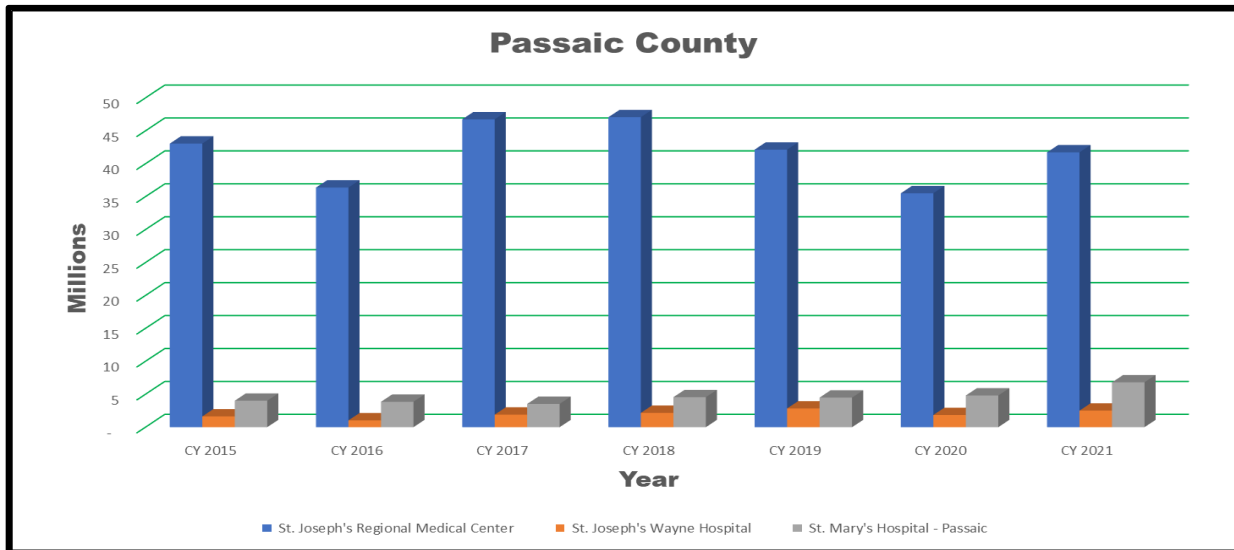
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CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Community Medical Center	2,460,634	2,840,365	2,910,104	3,095,268	2,862,859	2,342,692	3,569,304	1,226,612
Monmouth Medical Center - Southern	2,900,323	2,658,482	2,900,743	3,458,865	3,557,966	3,161,918	2,899,784	(262,134)
Ocean Medical Center	2,890,790	2,236,413	2,118,817	2,201,924	2,711,576	2,042,156	1,836,235	(205,921)
Southern Ocean Medical Center	622,717	953,025	827,722	870,750	764,473	848,128	691,091	(157,037)
Ocean County	8,874,463	8,688,286	8,757,386	9,626,806	9,896,874	8,394,894	8,996,414	601,520



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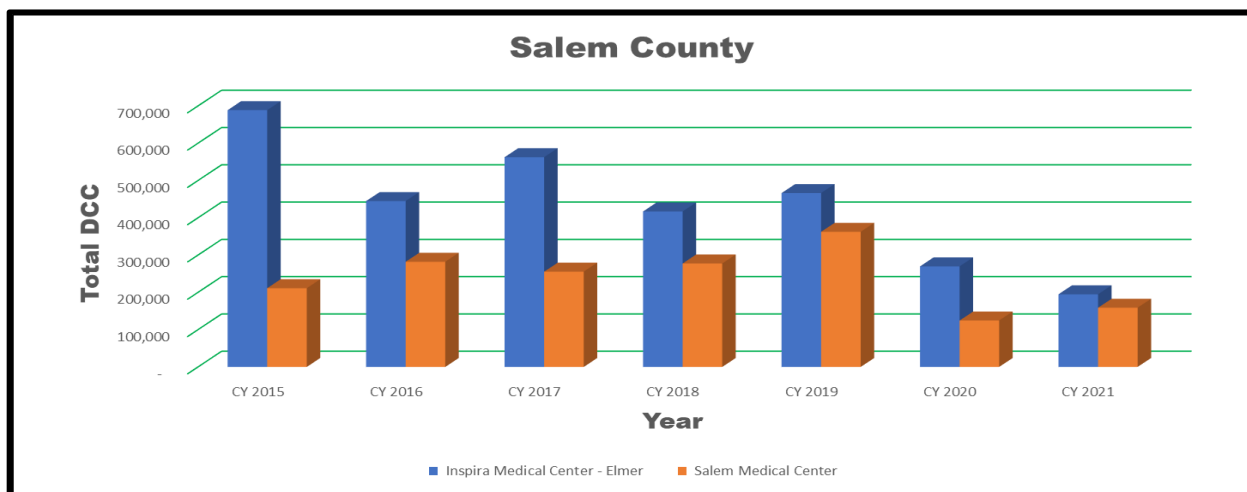
P. Passaic County

