



**FLORIDA'S  
POISON  
CONTROL  
CENTERS**  
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# REDUCE UNNECESSARY HEALTH CARE COSTS

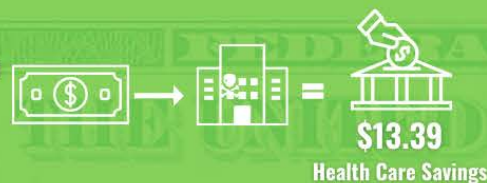
## Funding

Florida's Poison Control Centers receive funding from the state and federal governments. These funds cover operating costs, administration, and life-saving services that are free to the public.

\$6,668,498   
+ 985,916   
**\$7,654,414**  
Total Funding

## Did You Know?

For every \$1 invested in a poison center, there is an health care cost savings of \$13.39.



## LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

### REDUCTION IN ER VISITS

**50%**

Studies indicate that without poison centers, over 50% of suspected poisoning cases would likely end up in emergency rooms, causing millions of dollars in unnecessary medical costs.

### AVOIDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

Florida Poison Control Centers average over  
**113,037 CASES**  
ANNUALLY



The average emergency department visit costs  
**\$6,609**

**56,518** (50% of Annual Cases)  
**x \$6,609** (Cost per ER Visit)  
**\$373,530,766** in Health Care Savings

## POISON CENTERS LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Florida's Poison Control Centers co-managing patients at health care facilities was documented to reduce hospital charges by approximately: **\$103,450,000/year**.

### These cost savings resulted in a:

**37%**

decrease in costs for commercial health insurance



**58%**

decrease in costs for Medicaid



**43%**

decrease in costs for Medicare



**15%**

decrease in costs across other payers



**38%**

aggregate decrease in costs across all payors

## WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

With the help of state and federal funding, an investment of \$7,654,414 in Florida Poison Centers saves over \$486,567,766 per year in health care costs, resources and unnecessary medical treatment.

**\$7,654,414** → = **\$486,567,766**  
IN HEALTH CARE SAVINGS ANNUALLY

## POISON CENTER FACTS

- ✓ Specialists in Poison Information (SPI) immediately respond to calls related to any type of poisoning or poison-related questions. This confidential service is offered 24/7 at no cost to callers. SPIs manage more than 85% of poison-related calls from the home, in the home, preventing the costly and unnecessary use of emergency department resources, transportation and treatment.
- ✓ Additionally, studies show that there is an average one-day reduction in the length of hospital stay when Poison Centers are proactively involved in the care of patients.
- ✓ Specialists in Poison Information are nationally certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

Reducing costs by:  
**≈ \$103,450,000**



**REFERENCES**  
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