# Does health insurance status influence the hospital length of stay for patients with asthma conditions?

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**Objective**

Previous study has demonstrated that nonclinical factors are associated with differences in clinical care, with uninsured patients receiving decreased resource use[1]. Health care access, for such conditions as asthma is really important because lack of access leads to increased emergency department use, as well as what could be termed preventable hospitalizations[2]. Studies on trauma haven't shown clear relationships between insurance status and hospital length of stay (LOS). The objective of this project is to investigate the relationship between health insurance status and LOS with trauma conditions.

The Data used for this research has been obtained from healthdata.gov website. This data contains record level details regarding the discharge of inpatients in the State of New York areas in 2016.We used this dataset to compare differences in LOS with asthma conditions among three insurance groups: privately insured, publicly insured, and uninsured patients. Hope this project can give the commercial insurance company or the government some reference to increase efficiency in the health care operating system, decrease costs.

**Reference**

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