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DCC Comparison CY 2015 - CY 2021	CY 2015 DCC	CY 2016 DCC	CY 2017 DCC	CY 2018 DCC	CY 2019 DCC	CY 2020 DCC	CY 2021 DCC	Variance CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center	43,063,653	36,389,405	46,744,590	47,071,513	42,141,563	35,523,751	41,735,036	6,211,285
St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital	1,634,650	1,043,168	1,908,963	2,180,941	2,845,740	1,847,515	2,519,485	671,970
St. Mary's Hospital - Passaic	4,023,759	3,860,104	3,533,575	4,554,350	4,497,222	4,814,993	6,813,379	1,998,386
Passaic County	48,722,063	41,292,676	52,187,128	53,806,805	49,484,525	42,186,260	51,067,899	8,881,640



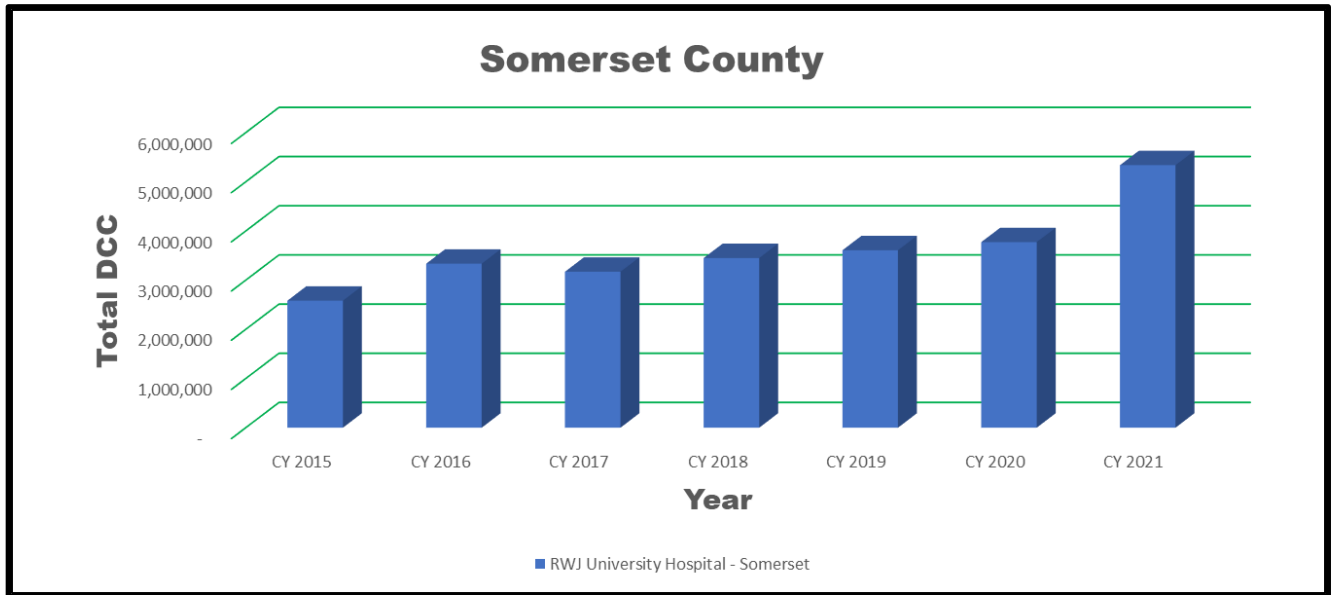
Q. Salem County

Table 20								
