

# Charity Care Report draft– FY 2016

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# Charity Care Ordinance and Reporting Hospitals

- San Francisco Charity Care Ordinance 163-01 passed in 2001
  - Requires hospitals to notify patients about free and discounted services
  - Requires hospitals to annually report charity care data to DPH

“Charity Care is emergency, inpatient, and outpatient medical care, including ancillary services, provided to those who cannot afford to pay and without expectation of reimbursement”



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CHINESE HOSPITAL



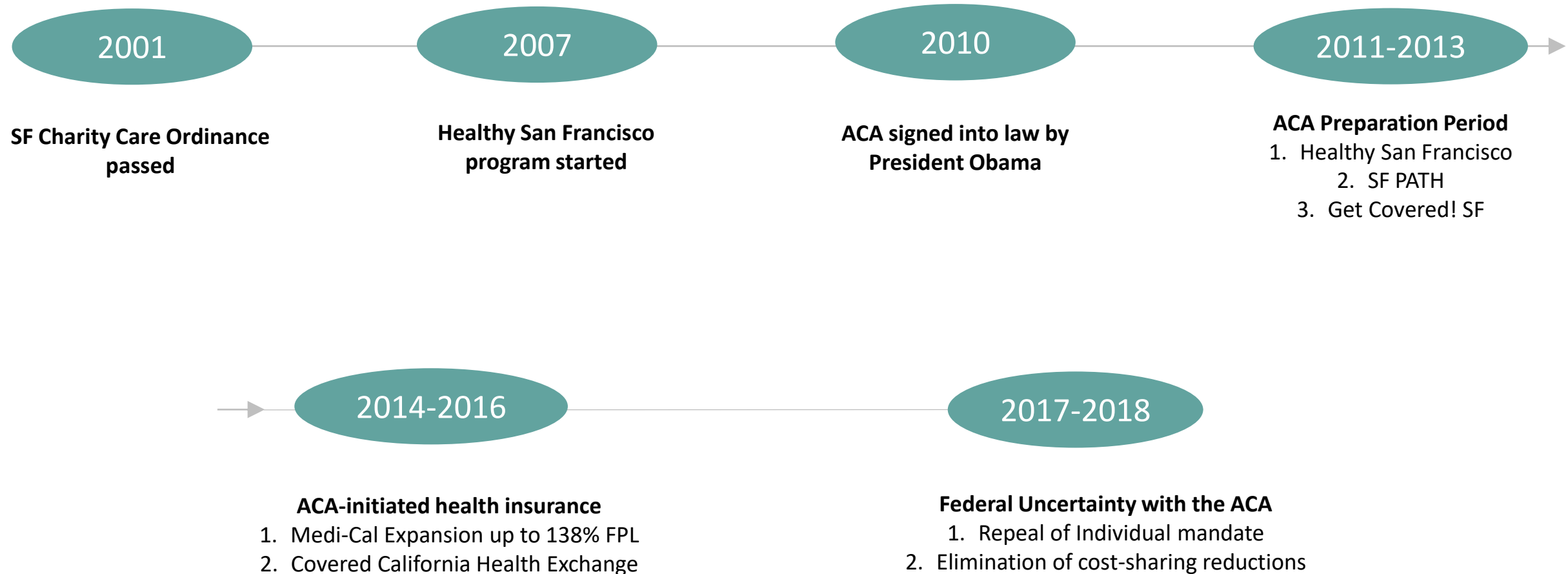
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# Charity Care Landscape: Timeline



