



At or better than target. Continue to Monitor.



Within 5% of target. Monitor and take action as appropriate.



Below target by more than 5%. Take action and monitor progress.



No target identified or available.

WHAT IS BEING MEASURED?

Cost per Weighted Case is an indicator that measures the cost associated with caring for a standard acute patient. Bluewater Health's Cost per Weighted Case is calculated using the Ontario Cost Distribution Methodology (OCDM). It is calculated as Total Acute & Day Surgery Expenses (both direct and indirect) divided by Acute & Day Surgery Weighted Cases. The direct costs are the expenses incurred in the departments providing service to our patients (i.e. Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics). The indirect costs are an allocation of Administration and Support expenses (i.e. Housekeeping, Health Records, etc.). A weighted case is a case with an assigned Resource Intensity Weight (RIW). The RIW measures the intensity of resources used (based on patient diagnosis, surgical procedure performed, etc.) as well as the case mix group assigned to the individual patient. The case mix group takes into consideration the patient's age, health status, discharge status, etc. The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) defines RIWs for case mix groups.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

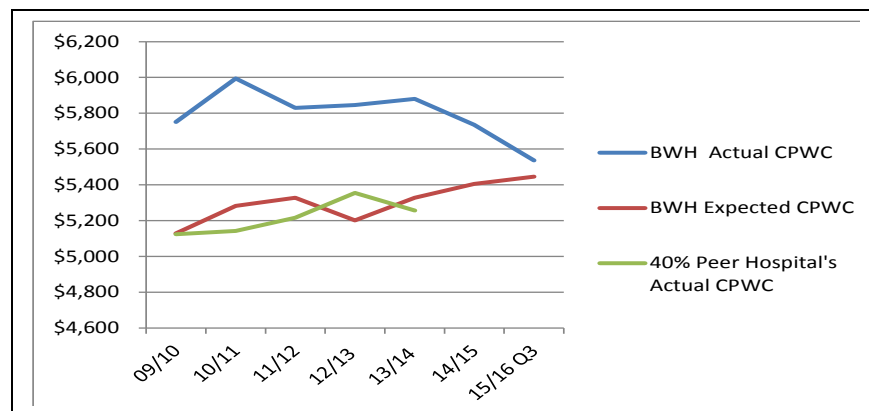
The Ministry of Health changed the way it funded hospitals in 2012/13. For the past three years, over half of the hospital's Ministry funding has been based on our performance using Cost per Weighted Case (CPWC) methodology. This indicator tracks how an organization is utilizing its resources. It combines the financial spending with the activity that drives the spending. By focusing on weighted cases, comparability is enhanced as differences in acuity, severity and complexity of cases are taken into consideration.

WHAT IS THE TARGET?

Bluewater Health was funded at an Expected CPWC of \$5,446 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Our target is to reduce the gap between our Actual CPWC and our Expected CPWC.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Bluewater Health's Cost per Weighted Case has improved dramatically since 13/14. For 15/16, we are anticipating ending the year at a CPWC that is very close to our Expected CPWC. This improvement will better position the organization from a funding perspective.



Preferred trend/
direction



WHAT ACTIONS ARE WE TAKING?

Bluewater Health will continue to monitor its Cost per Weighted Case on a program by program basis. We are working with our physicians to ensure all weighted cases are being appropriately captured.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MEASURE?

- o CIHI [See Website](#)
- o Contact Us

FREQUENCY REPORTED: Annually

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