DCC Comparison CY 2015 - CY 2021	CY 2015 DCC	CY 2016 DCC	CY 2017 DCC	CY 2018 DCC	CY 2019 DCC	CY 2020 DCC	CY 2021 DCC	Variance CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Inspira Medical Center - Elmer	688,727	444,878	562,571	417,000	466,298	269,742	194,832	(74,910)
Salem Medical Center	211,243	282,057	255,508	277,468	362,402	124,515	158,808	34,293
Salem County	899,970	726,935	818,079	694,468	828,700	394,257	353,640	(40,617)



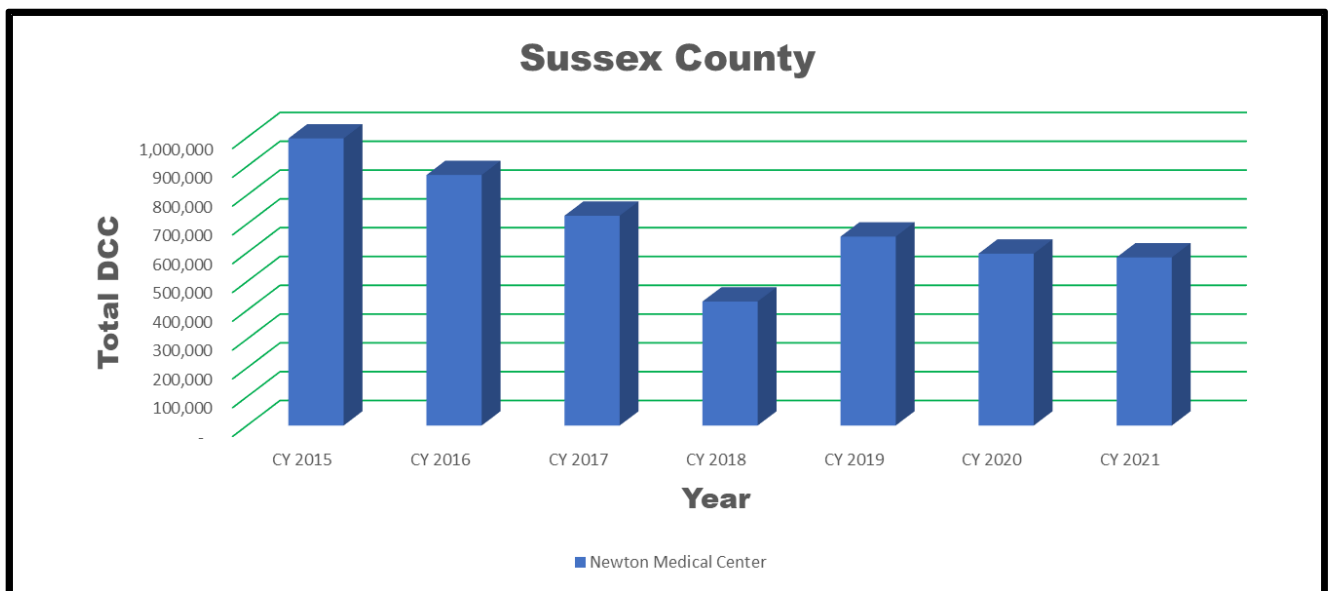
R. Somerset County

Table 21								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
RWJ University Hospital - Somerset	2,582,684	3,334,561	3,170,476	3,448,865	3,607,134	3,772,767	5,337,641	1,564,874
Somerset County	2,582,684	3,334,561	3,170,476	3,448,865	3,607,134	3,772,767	5,337,641	1,564,874