# Charity Care Report Overview

**Goal: Understand and present trends related to charity care in San Francisco**

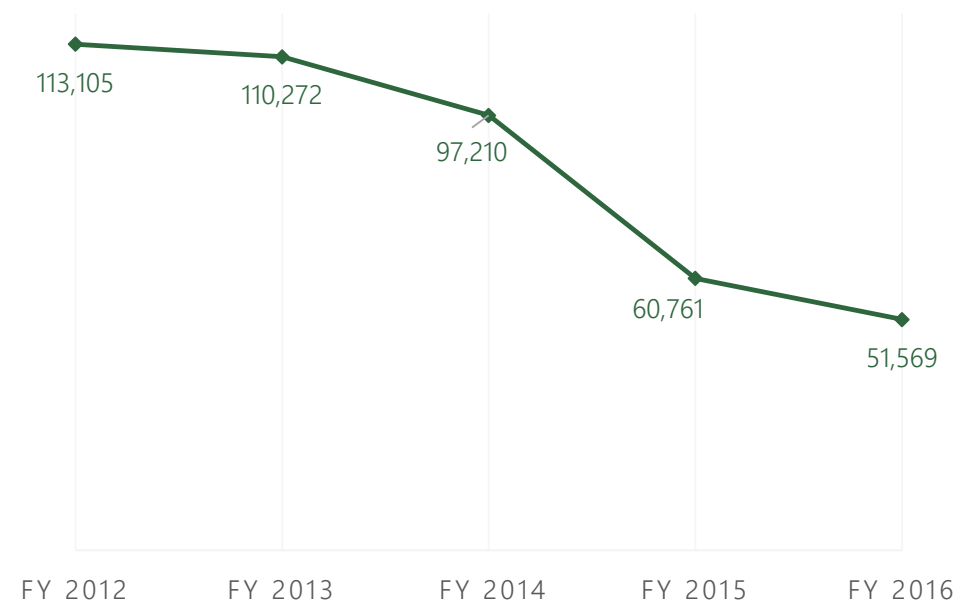
- Tracks traditional charity care and HSF populations
- Showcases City-wide trends and hospital-specific data
- Engages representatives from the mandatory and voluntary reporting hospitals for development and review
- Completed and presented to the Health Commission annually

# City-Wide Charity Care Trends

- As expected with continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Charity Care has declined in San Francisco.
- The charity care declines continue to be greater for Healthy San Francisco, likely because program participants are accustomed to actively participating in their health care and have greater support to transition onto ACA-sponsored health insurance.
- Traditional Charity Care will continue to be essential for the hard-to-reach population and for those who cannot access insurance.

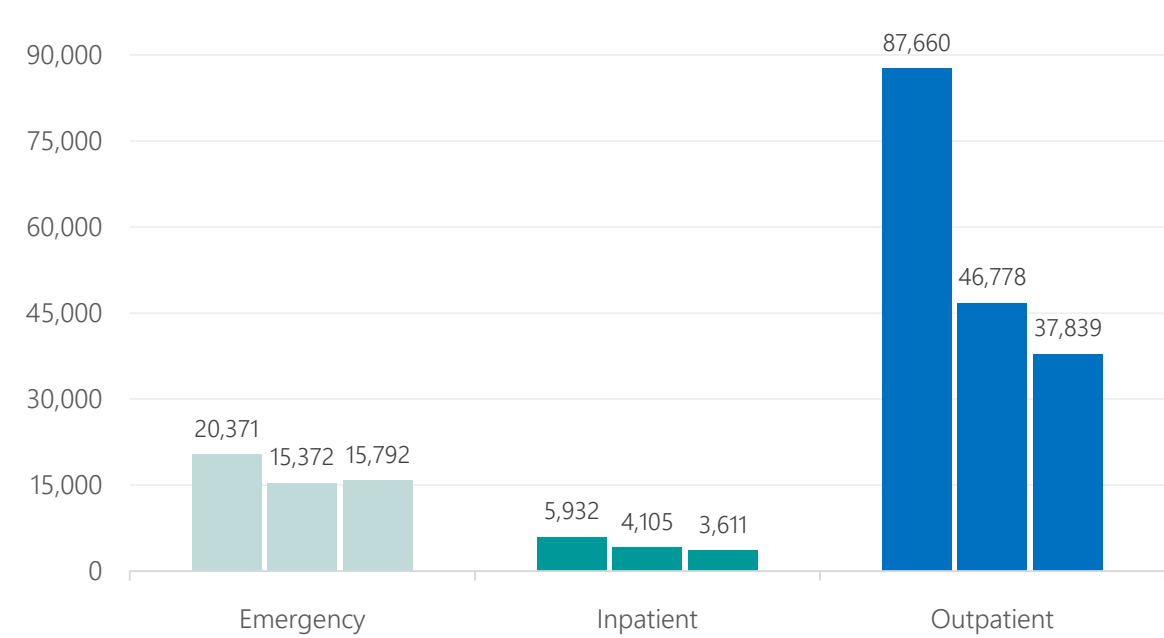
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Unduplicated Charity Care Patients, FY 2012-2016



