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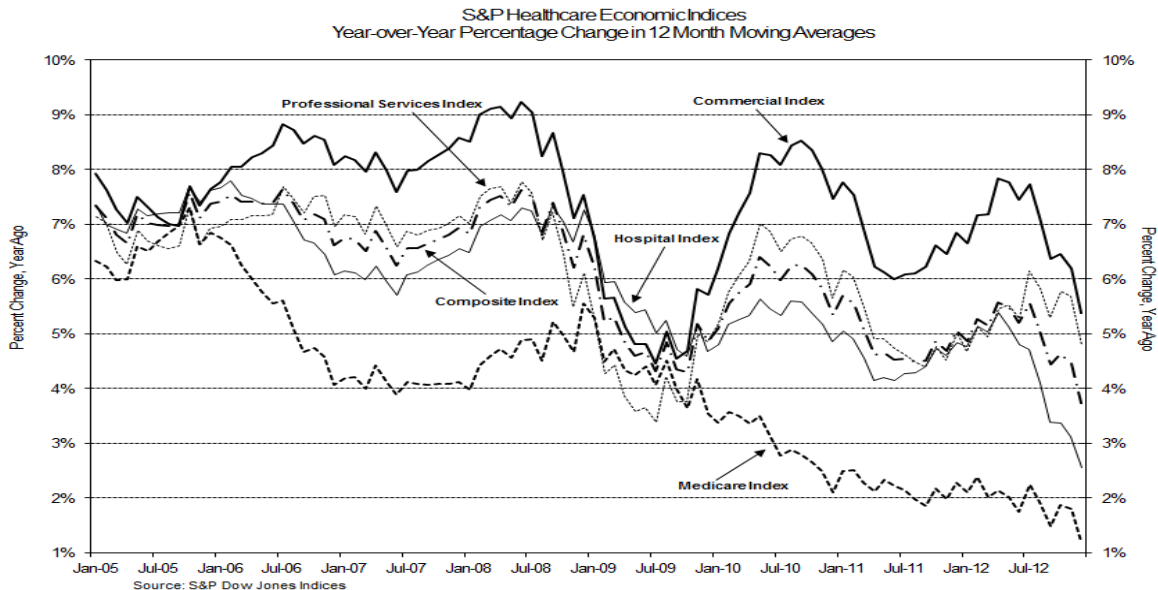
**Annual Growth Rates Broadly Decelerate in December 2012
According to the S&P Healthcare Economic Indices**

New York, February 21, 2013 – Today S&P Dow Jones Indices announced the results of S&P Economic Healthcare Indices for 2012. Data released by S&P Dow Jones Indices for the S&P Healthcare Economic Composite Index indicates that the average per capita cost of healthcare services covered by commercial insurance and Medicare programs increased by 3.73% over the 12-months ending December 2012. This is a deceleration from the +4.46% annual growth rate recorded in November 2012 and the lowest rate in the eight-year history of the index.

All nine S&P Healthcare Economic Indices posted deceleration in their annual growth rates in December 2012. As measured by the S&P Healthcare Economic Commercial Index, healthcare costs covered by commercial insurance plans increased by 5.39% over the year ending December 2012, down from +6.19% reported for November 2012. Annual growth rates in Medicare claim costs rose by 1.20%, according to the S&P Healthcare Economic Medicare Index, down from +1.81% recorded in November 2012. It is the lowest growth rate in the history of the Medicare Index.

The Professional Services Index annual growth rate was +4.78% in December 2012, down from the +5.68% November print. The Professional Services Commercial Index decelerated to +7.34% in December, down from +8.17% reported in November. The Professional Services Medicare annual growth rate was -0.12% in December, down from +0.92% posted in November 2012. It is the first appearance of negative annual growth rate in the history of the index.

The Hospital Index’s growth rate hit its historic low of +2.56% in December from +3.12% recorded in November 2012. It was driven by the Hospital Commercial Index, which hit its lowest rate since the index inception in January 2005. It posted a +3.01% annual rate in December and +3.77% last month. The Hospital Medicare annual growth rate posted +1.93% in December, down from its +2.23% November rate.



