

A caregiver in light blue scrubs is assisting an elderly patient with a walker. The patient is leaning forward, and the caregiver is holding the walker's handle. The background is a simple room with a white wall and a dark horizontal line.

Home Health Access

Patient Outcomes and Impact of Payment Rate Cuts

2022 - 2023

*Updated analysis for the Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare
from CareJourney by Arcadia*

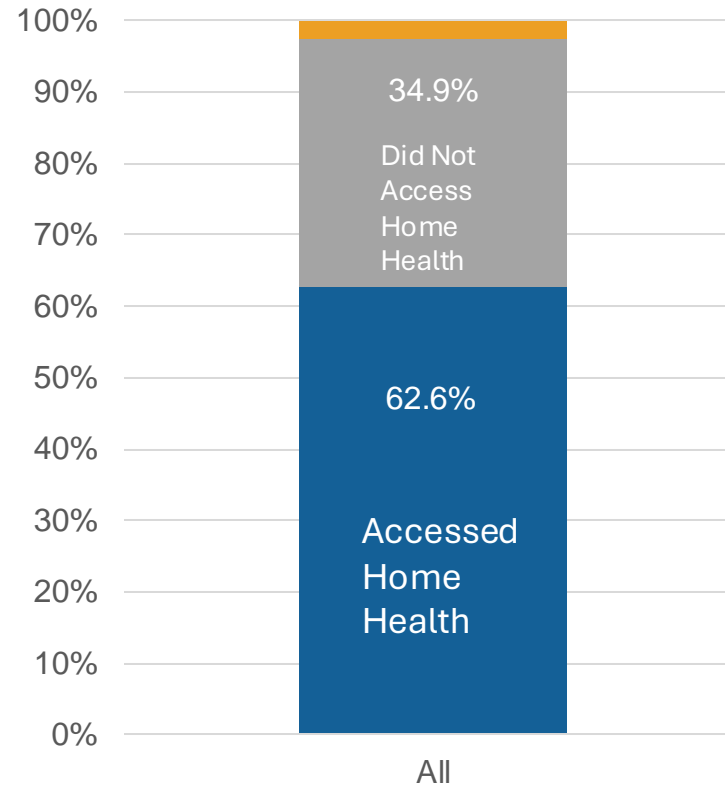
Home Health Access Worsens

More than a third of Medicare patients directed to home health after a hospitalization – did not access Home Health.

The Percentage of Patients Not accessing Home Health Increased by 2.3% from 2022 - 2023

