

Primary Insurance Coverage of Admitted Patients

See notes for Figure II. In this figure the y-axis represents the fraction of patients with different classes of primary insurance coverage. Sample includes 425,315 patients with nondeferrable primary diagnoses, defined as unplanned admissions through the emergency department for diagnoses with a t-statistic for the test of equal weekday and weekend admission rates of 0.965 or less. Medicare eligibility status of patients within one month of their 65th birthdays is uncertain and we have excluded these observations.