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From: Richards, Bruce [mailto:brichards@cpgh.org]
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To: Blankenship, Johni
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Madam Clerk: Please forward this to all Assembly Members;

Assembly Members,

The following is one of the many misinformed opinions floating around that was posted on the KSRM website. It is just thrown out there with no information to back it up:

"October 21, 2013 at 5:56 pm

What happens when You allow a total Monopoly to Happen within your community ?

That Monopoly then Charges What Ever It Pleases for Procedures & Services & get Attitude towards its PAYING CUSTOMERS & THE OWNERS of said Monopoly . If You Don't Like it then Drive to Anchorage. There is No Competition, There is No other Businesses to provide Services.

Our Central Pen. Hospital is fast becoming a Total MONOPOLY SPW"

I have attached a spreadsheet from Medicare using the data they released this May as part of a transparency campaign. It is broken out in two separate ways – spreadsheet and graphs. These are the most frequently charged DRG (diagnosis related codes) that are billed to Medicare. As you can see, especially in the bar charts, CPH is quite proud of our price position with respect to the rest of Alaska. If you do as the commenter suggests and travel to Anchorage for some of the most common procedures, you will be charged more. We will address many more pieces of the misinformation that is going around this evening at the hearing.

Thank you,

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DRG Summary for *Alaska* Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment Hospitals, FY2011
Top 100 DRGs Based on Total Discharges

Sorted by DRG and then Charges

065 - INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE OR CEREBRAL INFARCTION W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	72	47,363
STATE AVG	AK	152	38,355
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	22	36,186
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	17	34,569
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	31,073
NATIONAL AVG	AK	106414	30,776
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	24,047
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	18	22,539

190 - CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE W MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	25 \$	42,838
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	22 \$	42,556
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	20 \$	42,069
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	44 \$	38,284
STATE AVG	AK	163 \$	34,448
NATIONAL AVG	AK	149677 \$	30,162
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	11 \$	29,729
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	21 \$	20,748
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	20 \$	15,964

191 - CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	23 \$	31,085
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	45 \$	31,072
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	11 \$	24,604
NATIONAL AVG	AK	148491 \$	24,320
STATE AVG	AK	154 \$	22,659
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	35 \$	19,230
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	28 \$	11,719
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	12 \$	8,711

192 - CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE W/O CC/MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	23	\$ 28,971
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	24	\$ 25,156
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	22	\$ 20,153
NATIONAL AVG	AK	114790	\$ 18,121
STATE AVG	AK	131	\$ 17,779
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	14	\$ 14,380
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	26	\$ 8,805
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	22	\$ 8,427

193 - SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	45	\$ 56,160
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	13	\$ 53,894
STATE AVG	AK	110	\$ 49,778
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	18	\$ 48,268
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 45,461
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 39,625
NATIONAL AVG	AK	127989	\$ 37,685
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 36,138

194 - SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	13	\$ 33,907
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	68	\$ 32,353
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	64	\$ 30,114
NATIONAL AVG	AK	198390	\$ 25,349
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	23	\$ 24,987
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	30	\$ 24,827
STATE AVG	AK	320	\$ 24,128
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	35	\$ 20,209
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	45	\$ 17,245
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	42	\$ 8,333

195 - SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W/O CC/MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	26	\$ 27,996
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	17	\$ 27,385
STATE AVG	AK	126	\$ 18,166
NATIONAL AVG	AK	79873	\$ 18,078
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	23	\$ 17,054
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	18	\$ 15,859
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	22	\$ 12,226
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	20	\$ 7,442

292 - HEART FAILURE & SHOCK W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	22	\$ 46,252
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	75	\$ 36,455
STATE AVG	AK	217	\$ 32,060
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	41	\$ 31,703
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	19	\$ 31,038
NATIONAL AVG	AK	222038	\$ 25,114
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	15	\$ 24,224
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	13	\$ 21,960
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	32	\$ 20,839

293 - HEART FAILURE & SHOCK W/O CC/MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	11	\$ 25,512
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	22	\$ 24,766
STATE AVG	AK	61	\$ 19,645
NATIONAL AVG	AK	89217	\$ 17,383
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	17	\$ 13,319
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 13,313

309 - CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA & CONDUCTION DISORDERS W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	11	\$ 36,283
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	41	\$ 24,083
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 23,583
NATIONAL AVG	AK	102484	\$ 21,462
STATE AVG	AK	101	\$ 20,804
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	20	\$ 12,958
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	18	\$ 10,896

378 - G.I. HEMORRHAGE W CC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	14	\$ 37,078
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	49	\$ 35,138
STATE AVG	AK	161	\$ 27,417
NATIONAL AVG	AK	138678	\$ 26,059
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	24	\$ 25,641
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 25,212
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	27	\$ 22,715
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	23	\$ 19,885
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 15,387

392 - ESOPHAGITIS, GASTROENT & MISC DIGEST DISORDERS W/O MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	14	\$ 26,812
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	53	\$ 25,228
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	35	\$ 23,846
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 23,532
NATIONAL AVG	AK	244854	\$ 20,322
STATE AVG	AK	210	\$ 19,374
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	19	\$ 17,382
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	14	\$ 13,903
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	45	\$ 11,703
MT EDGECUMBE HOSPITAL	AK	18	\$ 10,426

470 - MAJOR JOINT REPLACEMENT OR REATTACHMENT OF LOWER EXTREMITY W/O MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	59	\$ 73,908
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	61	\$ 71,426
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	194	\$ 69,695
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	198	\$ 64,127
STATE AVG	AK	648	\$ 63,290
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	41	\$ 53,514
NATIONAL AVG	AK	427207	\$ 50,105
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	52	\$ 44,992
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	43	\$ 35,886

603 - CELLULITIS W/O MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	24	\$ 36,679
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	35	\$ 28,709
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	15	\$ 25,604
STATE AVG	AK	156	\$ 22,958
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	25	\$ 21,014
NATIONAL AVG	AK	140894	\$ 20,272
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 19,243
BARTLETT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 16,032
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	16	\$ 14,928
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	18	\$ 7,826

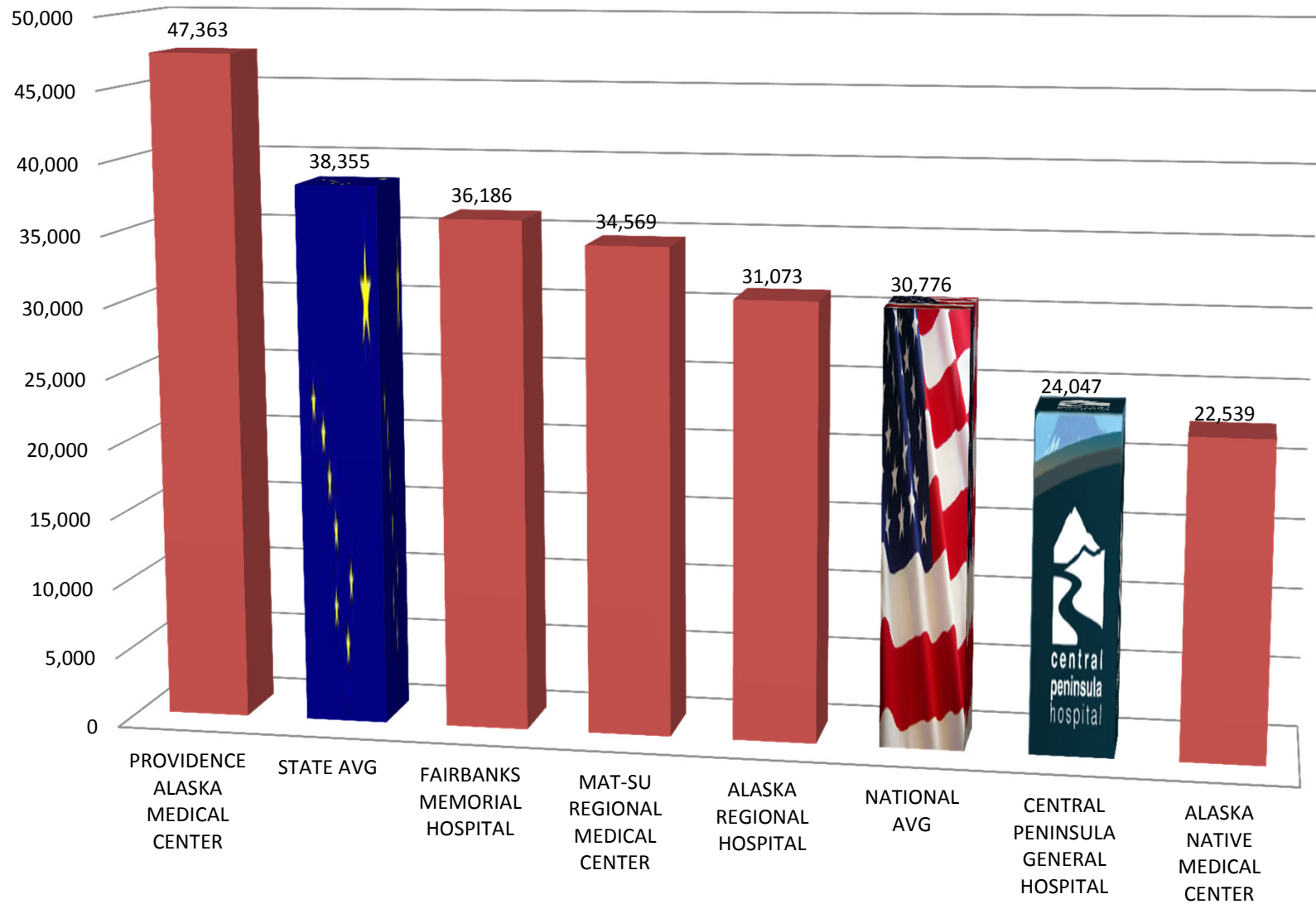
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Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	11	\$ 27,423
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	63	\$ 26,030
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	36	\$ 20,233
NATIONAL AVG	AK	206695	\$ 19,866
STATE AVG	AK	188	\$ 19,253
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	12	\$ 17,562
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	23	\$ 14,455
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	24	\$ 13,168
YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REG HOSPITAL	AK	19	\$ 4,759