“The second half of 2012 showed deceleration in the annual growth rates across most healthcare indices we cover,” says David M. Blitzer, Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. “In December 2012 all nine headline healthcare indices we publish showed deceleration in their annual growth rates. The Composite Index posted an annual rate of +3.73%, the Commercial Index +5.39% and the Medicare Index +1.20%.

“In December, five of the nine healthcare indices hit their historic lows. They were the Composite Index at +3.73%, the Medicare Index at +1.20%, the Professional Services Medicare Index at -0.12%, the Hospital Index at +2.56% and the Hospital Commercial Index at +3.01%. The Commercial Index posted a recent low of +5.39% in December – the lowest rate since October 2009.

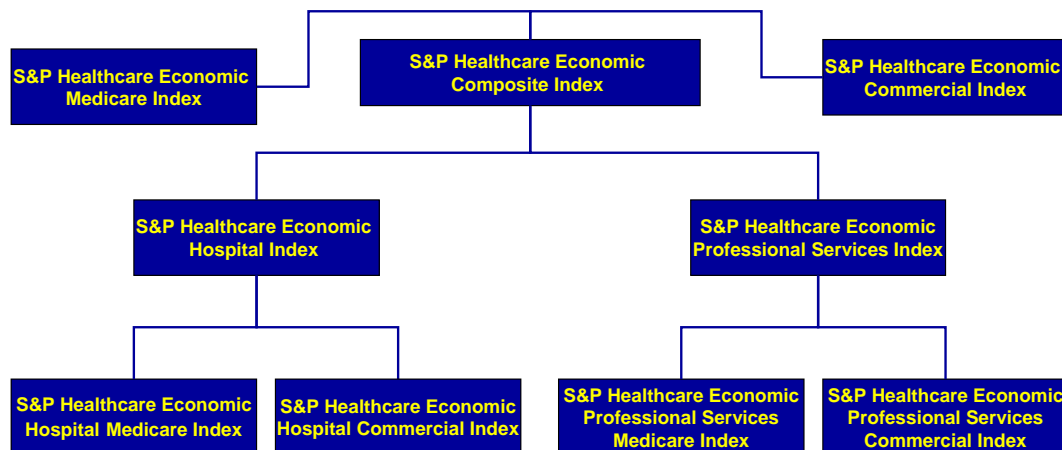
“For the first time in the index history, the Professional Services Medicare posted a negative annual growth rate. It was at -0.12% in December, 1.04 percentage points down from its November rate. It has the lowest annual growth rate among our healthcare indices.

“In December, the Professional Services Commercial Index was +7.34%, 0.83 percentage points down from its November rate. It remains the highest index among healthcare indices we cover.”

The S&P Healthcare Economic Indices estimate the per capita change in revenues accrued each month by hospital and professional services facilities for services provided to patients covered under traditional Medicare and commercial health insurance programs in the U.S. The annual growth rates are determined by calculating a percent change of the 12-month moving averages of the monthly index levels versus the same month of the prior year.

The S&P Healthcare Economic Composite Index is a weighted average of the S&P Healthcare Economic Commercial Index and the S&P Healthcare Economic Medicare Index. Alternatively, it is a weighted average of the S&P Healthcare Economic Hospital Index and the S&P Healthcare Economic Professional Services Index, as each of these indices has the analogous Commercial and Medicare component.

S&P Healthcare Economic Index Series



The table below summarizes the year-over-year change in the S&P Healthcare Economic Indices for the 12-month period ending December 2012. With each monthly release, the index levels, including the 12-month moving averages, are recalculated for the full history of the indices, whenever there are revisions to underlying data used in the models. The entire revised history, as well as full results for the underlying S&P Healthcare Economic Indices, is available from S&P Dow Jones Indices as a subscription service.