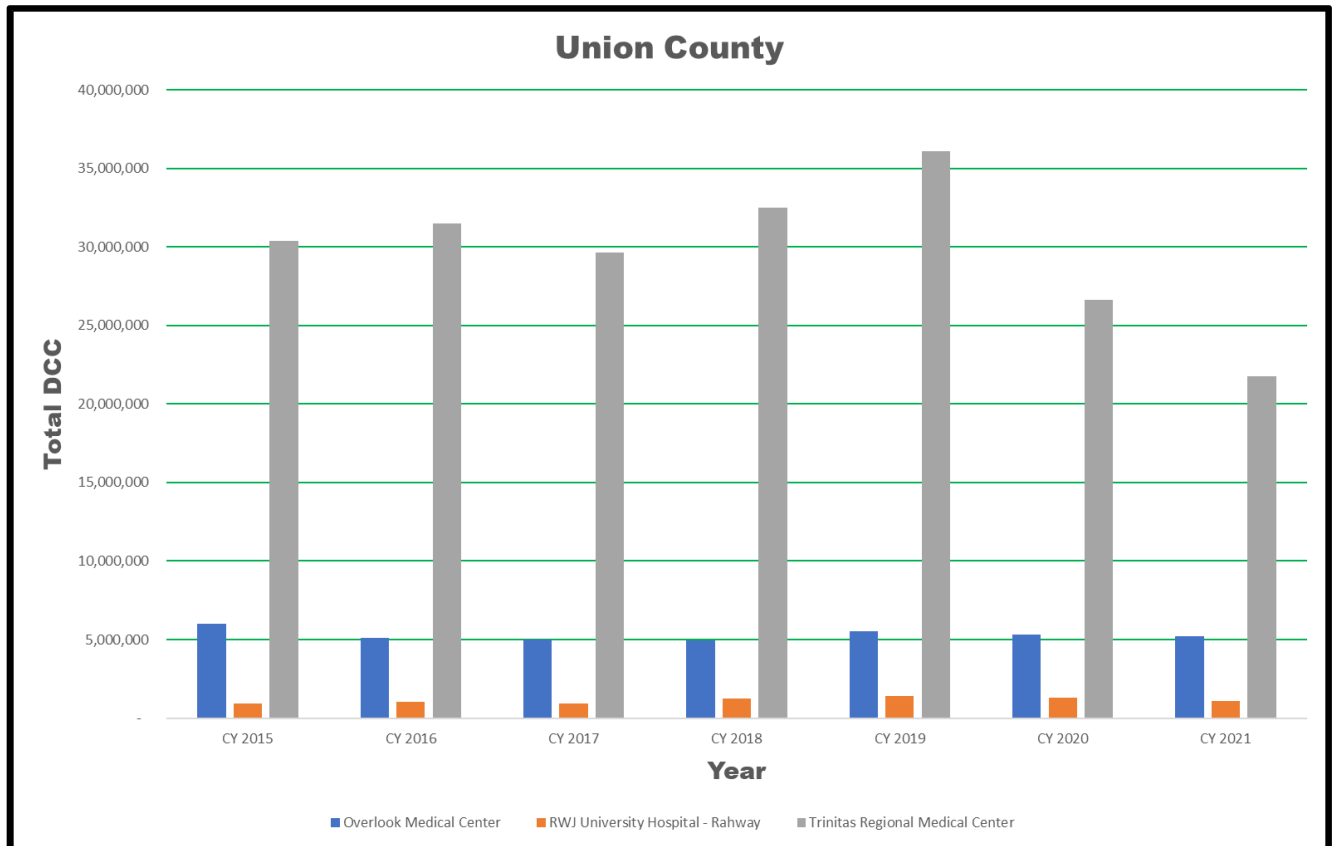
S. Sussex County

Table 22								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Newton Medical Center	996,891	869,931	728,577	430,728	656,177	597,051	583,927	(13,124)
Sussex County	996,891	869,931	728,577	430,728	656,177	597,051	583,927	(13,124)