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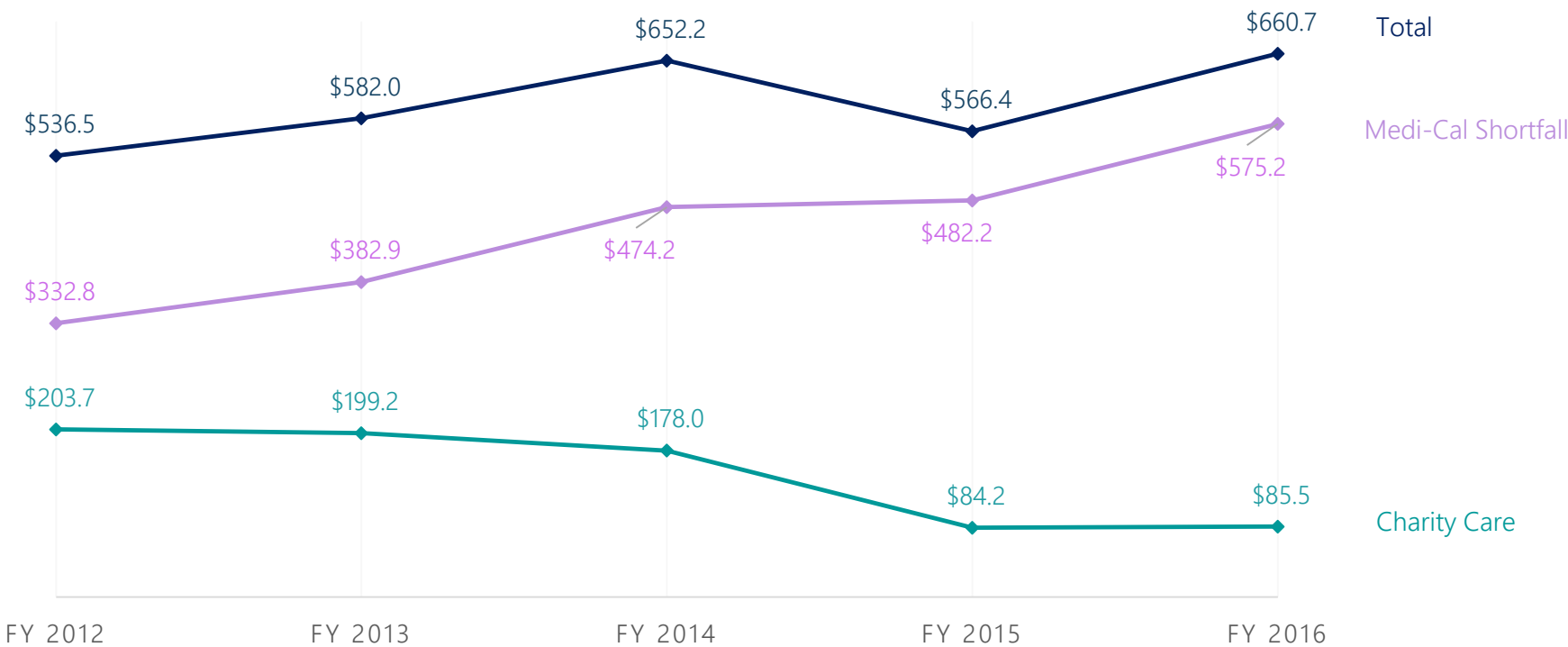
Charity Care Service Utilization: Emergency, Inpatient, and Outpatient



**Utilization of charity care services overall has declined in San Francisco**

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Charity Care Expenditures and Medi-Cal Shortfall, in Millions