812 - RED BLOOD CELL DISORDERS W/O MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	26	\$ 28,399
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	14	\$ 25,236
STATE AVG	AK	73	\$ 21,585
NATIONAL AVG	AK	92851	\$ 20,855
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	15	\$ 16,156
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	18	\$ 13,426

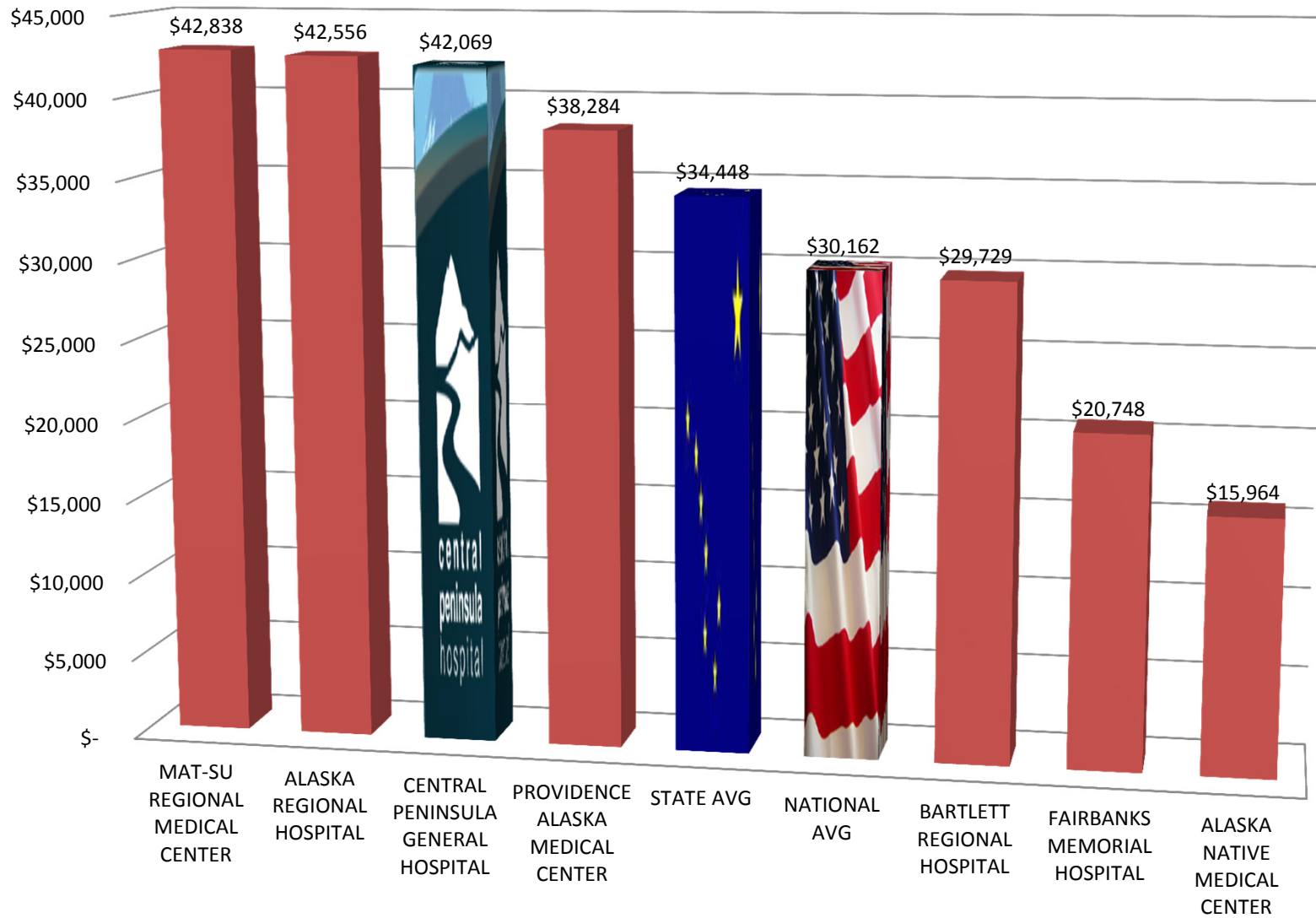
871 - SEPTICEMIA OR SEVERE SEPSIS W/O MV 96+ HOURS W MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	39	\$ 72,749
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	82	\$ 64,126
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	46	\$ 58,756
STATE AVG	AK	255	\$ 56,689
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	21	\$ 50,910
NATIONAL AVG	AK	319072	\$ 49,419
FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	AK	21	\$ 47,015
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	46	\$ 34,801

872 - SEPTICEMIA OR SEVERE SEPSIS W/O MV 96+ HOURS W/O MCC			
Provider	State	Discharges	Average_Charges
MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	AK	19	\$ 35,913
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER	AK	44	\$ 35,583
STATE AVG	AK	120	\$ 31,890
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL	AK	17	\$ 31,729
NATIONAL AVG	AK	112430	\$ 28,323
CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL	AK	21	\$ 28,283
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER	AK	19	\$ 23,447

