# **Thyroid Cancer**

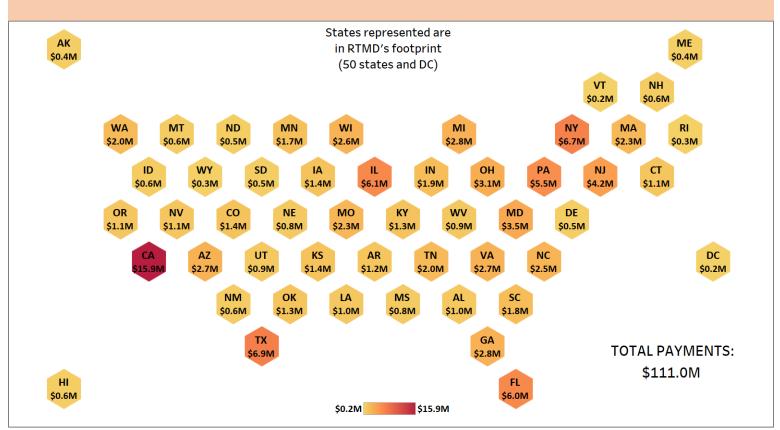
January is Thyroid Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, the thyroid gland, which is located in the front part of the neck, plays an important role in making hormones that help regulate metabolism, heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature. Thyroid cancer occurs about three times more often in women than in men, and is 40-50% less common in blacks than in any other racial or ethnic group. Symptoms of thyroid cancer, which may be due to other causes, include a lump or swelling in the neck, having trouble breathing or swallowing, or having a hoarse voice. According to the National Cancer Institute, thyroid cancer is typically slow growing, highly treatable, and usually curable. Some of the risk factors for developing thyroid cancer are described in the sidebar below.

## **Did You Know:**

- In 2025, it's estimated there will be in the U.S.:
- **44.020** new cases of thyroid cancer
- 2,290 thyroid cancer deaths
- The five-year relative survival rate for thyroid cancer patients is 98.4%, based on 2014-2020 data.

Sources: American Cancer Society; National Cancer Institute

### **Annual Medicare Treatment Costs of Thyroid Cancer by State**



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#### RISK FACTORS FOR THYROID CANCER

- Being female
- · Having a family history of thyroid disease or thyroid cancer
- Exposure to radiation to the head and neck as an infant or child, or being exposed to radiation from an atomic bomb
- Having certain genetic conditions

Source: National Cancer Institute

### How is Thyroid Cancer trending in your Defined Market?

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- ◆ Inpatient, Outpatient, CMS 1500

- Full census
- ◆ 16 billion claims & counting ◆ 50 states & D.C.

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