Healthcare Expenditures

**Indicator Definition:** Per capita healthcare expenditures in the United States. Percent of healthcare expenditures by service category.

**Indicator Overview:**
- Per capita health spending is used to track expenditures over time within the United States and is one of the most widely used comparative indicators with other countries.
- According to the Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts profiles, Michigan’s per capita health expenditures in 2009 were $6,618 per person, which is $197 (or 3 percent) per person less per capita than the US expenditures.
- The breakout of expenditures by service for 2009 shows that Michigan and the U.S. tend to be within 1-2 percent of each other when comparing each service as a percent of the whole.

**Trends:** Healthcare expenditures have been increasing over time. In the 1960s, the total expenditure only amounted to about 5 percent of the United States Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In 2002, annual healthcare expenditures surpassed 15 percent of the GDP and reached nearly 18 percent in 2009 and 2010.

**Expenditures by Service:** Expenditures by Service in Michigan and the United States as a percent of the whole are similar. In 2009, total expenditures for the United States were over two trillion dollars, while expenditures in Michigan surpassed 64 billion. The percentages of expenditures for hospital care, drugs and other medical nondurables, dental care, home healthcare, and medical durables are higher in Michigan than they are in the United States.

**Links to Other Sources of Information:**
- CMS: National Health Expenditures Data: [http://www.cms.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/05_NationalHealthAccountsStateHealthAccountsResidence.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/05_NationalHealthAccountsStateHealthAccountsResidence.asp#TopOfPage)
- **Links to Related Public Health Programs:**
  - MDCH: Health Care Coverage: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943---,00.html)
  - MDCH: Help finding Health Care: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943_52115---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943_52115---,00.html)