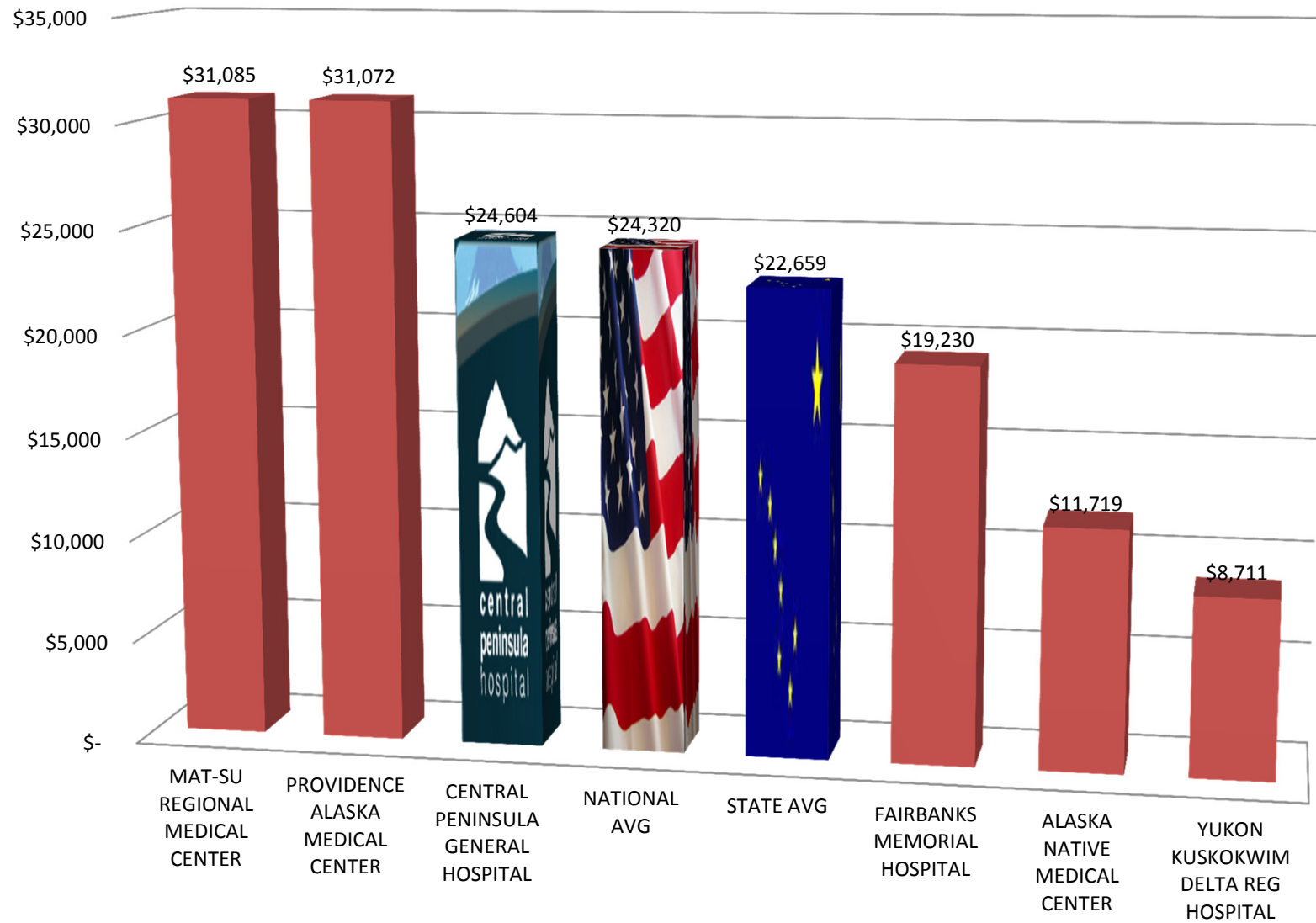
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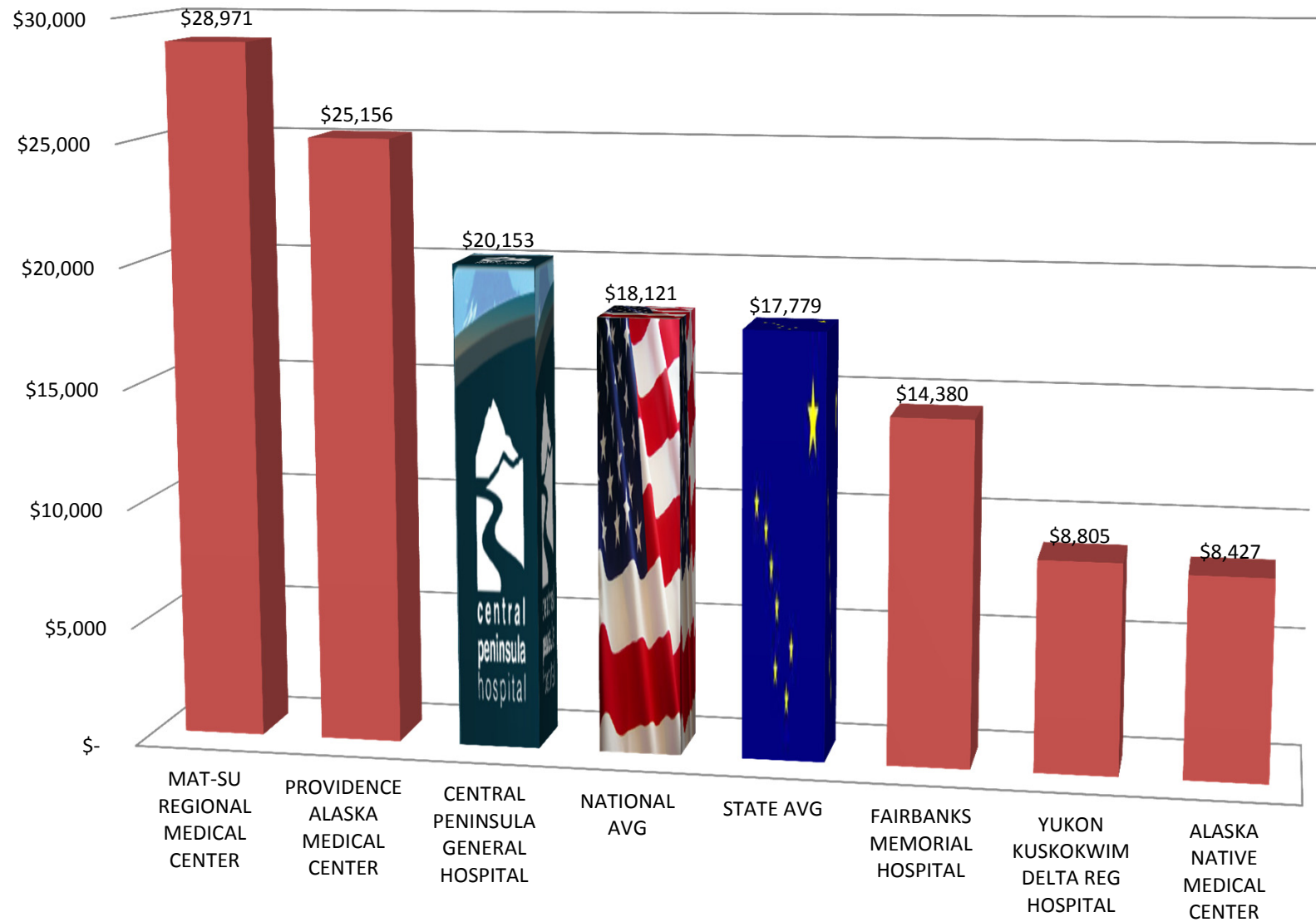
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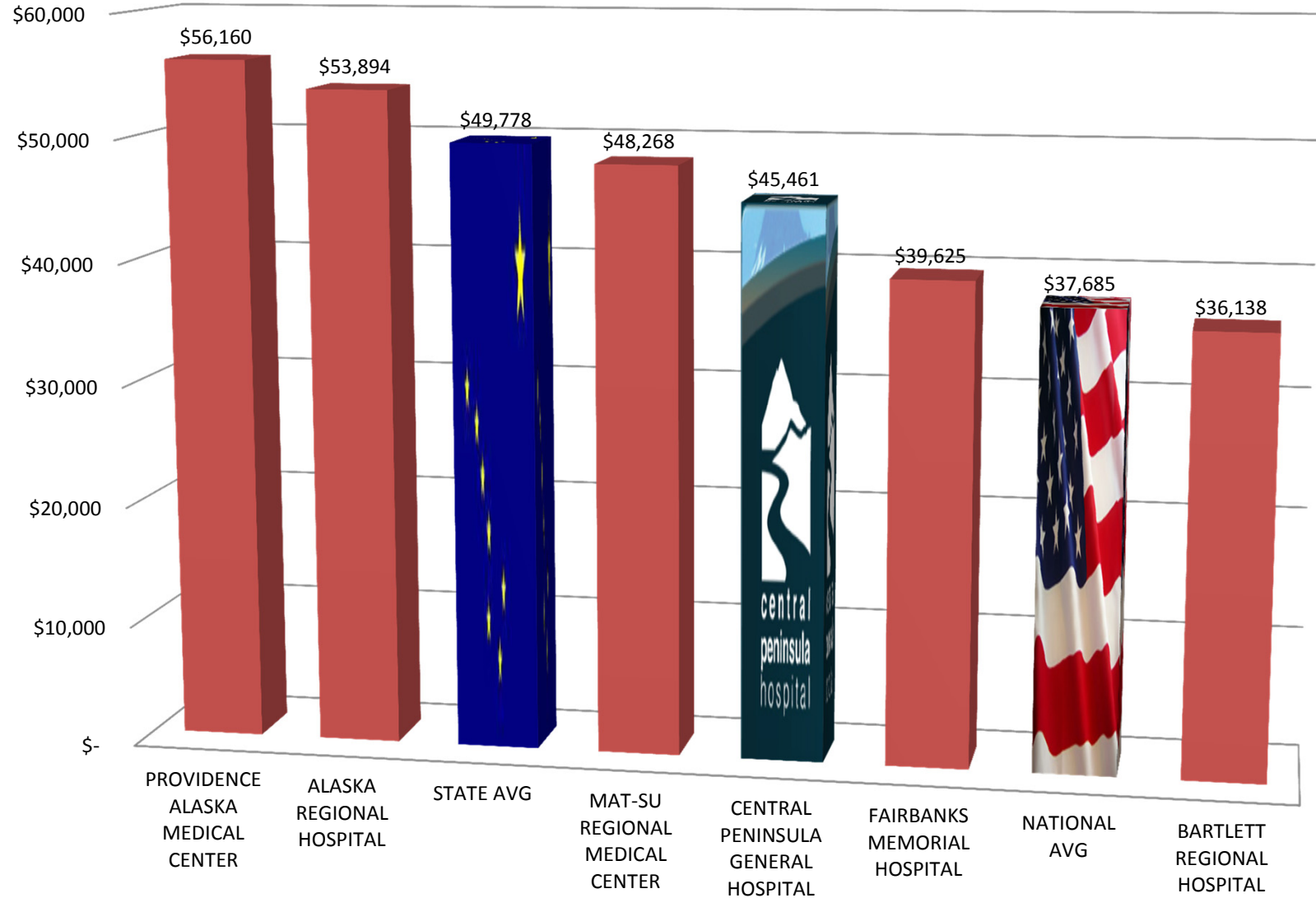
