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- Key data on 97 members of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
 - NAPH members provide 6.6 million emergency department visits annually
 - 53 percent of their admissions are through the ED
 - 67 percent of their ED cases are for Medicaid and uninsured patients, compared to 43 percent for providers nationwide
 - In communities where NAPH hospitals exist, they operate 39 percent of the level I trauma centers and 44 percent of all burn care centers
 - In almost half of the communities where they exist, NAPH members are the only level I trauma center or only trauma center of any level
- On average, positive margins from trauma cases subsidize ED cases; but trauma cases only represent 2 percent of all ED cases. Trauma cases have a higher mix of commercially insured patients than other ED cases.
- Almost half of all ED cases at NAPH hospitals are from patients presenting with high severity or life threatening conditions
 - The most profitable cases are the most severe, but they only represent a small percentage of all cases.