

# MALNOURISHED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENTS



**2.3+ MILLION**

emergency department (ED) patients were identified as malnourished from 2006-2014

**Malnourished ED Patients Have**

**17%** 

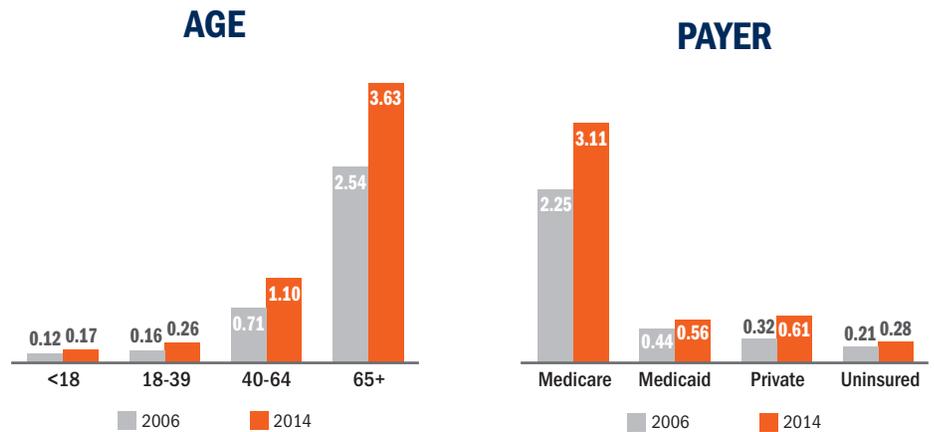
**HIGHER CHANCE** of being hospitalized

**Malnourished ED Patients Pay**

 **\$18,600+ MORE** per admission

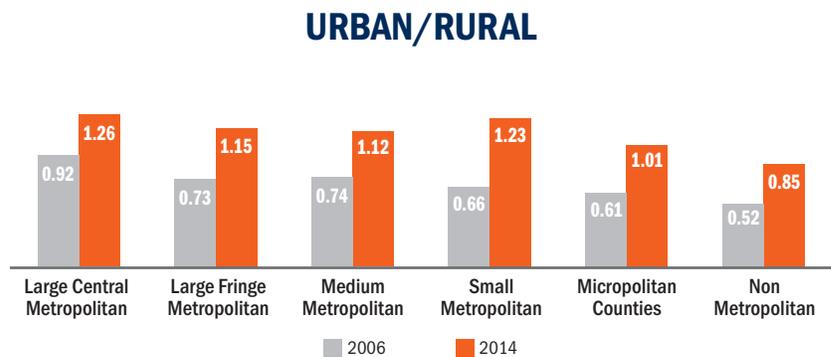
## Incidence of Malnutrition in ED Patients Continues to Increase—No Matter Their Age, Insurance, or Location

Percent of ED Patients



Diagnosis of malnutrition is highest in ED patients age 65 and older.

Medicare ED patients have the highest diagnosis of malnutrition.



Malnutrition is slightly higher in the urban areas.

Lanctin DP, Merced-Nieves F, Mallett RM, Arensberg MB, Guenter P, Sulo S, Platts-Mills TF. Prevalence and economic burden of malnutrition diagnosis among patients presenting to United States emergency departments. Acad Emerg Med. 2019 Nov 14. doi: 10.1111/acem.13887.

**These results highlight the need for assessing the impact of ED-initiated malnutrition screening and treatment interventions on patient outcomes.**

**UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF MALNUTRITION**  
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