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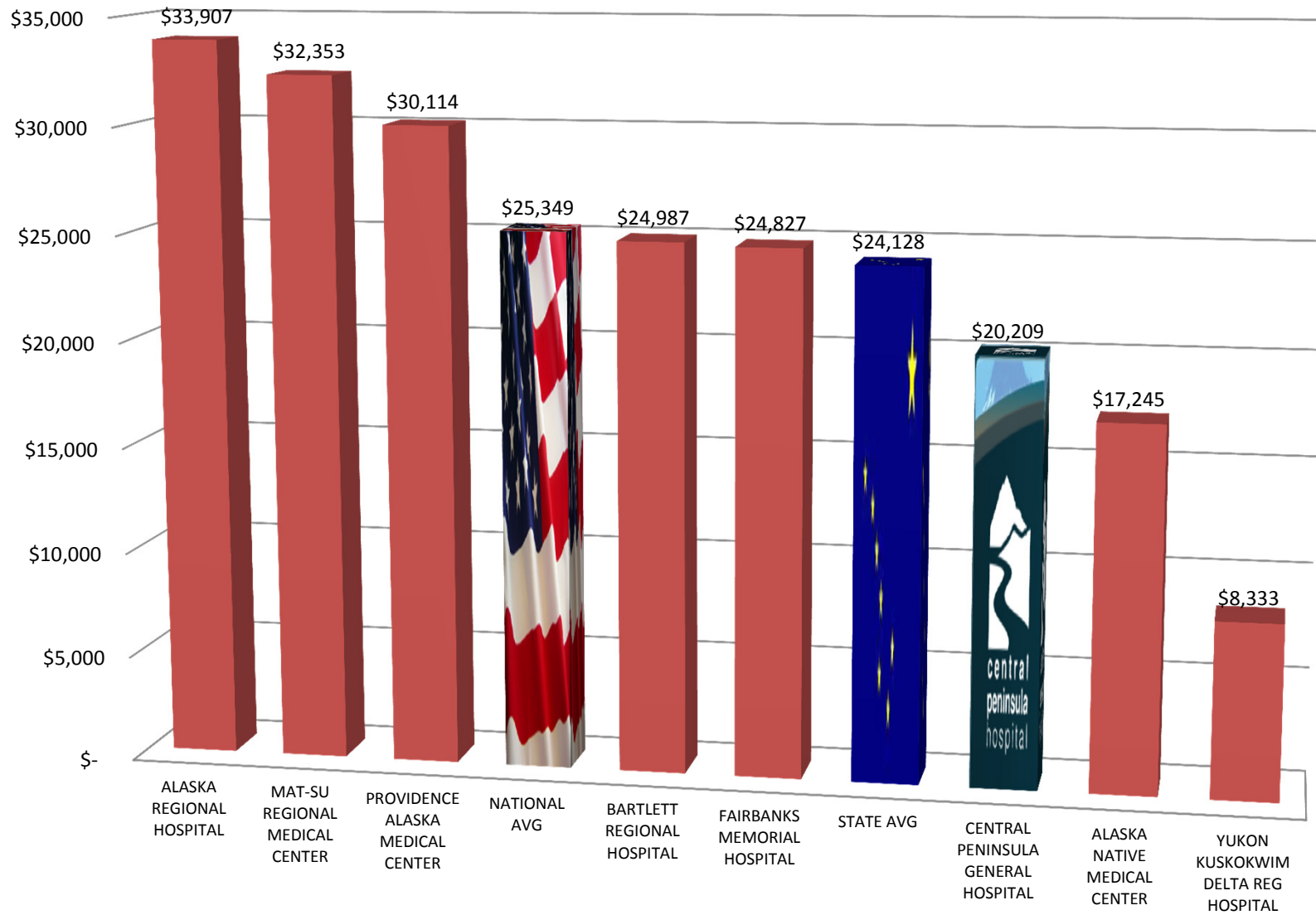
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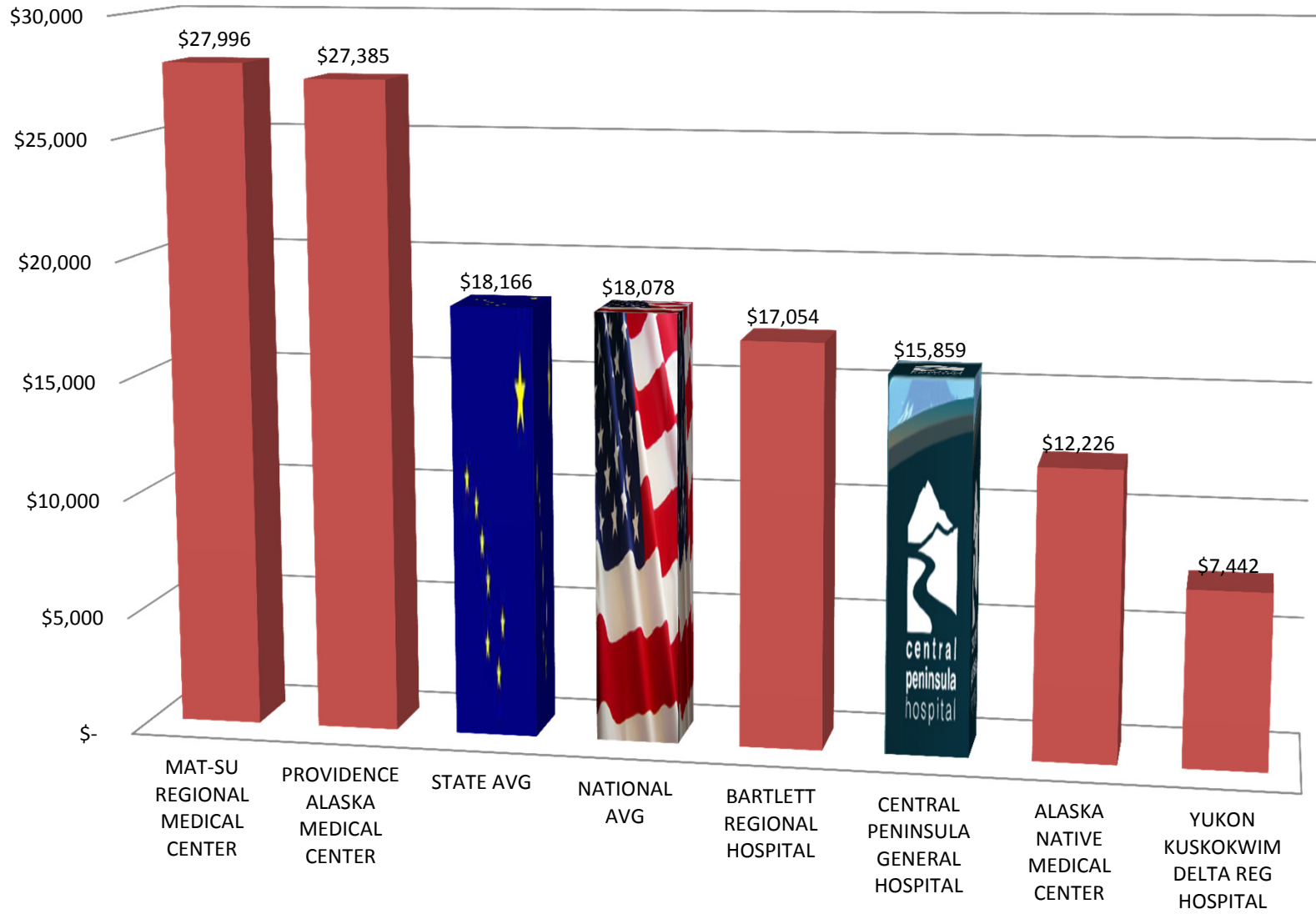
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