**S&P Healthcare Economic Indices
(12-Month Moving Average)**

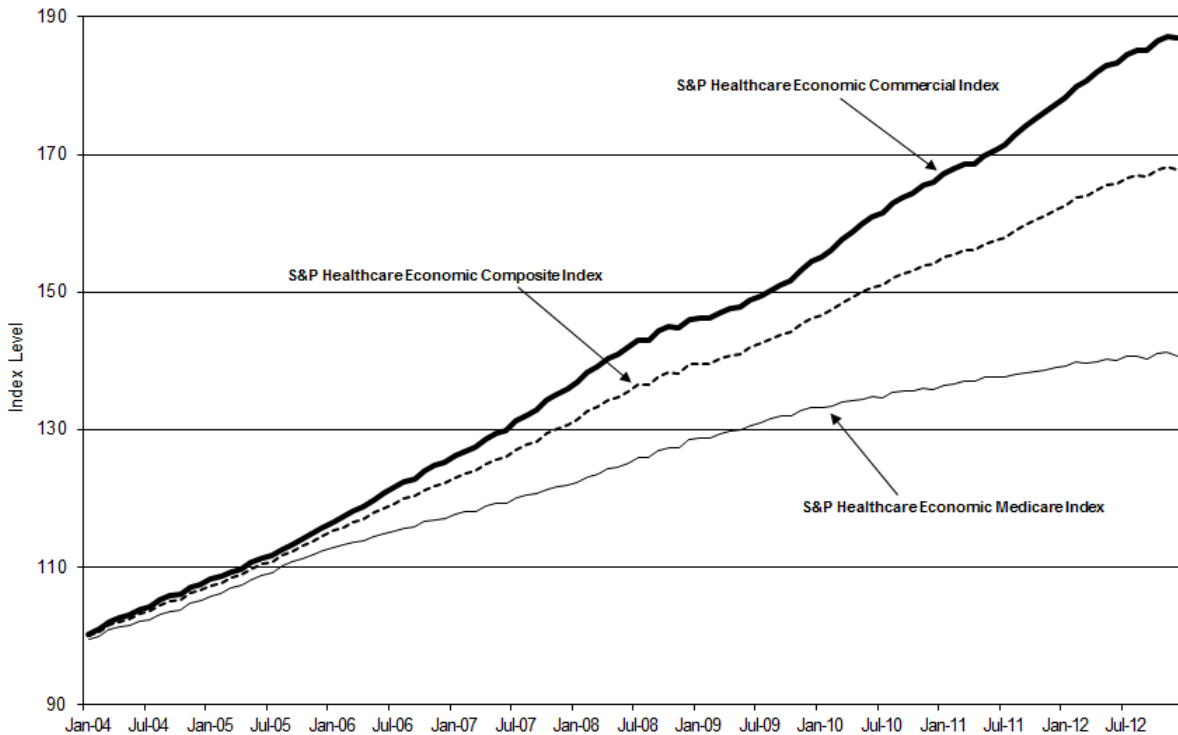
| Index | 1-Year Change (%) |
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| S&P Healthcare Economic Composite Index | 3.73% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Medicare Index | 1.20% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Commercial Index | 5.39% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Hospital Index | 2.56% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Hospital Medicare Index | 1.93% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Hospital Commercial Index | 3.01% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Professional Services Index | 4.78% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Professional Services Medicare Index | -0.12% |
| S&P Healthcare Economic Professional Services Commercial Index | 7.34% |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices

Data through December 2012

The chart below depicts the 12-month moving average for the Composite, Commercial and Medicare Indices. As observed in the past, medical costs funded by commercial insurance plans significantly exceed those funded by Medicare.

**S&P Healthcare Economic Indices
12-Month Moving Averages**



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices

The S&P Healthcare Economic Indices were developed in consultation with Health Index Advisors, a joint venture between Aon Hewitt and Milliman, Inc., and were derived from the former Milliman, Inc. Health Cost Index™ which was first published in 1987. The complete methodology, fact sheet and supporting research for the S&P Healthcare Economic Indices are available at <http://www.spindices.com/index-family/specialty/healthcare-cost>

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