

# Alaska Health Care: A Changing Landscape & Innovation

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# Health Care and the Economy

*Hospitals and nursing homes contribute  
\$4.5 billion to Alaska's economy*

- **9% of Southeast's regional workforce**
- **24% wage growth over past 3 years**
- **\$569 million in economic impact to Southeast AK**

Health Care is Economically Relevant



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# A Changing Landscape

- **What is changing?**
- **What does change look like in Alaska?**
- **Where does (should) this all end?**



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# What is Changing?

## **NATIONAL - Medicare**

- I/P Surgeries: Total Knees

## **ALASKA - Medicaid**

- Funding

## **LOCAL - Consumers**

- Transparency Laws

**Ambulatory Setting**



**Lower Cost**



**Accessible**

**Response to Cost of Care**



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# What Does Change Look Like in AK?

## Hospitals

- 21 Hospitals
- 2.0 Beds per 1,000 Alaskans
- 21% of Beds NOT on Road System

## Long Term Care Facilities

- 19 LTC Facilities
- Fewest Facilities in the U.S.
- Fewest Avg Beds per Facility in U.S. (40)
- Fewest Beds per 1,000 Persons 65+ (8.7)

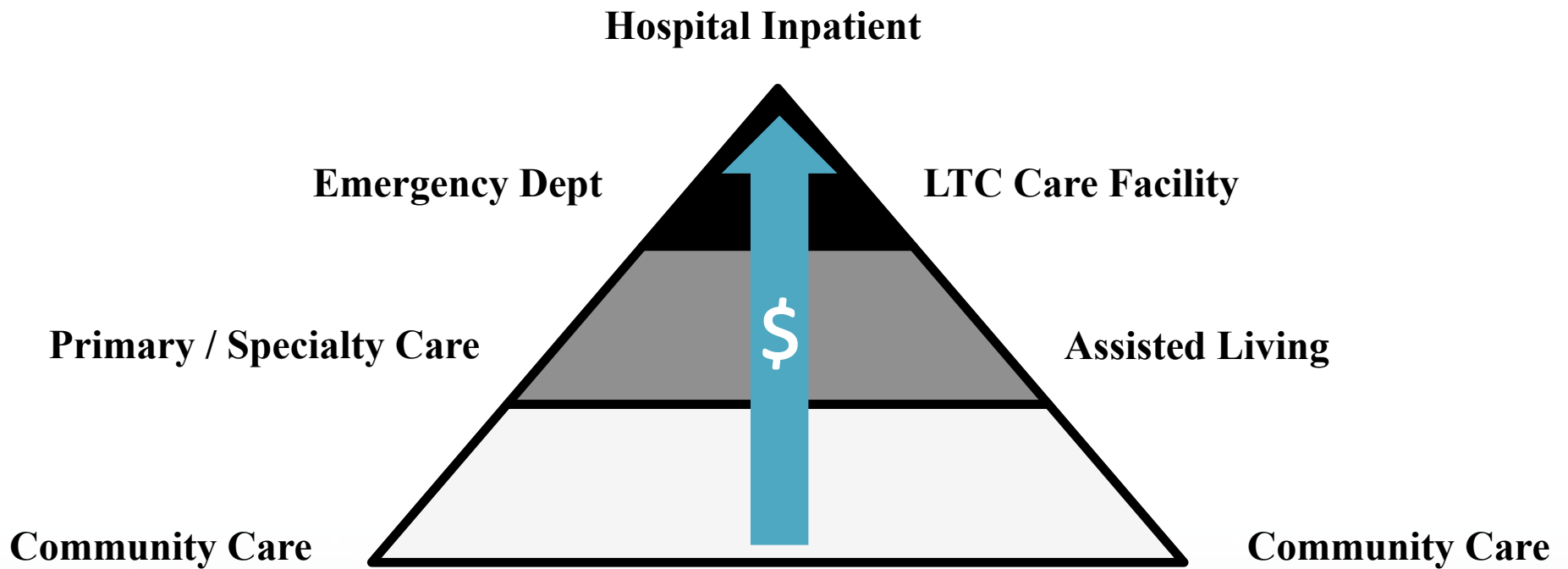


Capacity



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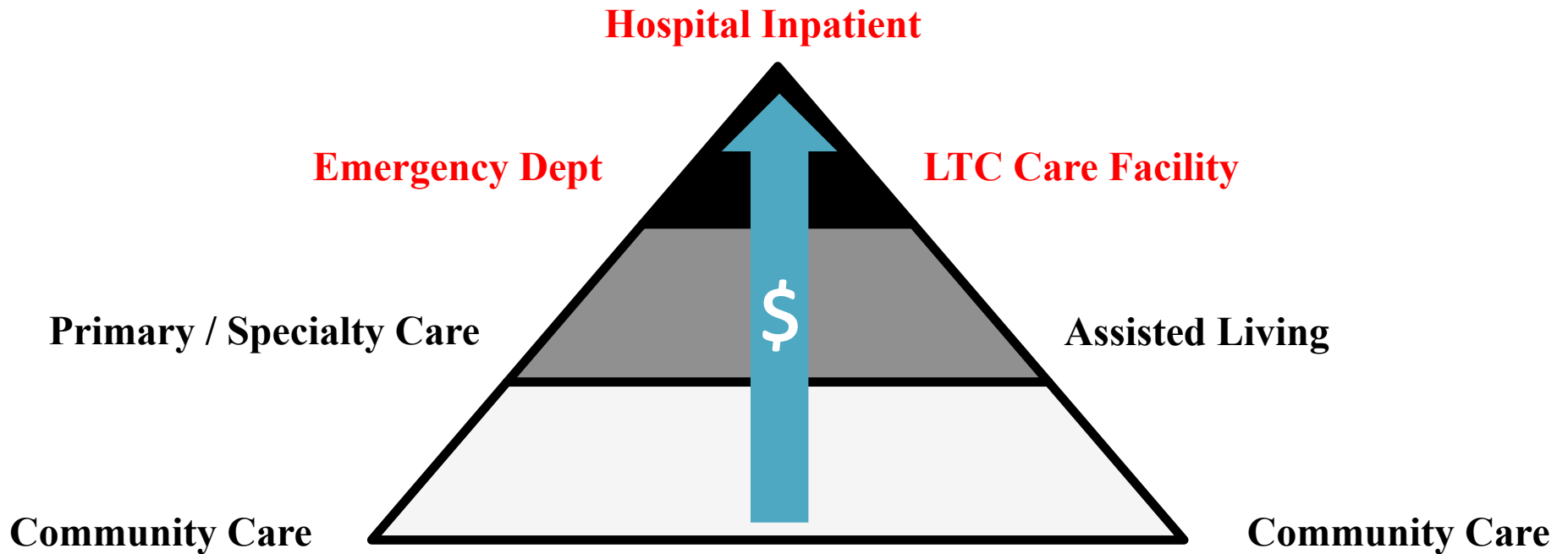


“The” Continuum



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# What Does Change Look Like in AK?



**System inefficiencies drive and trap patient care at highest cost point**

# Where Should This All End?

## Change Looks Like Innovation

- Coordinated Care Demo
- Emergency Dept Info Exchange
- Crisis Intervention
- High Utilizer Mat-Su

## Change Requires Recognition

- Capacity is Fragile; Don't Undermine



## Change Must be Rational

- Starting Point; Volume to Value; Prioritization



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# Questions?



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