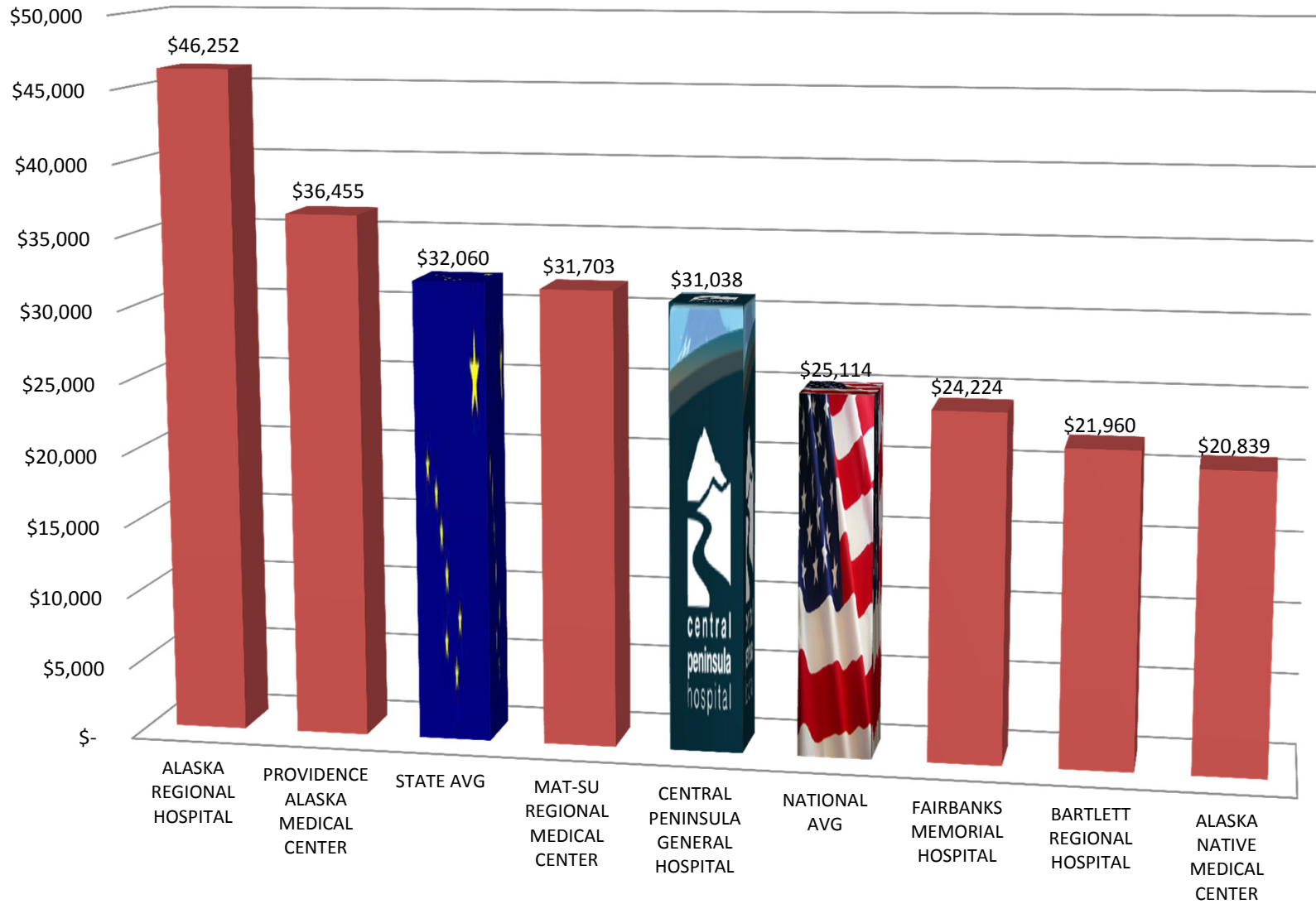
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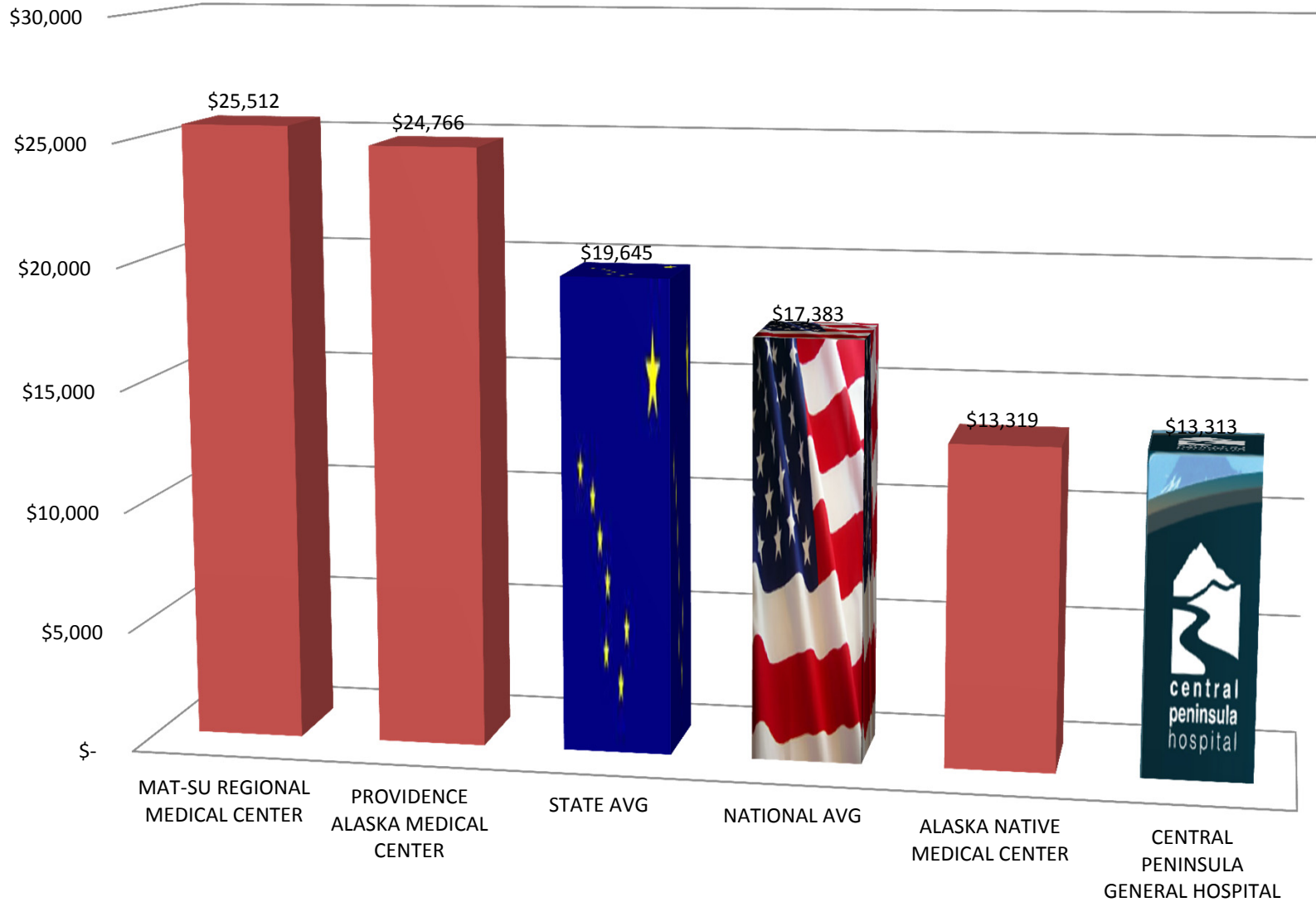
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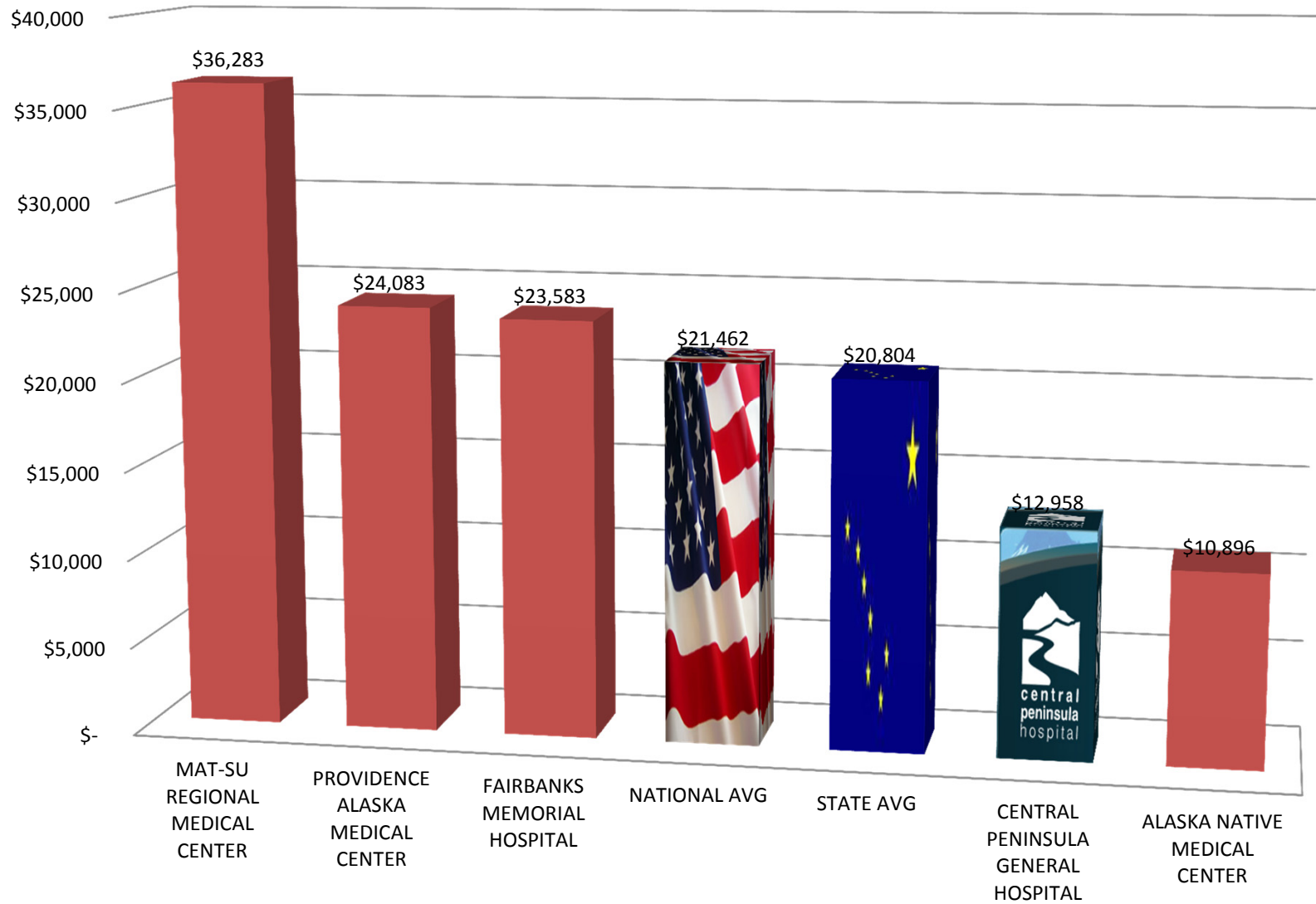