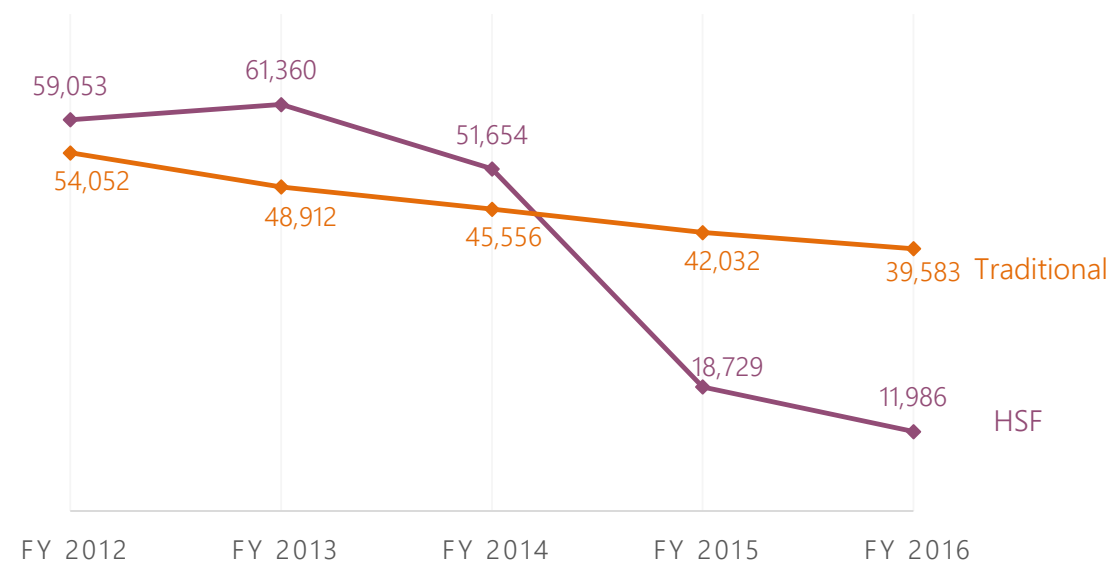


**Medi-Cal Shortfall continues to increase; Charity care expenditures are stable**



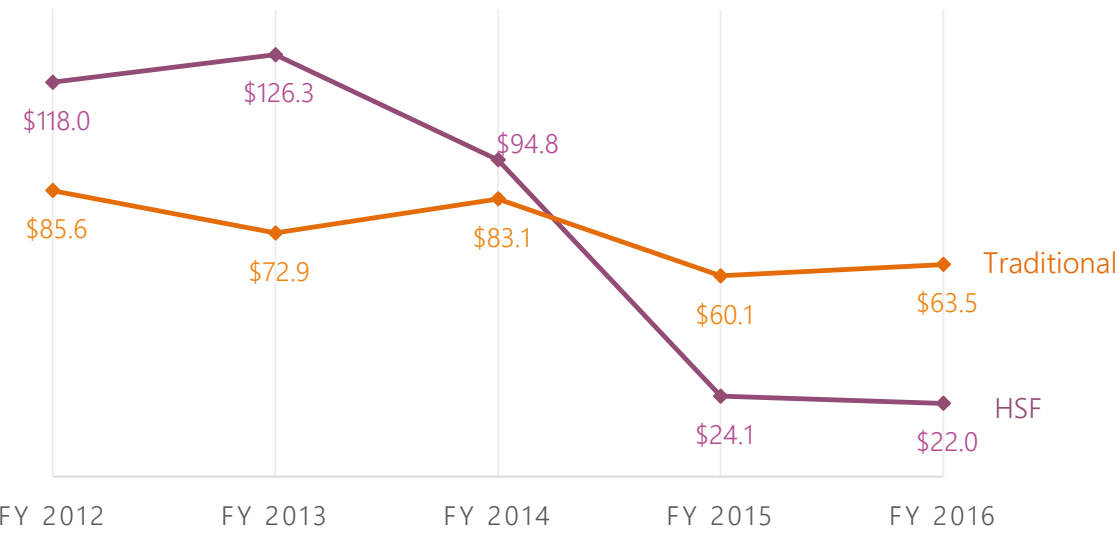
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HSF and Traditional Unduplicated Charity Care Patients



