LocumTenens.com conducted its Annual Compensation and Employment Survey in the early spring of 2011. Survey respondents represent physicians who practice on a locum tenens basis as well as those with permanent salaries.

This year’s survey also included a special section on Medicare. We asked physicians to share their experiences with Medicare and their opinions on the Affordable Care Act.

This report includes compensation and employment statistics for hospitalists.

Respondent Demographics:

- **By Region:**
  - 24% Northeast
  - 27% Southeast
  - 33% Midwest
  - 16% West

- **Years in Practice:**
  - 50% 6-12 years
  - 20% 13-20 years
  - 12% 21-30 years
  - 12% more than 30 years

- **Employment Status:**
  - 78% salaried
  - 19% owner or partner of practice/group
  - 12% locum tenens or independent contractor exclusively
  - 3% retired
  - 0% resident/fellow
  - 0% other

- **Next Job Change:**
  - 44% in the next 6 months
  - 17% 6 months - 1 year
  - 15% 1-2 years
  - 12% 2-3 years
  - 12% no plans at this time
2011 Average Annual Hospitalist Salary: $214,708

Based on Full-time Employment

All compensation data above includes respondents who selected full-time employment status. Compensation includes salary and bonuses only. Respondents who selected part-time, locum tenens, contractor exclusively, retired, or resident/fellow are not included.

Your voice matters – Medicare

Each year, as part of the LocumTenens.com Compensation and Employment Survey, we ask physicians to share their thoughts about a topic of interest. Medicare has been in the news a lot of late, between the healthcare bill, the “Doc Fix” and now vouchers. We wanted to find out what physicians think about the current state of Medicare. Below are some of our findings.

- **86%** of hospitalist respondents currently accept Medicare patients.
- **52%** of their patient population is enrolled in Medicare.
- **53%** of hospitalist respondents said Medicare reimburses less than their cost for the encounter. Thirty-five percent said Medicare reimburses enough to break even.*
- **70%** of hospitalist respondents said the upcoming reforms to Medicare, as part of the Affordable Care Act, will not be beneficial to them.**

* Percentage based on 59 percent of total respondents. Respondents who said they did not know were excluded from this calculation.

** Percentage based on 68 percent of total respondents. Respondents who said they were unfamiliar with the reforms were excluded from this calculation.

Top reasons why hospitalist respondents think the Act will not be beneficial:

1. Decreased efficiency/increased workload
2. Disagree with government involvement in the healthcare system

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