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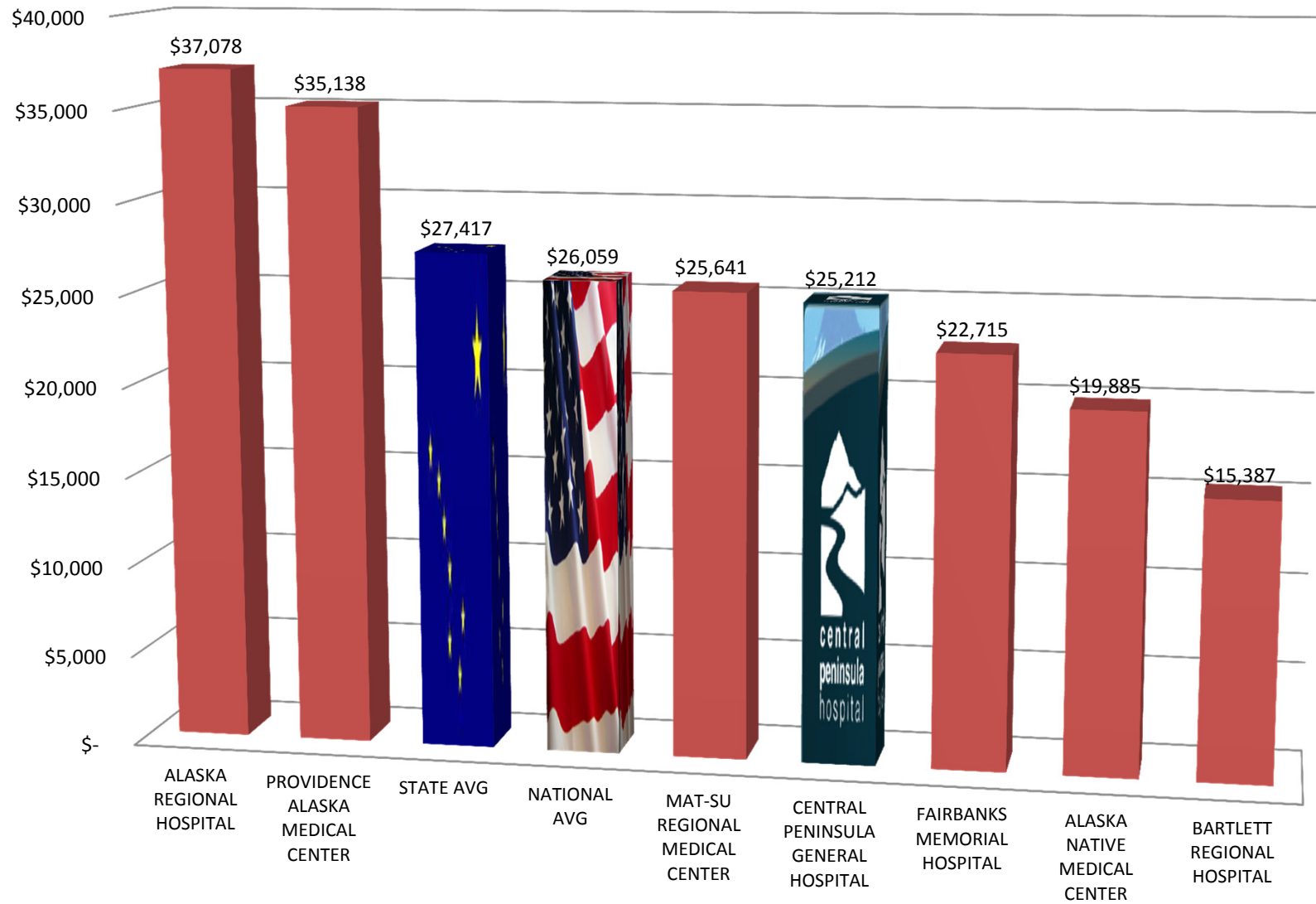
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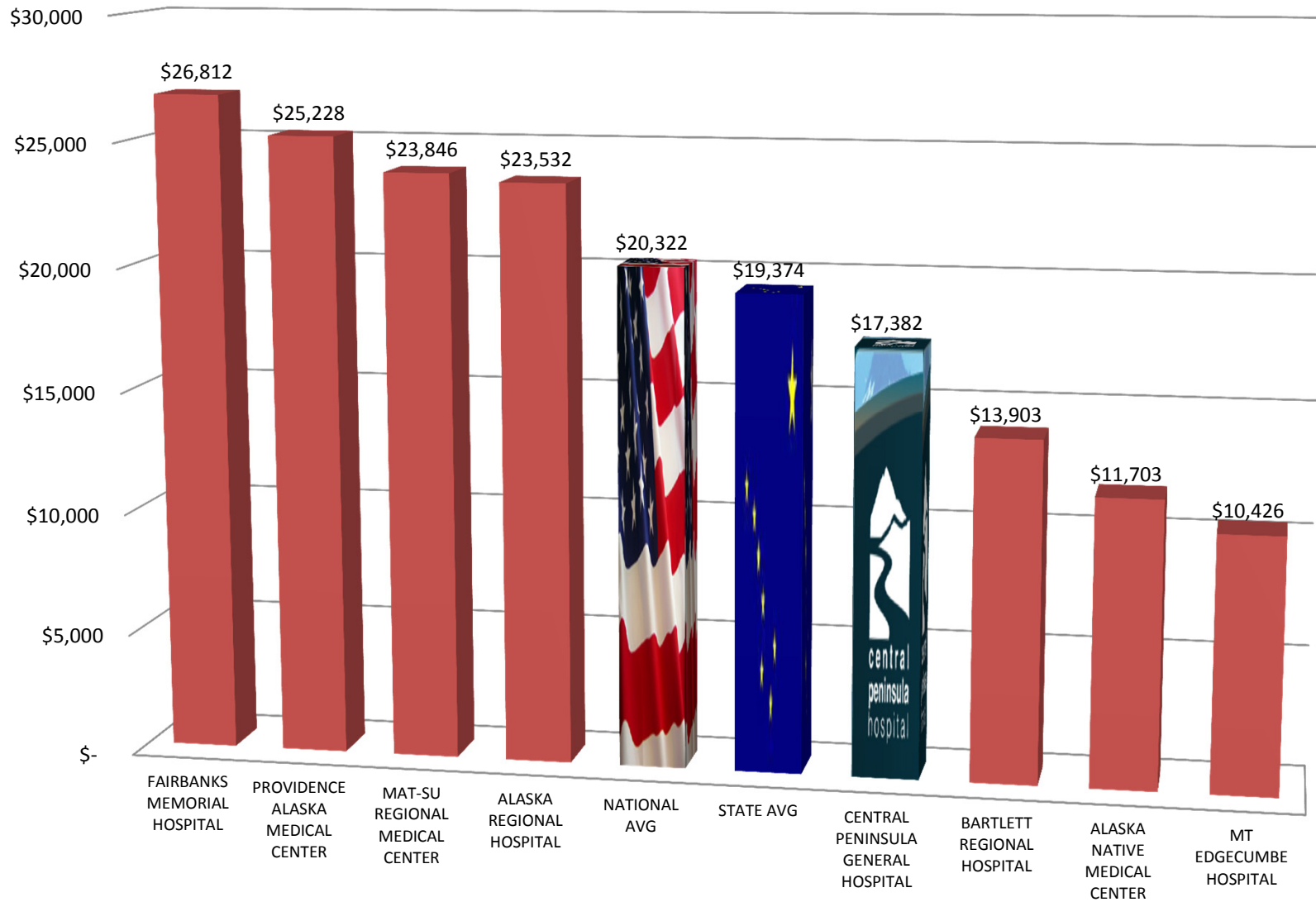
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