T. Union County

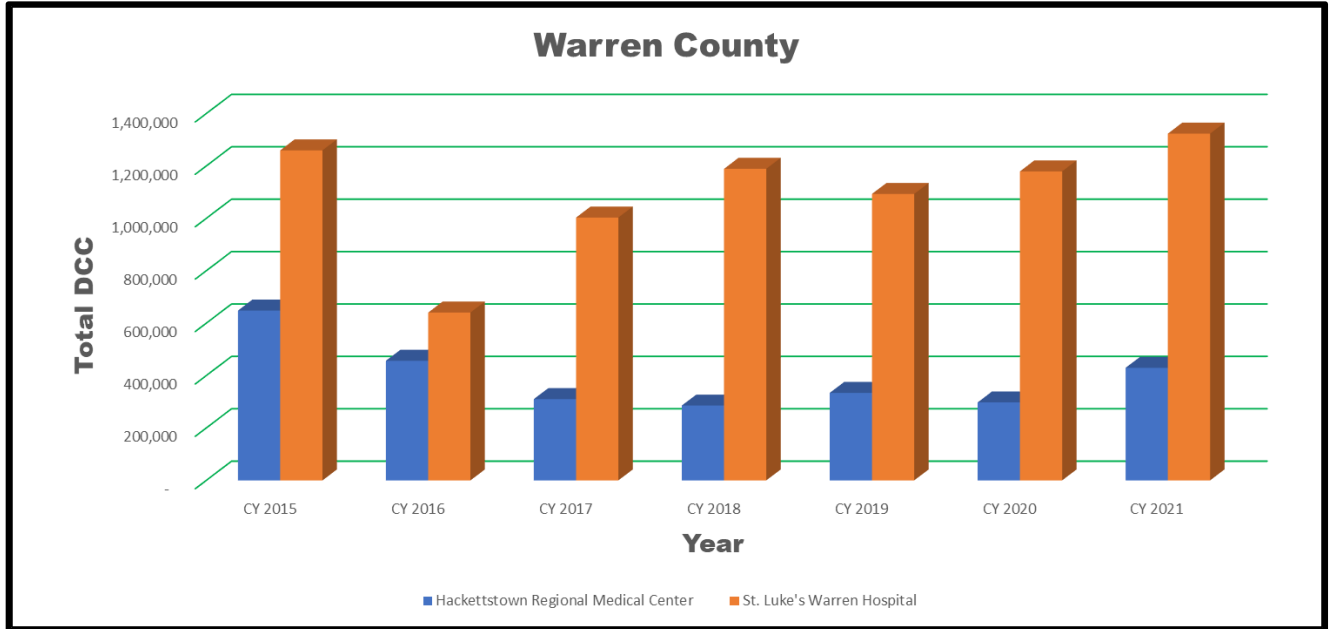
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DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Overlook Medical Center	6,030,004	5,096,901	5,020,385	4,946,526	5,540,610	5,333,357	5,235,390	(97,967)
RWJ University Hospital - Rahway	924,146	1,040,681	915,872	1,224,169	1,392,143	1,281,579	1,071,562	(210,017)
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	30,359,494	31,495,753	29,636,690	32,482,266	36,088,423	26,602,468	21,746,535	(4,855,933)
Union County	37,313,644	37,633,335	35,572,947	38,652,961	43,021,176	33,217,404	28,053,487	(5,163,917)



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U. Warren County

Table 24								
DCC Comparison	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	Variance
CY 2015 - CY 2021	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	CY 2021 - CY 2020
Hospital Name								
Hackettstown Regional Medical Center	648,163	456,620	310,232	285,568	333,861	297,645	429,524	131,879
St. Luke's Warren Hospital	1,259,660	640,539	1,003,171	1,189,196	1,093,303	1,179,375	1,323,386	144,011
Warren County	1,907,823	1,097,159	1,313,403	1,474,764	1,427,165	1,477,021	1,752,910	275,889



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VIII. Significant DCC Changes between CY 2021, 2020, and 2019

When compared to CY 2019, the downward trend in CY 2021, which is a continuation in part from CY 2020, is almost entirely explained by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and its initial (CY 2020) as well as continued (CY 2021) impact on hospitals. As noted elsewhere in this report, while CY 2021 showed improvement over CY 2020, there is still a significant gap before returning to the pre-pandemic CY 2019 data. In CY 2021, we saw 45 hospitals seeing an increase in DCC and only 26 seeing a decrease, which is compared to CY 2020, in which we saw 60 hospitals seeing a decrease in DCC and only 11 seeing an increase. To that end, we can reasonably expect to continue to see leveling out of DCC decreases with more hospitals seeing increases in subsequent CYs as COVID-19 winds down and we reapproach the “baseline” of CY 2019 data. CY 2019 DCC as compared to CY 2018 through 2017, demonstrated 47 hospitals had increases in their CY 2019 DCC, of which 23 reversed their downward trend and demonstrated an increase in DCC between CY 2019 and CY 2018. 25 hospitals demonstrated a decrease in DCC, of which 15 reversed their upward trend and demonstrated a decrease in DCC between CY 2019 and CY 2018 and 10 hospitals continued their declining trend from CY 2017. Please see Table 1 for more detailed information.

