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## The Economic Impact of Public Health Issues on The Private Sector

A Look At Chronic Disease Costs To Florida

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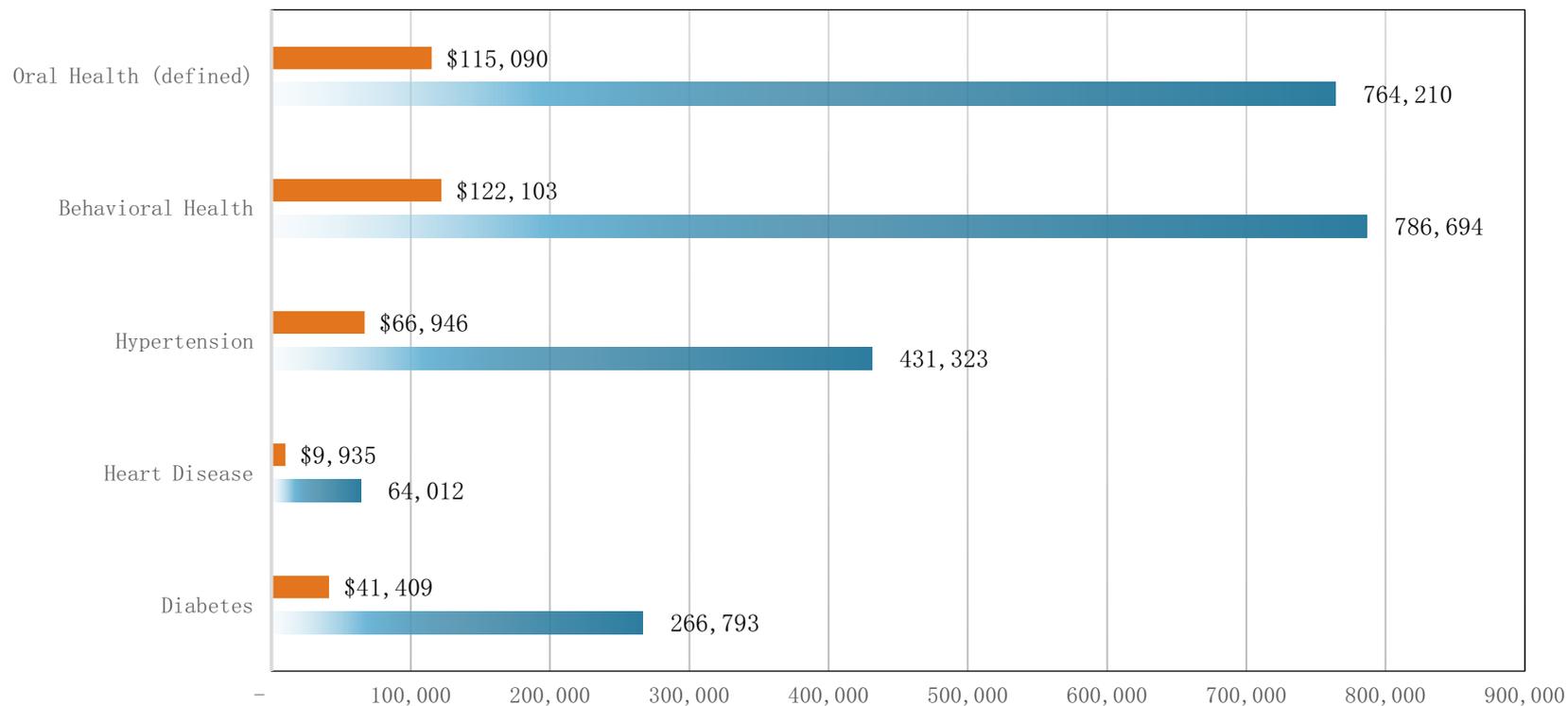
# Looking at Potentially Unnecessary ER Visits

## 2013 Cost Data For Emergency Room Visits In Florida

	Visits	Cost	Cost per Patient/Event
Diabetes	41,137	\$191,831,058	<b>\$4,663</b>
Heart Disease	113,503	\$653,577,300	<b>\$5,758</b>
Hypertension	72,842	\$328,480,356	<b>\$4,509</b>
Mental Health	5,491	\$28,144,230	<b>\$5,126</b>
Oral Health Issues	139,789	\$166,434,844	<b>\$1,191</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>372,762</b>	<b>\$1,368,467,788</b>	