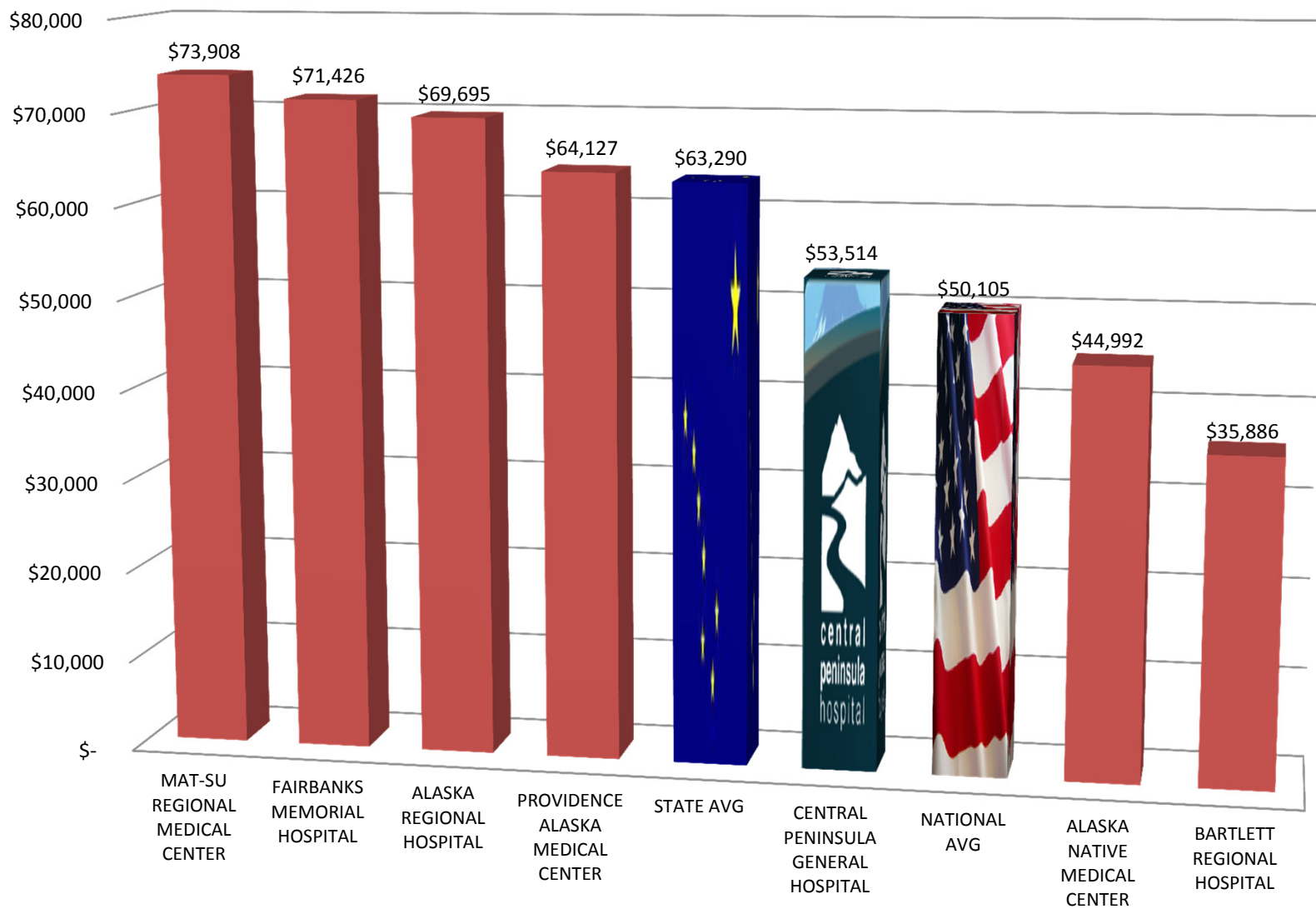
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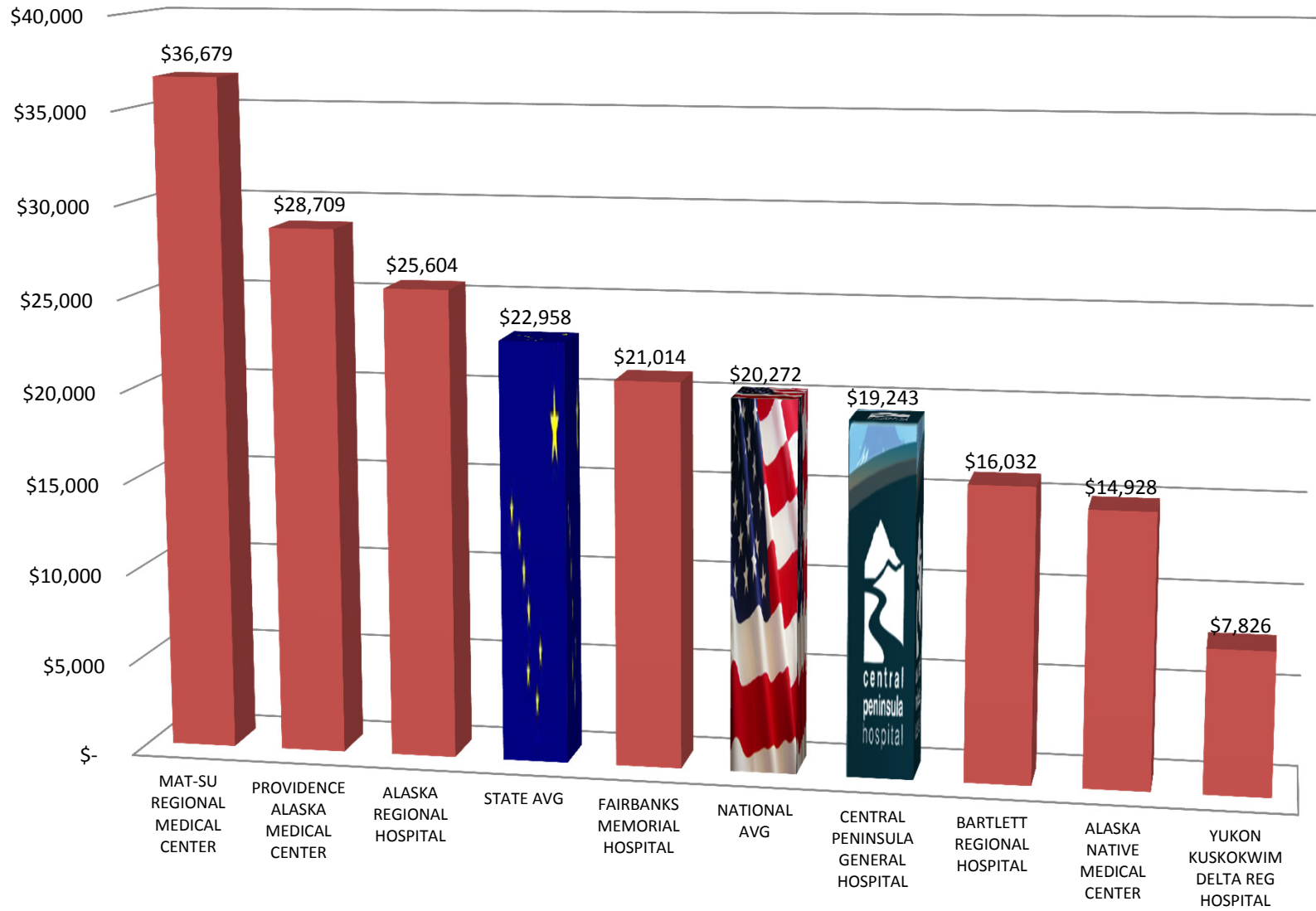
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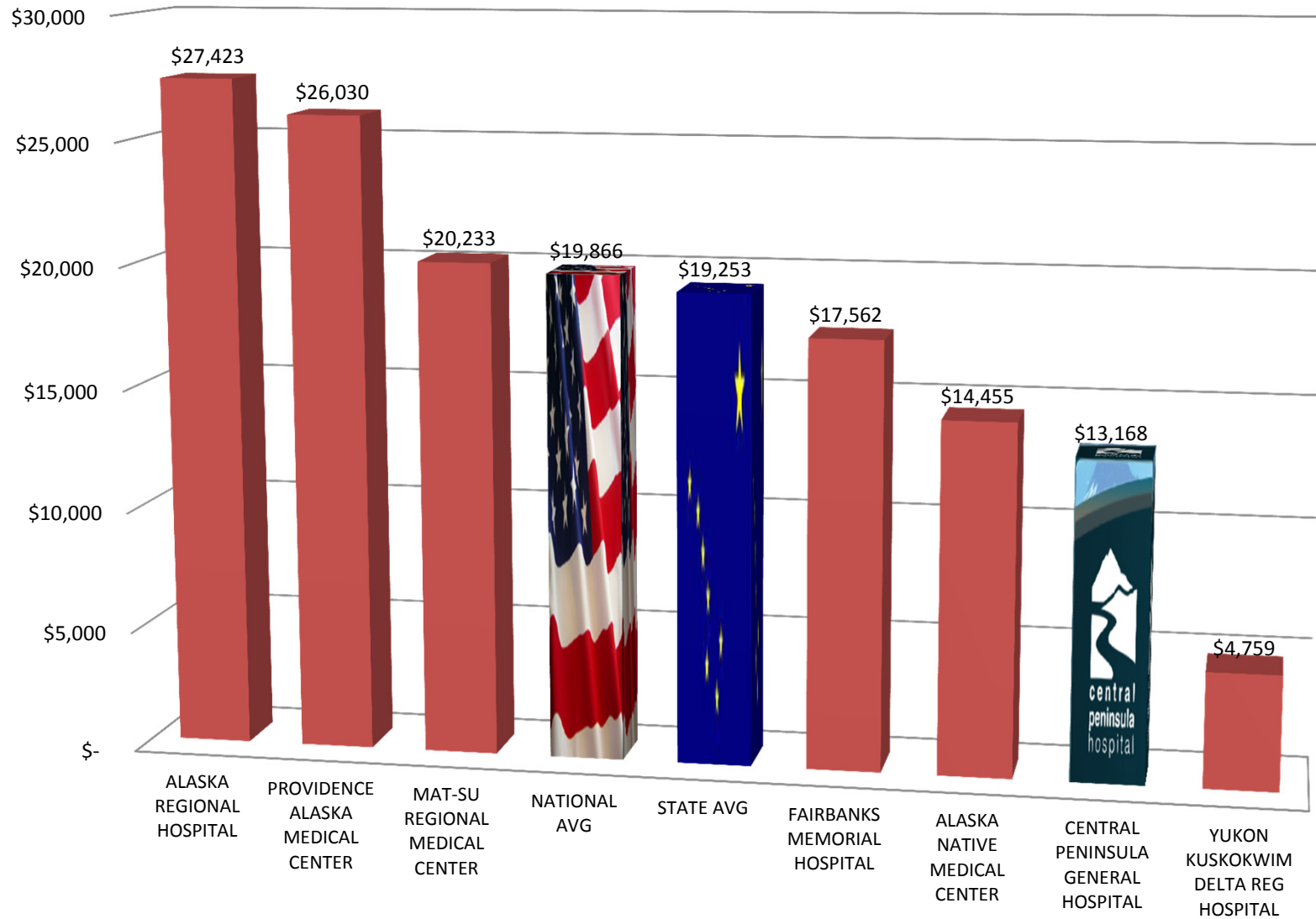