HSF charity care patients continue to decline more significantly

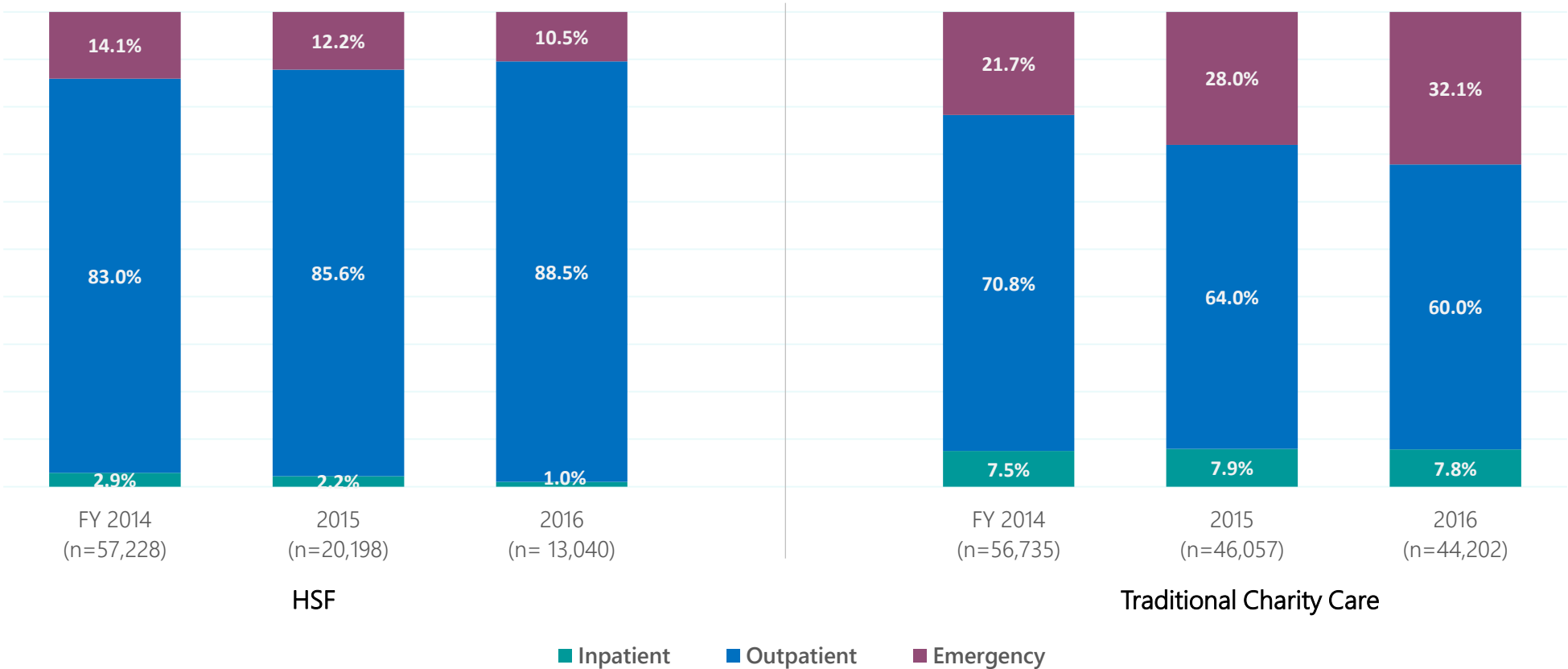
HSF and Traditional Charity Care Expenditures, in Millions



HSF expenditures continue to decline, while traditional charity care expenditures increased slightly

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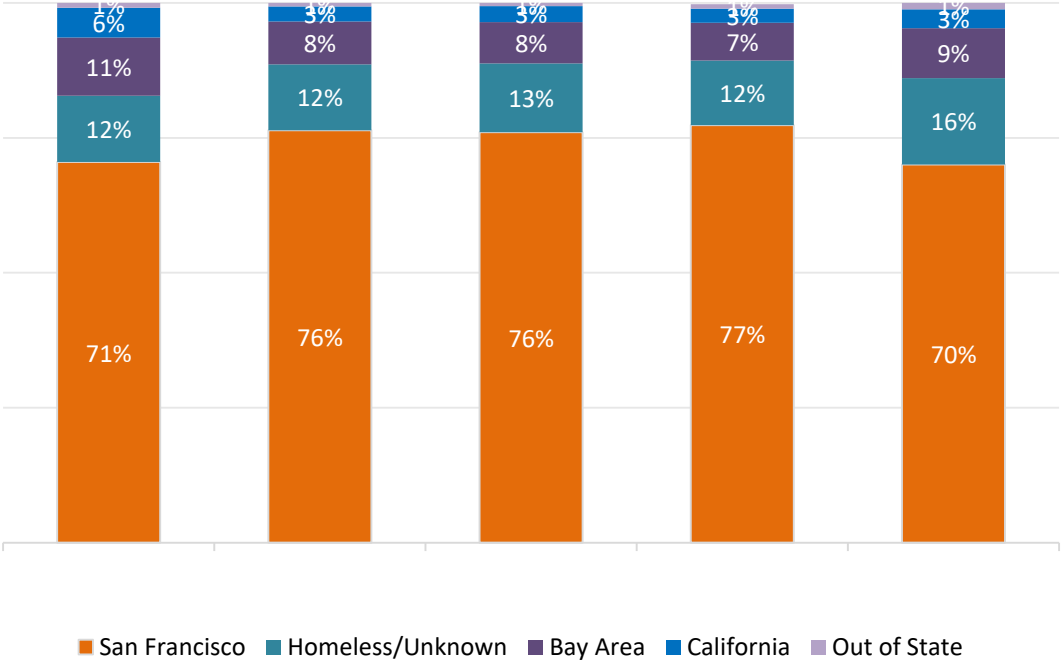
Proportion of all services for HSF and Traditional, FY 2014-2016