IX. DCC Inpatient and Outpatient Components

The statewide breakdown of CY 2021 DCC between inpatient and outpatient services deviated slightly from CY 2020, which mirrored the general industry trend of migration from inpatient to outpatient services; however, a significant portion of the increased inpatient services in CY 2020, and CY 2021, are likely attributable to the initial and continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and NJDOH expects to see leveling out in subsequent CYs as COVID-19 winds down and we reapproach the “baseline” of CY 2019 data. In CY 2021, the inpatient portion of the Statewide DCC increased to 60.5%, which is a 2.1% increase from CY 2020. There was a corresponding decrease in the outpatient portion of the Statewide DCC for CY 2021. In comparison, prior to CY 2021, the inpatient portion of statewide DCC had been generally consistent with a slight increasing trend, going from 52.7% in CY 2019 to 58.4% in CY 2020. As with other CYs, there were corresponding shifts for the outpatient portion of Statewide DCC. In general, CY 2017 through CY 2020 saw DCC favor inpatient services, which in CY 2020 can be explained – in part – due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Table 25 - DCC Split by Year		
DCC by CY - Inpatient, Outpatient & Total	Dollars	Percentage
CY 21 DCC - Inpatient	289,129,996	60.5%
CY 21 DCC - Outpatient	188,563,161	39.5%
CY 21 DCC - Total	477,693,157	100.0%
CY 20 DCC - Inpatient	253,096,643	58.4%
CY 20 DCC - Outpatient	180,124,319	41.6%
CY 20 DCC - Total	433,220,962	100.0%
CY 19 DCC - Inpatient	286,651,547	52.7%
CY 19 DCC - Outpatient	257,408,328	47.3%
CY 19 DCC - Total	544,059,874	100.0%
CY 18 DCC - Inpatient	251,824,859	51.7%
CY 18 DCC - Outpatient	235,571,614	48.3%
CY 18 DCC - Total	487,396,473	100.0%
CY 17 DCC - Inpatient	253,770,084	52.7%
CY 17 DCC - Outpatient	227,785,798	47.3%
CY 17 DCC - Total	481,555,882	100.0%
CY 16 DCC - Inpatient	224,557,009	49.8%
CY 16 DCC - Outpatient	226,084,006	50.2%
CY 16 DCC - Total	450,641,015	100.0%
CY 15 DCC - Inpatient	253,329,108	52.8%
CY 15 DCC - Outpatient	226,305,670	47.2%
CY 15 DCC - Total	479,634,777	100.0%

X. Conclusion

Overall, NJ hospitals reported \$477.7 million, Inpatient (60.5% or \$289.1 million) and Outpatient (39.5% or \$188.6 million), from 71 hospitals¹² in DCC for CY 2021. Total DCC increased for 45 hospitals, which resulted in a net increase of \$44.5 million (10.3%) from CY 2020, largely due to continuing but lessening impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals. Wide variation was seen in DCC among hospitals ranging from \$57.1 million to \$9,653. At the county level (Table 3), Essex County reported \$100.1 million in DCC in CY 2021 and is consistently the highest DCC county statewide (21.0% of total DCC). Sussex County had the smallest decrease in DCC of \$13,124 (2.2%). Essex County reported the largest increase in DCC from 2020 of \$12.4 million (14.0%), and Cape May County reported the smallest increase in DCC of \$10,369 (0.02%). At the hospital system level (Table 2), RWJBarnabas Health reported the highest dollar amount of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$95.8 million (20.1 % of total DCC). AtlantiCare Health System reported the largest dollar decrease of DCC for a health system in CY 2021 of \$3.1 million (19.7% decrease over CY 2020). Ten health systems reported an increase in DCC in CY 2021. The remaining four health systems reported a decrease in DCC in CY 2021, which, although less dramatic than in CY 2020, is again largely due to the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals and continued availability of HRSA funding.

¹² As noted elsewhere, St. Francis Medical Center closed on December 31, 2022, which means that there are now 70 acute care hospitals although data for 71 is reflected in this report.