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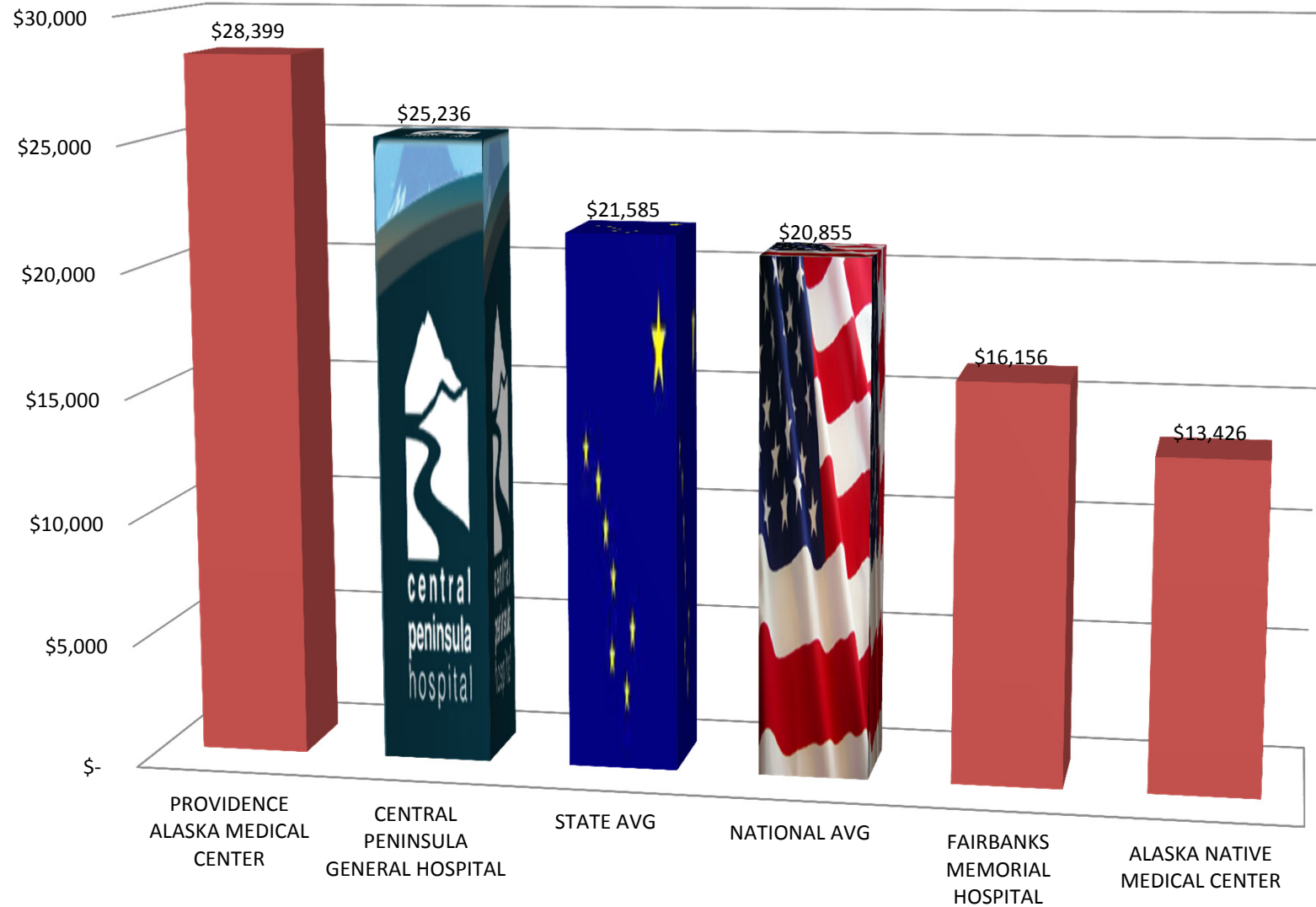
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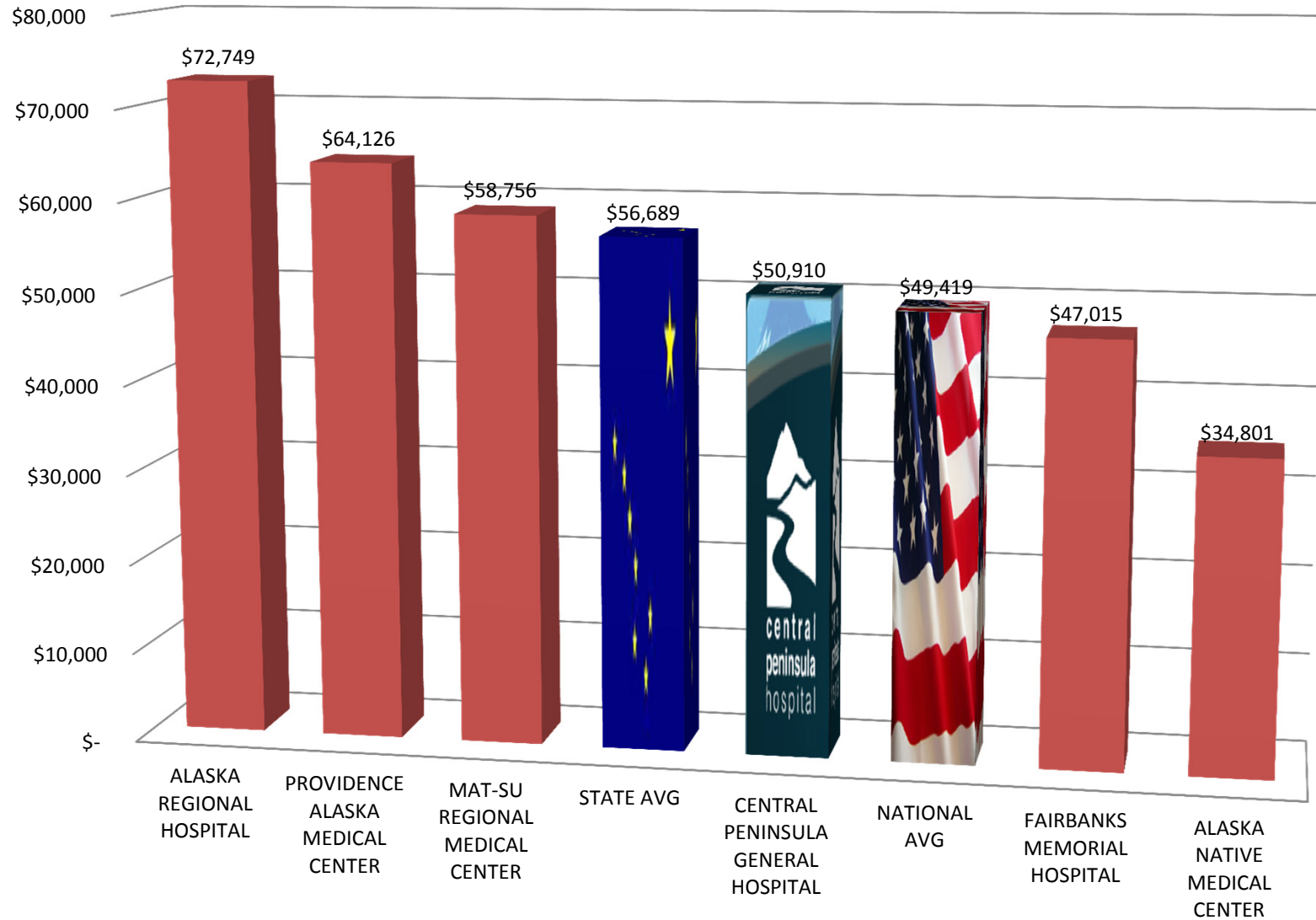
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