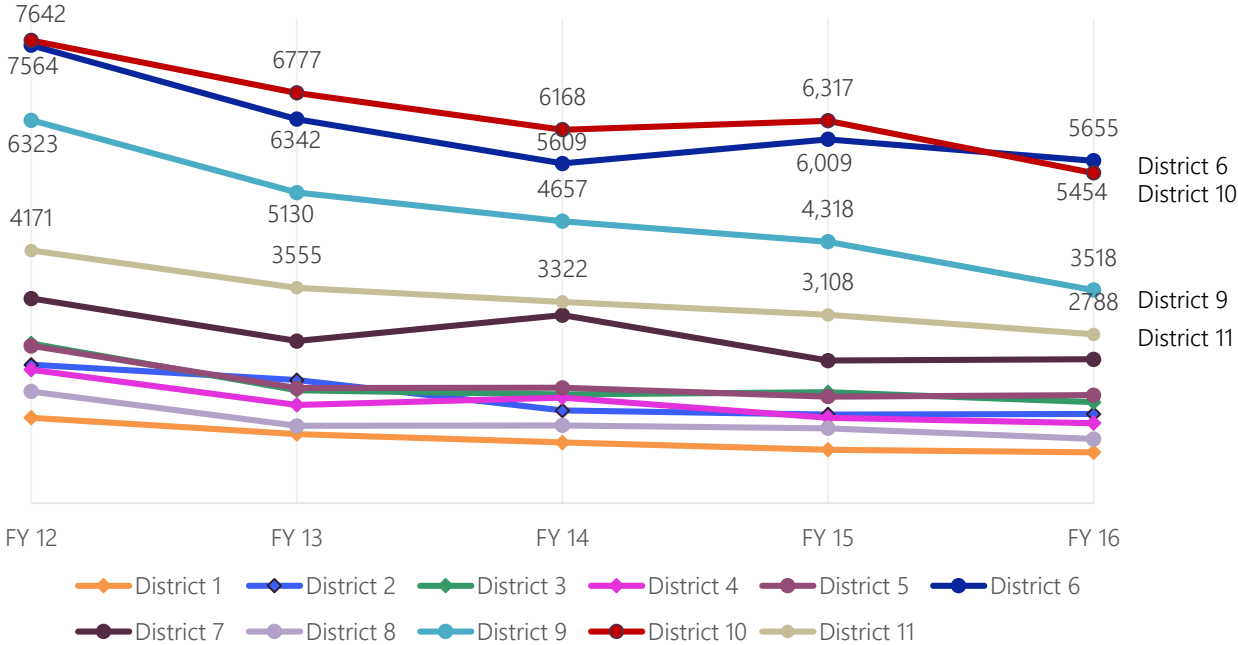
**There is a steadily increasing dependence on emergency care for traditional charity care patients.**

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Traditional Charity Care Patients by Reported Residence



