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***OCH/DOCTORS HOSPITAL RANKS FIRST IN THE NATION  
IN THE 10 LEAST EXPENSIVE MEDICARE MARKETS***

Springfield, MO – According to the US News and World Report, Ozarks Community Hospital (formerly Doctors Hospital of Springfield) has topped the list of the 10 hospitals in the nation with the lowest out-of-pocket Medicare co-pays per patient for hospital and physician services.

According to this article, the highest co-pay at a hospital in the nation was \$6,937 per patient, while Doctors Hospital of Springfield ranked the list at \$1,169 per patient.

“Recently, we have been trying to call attention to our hospital’s story as a way of participating in the national debate about healthcare reform; so, this report in US News and World Report could not have come at a better time. Our health system has a unique perspective on healthcare—in many ways making us a practical demonstration project for reform. Read our recommendations for reform in the OCH Health Care White Paper at [www.OCHonline.com](http://www.OCHonline.com),” CEO and author of the OCH white paper Paul Taylor said.

According to the 2009 Healthcare Reform white paper, every United States citizen can have basic benefit coverage without increased governmental control and with lower per capita costs.

Paul Taylor is the CEO and general counsel for Ozarks Community Hospital, formerly Doctors Hospital of Springfield. Ozarks Community Hospital is a small health system headquartered in Springfield, MO. Copies of the paper can be downloaded at [www.OCHonline.com](http://www.OCHonline.com). Discussion to follow on Paul Taylor’s blog: <http://ochhealthcarereform.blogspot.com/>

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