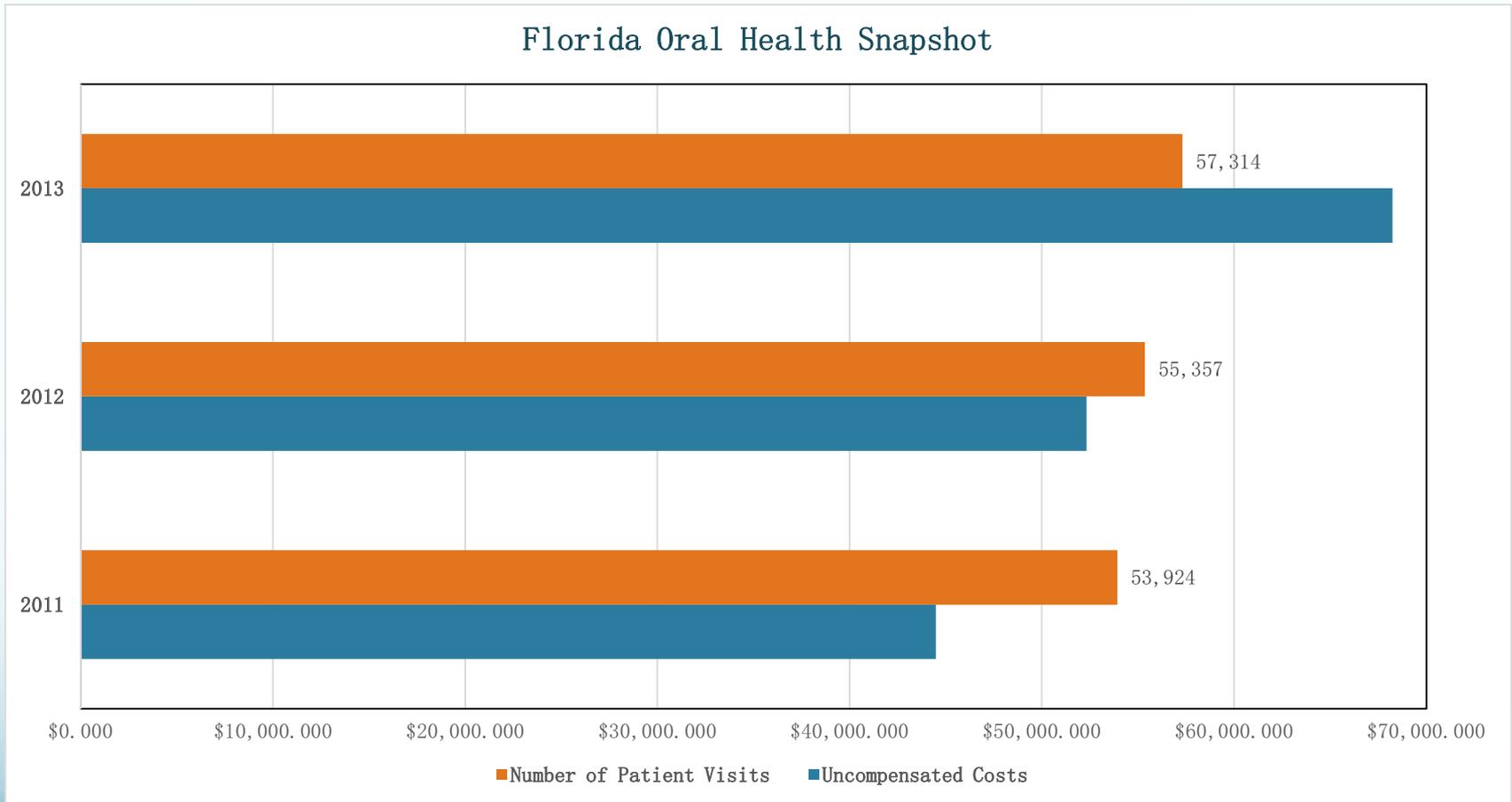
Out of over 7.5M ER Visits (> \$30B in costs); these are considered "treatable elsewhere". Of these, 41% uninsured equates to 152,832 visits and \$561,071,793 in costs uncovered

# 2013 Florida FQHC Chronic Condition Care Costs (000's)



	Diabetes	Heart Disease	Hypertension	Behavioral Health	Oral Health (defined)
■ Cost (\$000s)	\$41,409	\$9,935	\$66,946	\$122,103	\$115,090
■ Visits	266,793	64,012	431,323	786,694	764,210

# Uncompensated ER Visits\*



\*Source: ER Data from Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)

# The Impact on Our Workforce

- Diabetes complication results in miss one day of work – \$142,994,321
- No dental visit, miss one day of work – \$379,190,297
- Hypertension complication results in miss one day of work – \$441,750,312
- Adults with hypertension who engage in blood pressure control measures: 96.4% or 5,088,836 people
  - No control, Hypertension complication results in miss one day of work – \$15,903,011
- Adults with hypertension who currently take high blood pressure medicine: 79.4% or 4,191,427 people
  - Not taking medicine, miss one day of work – \$91,000,564

# Impact on Workforce

- Community health centers employ over 12,000 people across the state. CHCs saw over 1.2M patients last year in 370 locations across the State. Community based, they provide comprehensive quality primary care to ALL patients, regardless of their financial status. Nearly 55% of all our patients are suffering at least one chronic disease.
- Our only goal is to improve the health status of all people we see. Patient outcomes resulting from a focus on primary care/chronic disease management are proof positive of showing healthier people and lower costs to our whole system, including the private sector.
- CHCs will continue to assist in building local networks, who must make local health care work to reduce chronic diseases, improve public health

# Keys To Making Health Care Affordable

- Recognize that insurance does NOT equal access
- Primary Care, Preventive Care, Public Health are inextricably connected
- Access to quality primary/preventive care and a robust public health program have a DIRECT IMPACT on the overall cost of health care
- Florida must put primary/preventive care/public health to the front of the line if it ever expects to get a grip on costs and a healthier population.