Traditional Charity Care Patients by Supervisorial District

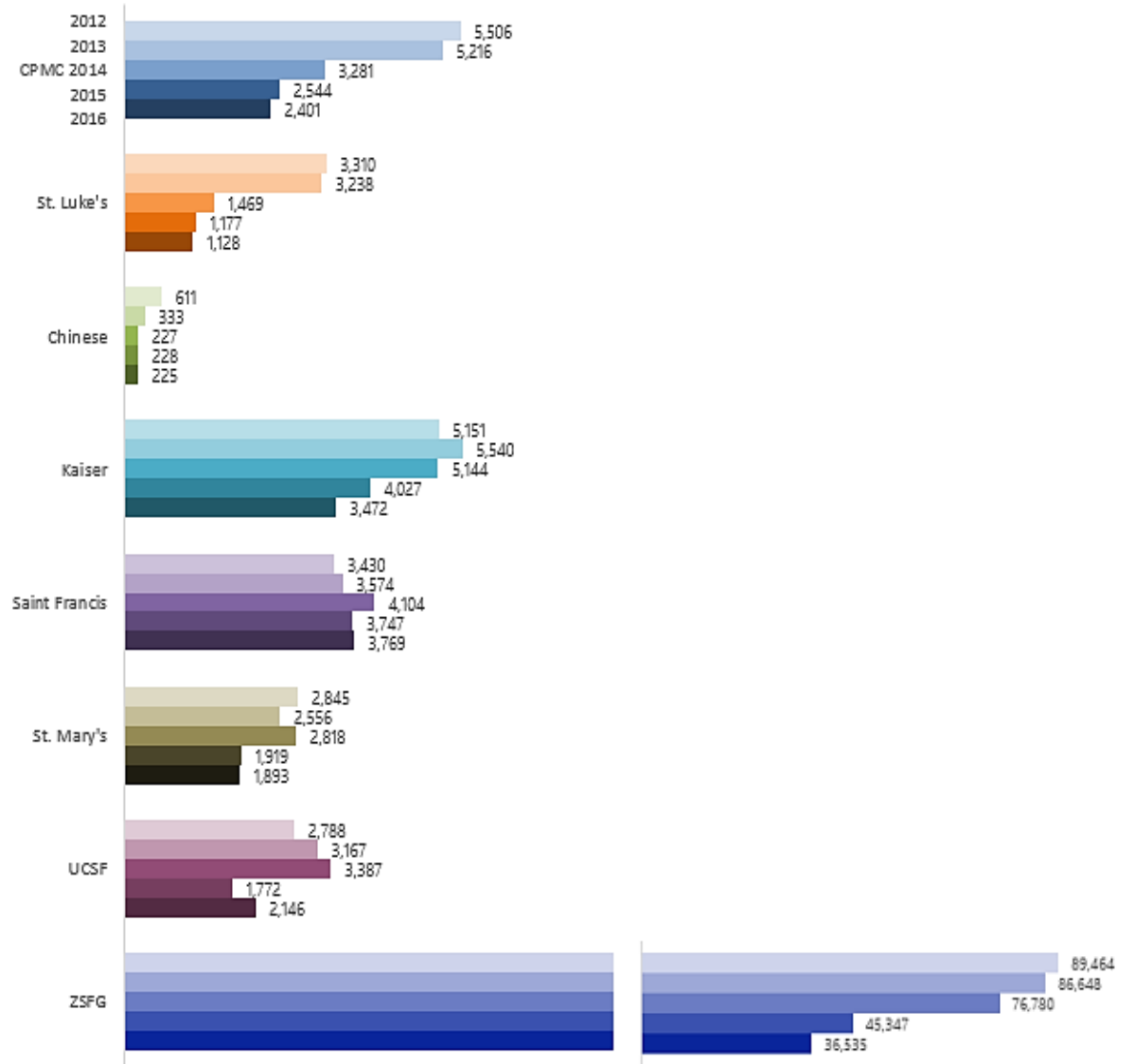


Traditional Charity Care remains relatively consistent, and continues to cover 1) majority San Franciscans concentrated in districts with lower income neighborhoods and 2) homeless residents.

# Hospital-Specific Data

- City-wide trends in charity care patients, service utilization, expenditures, and Medi-Cal Shortfall varied among the eight reporting hospitals.

Charity Care Patients across San Francisco Hospitals



# Charity Care – Moving Forward

- The federal administration has made changes to dismantle the ACA that may impact the health insurance and charity care landscapes for the City.
  - federal tax reform repealing the individual mandate
  - eliminating cost-sharing reductions
- San Francisco's charity care ordinance and reports provides strong mechanisms for tracking and understanding the impacts on charity care due to ACA-related changes.