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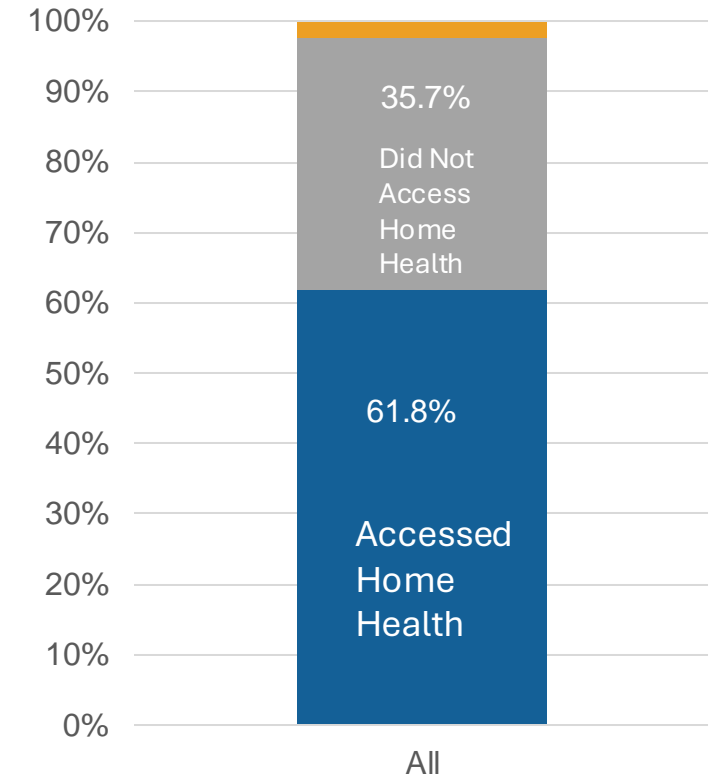
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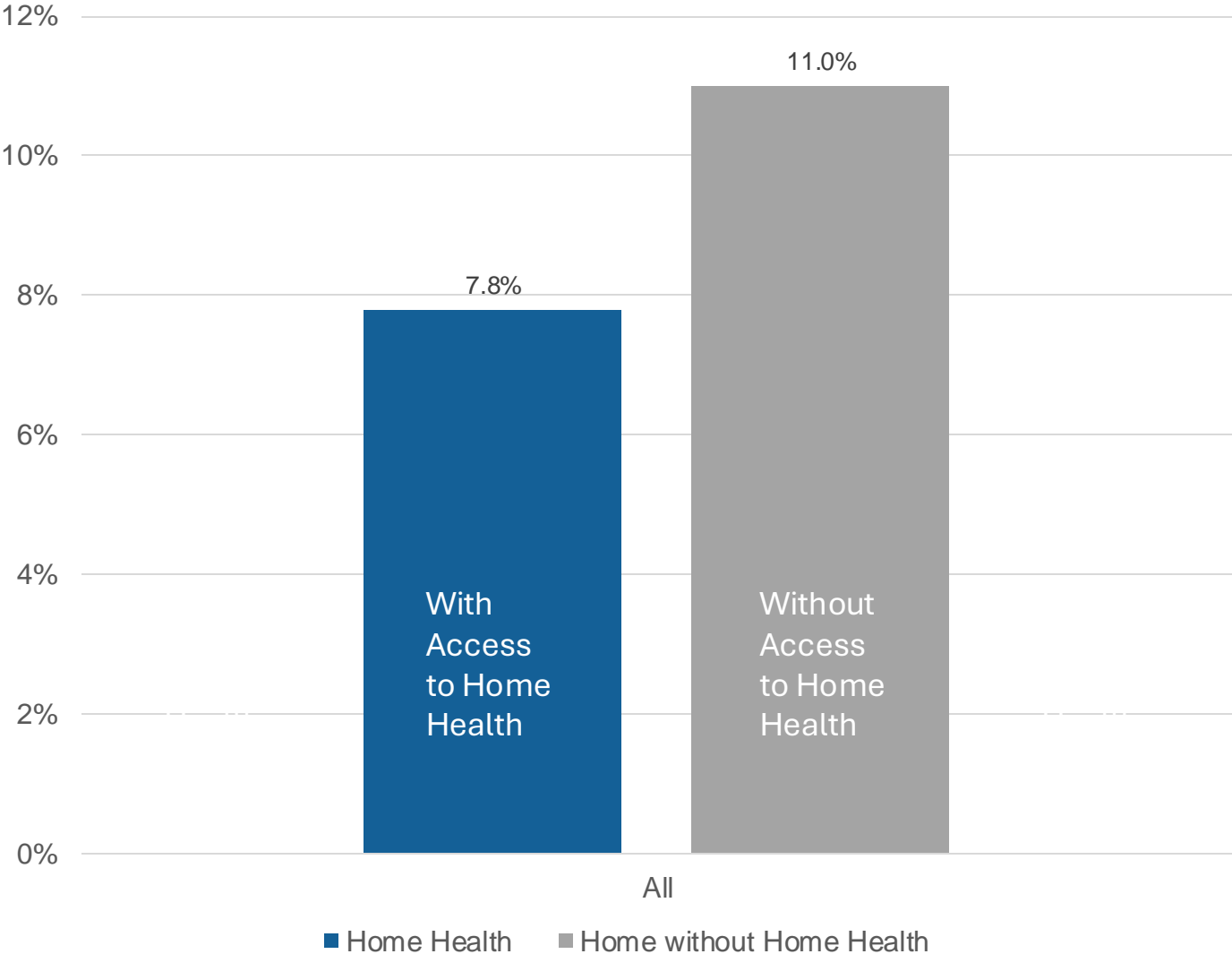
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Patients not accessing Home Health after hospital discharge had a **41% higher** mortality rate than those who gained access to Home Health.

Mortality rates remained high across 2022-2023.

2023

Mortality Rate within 90 Days of Discharge

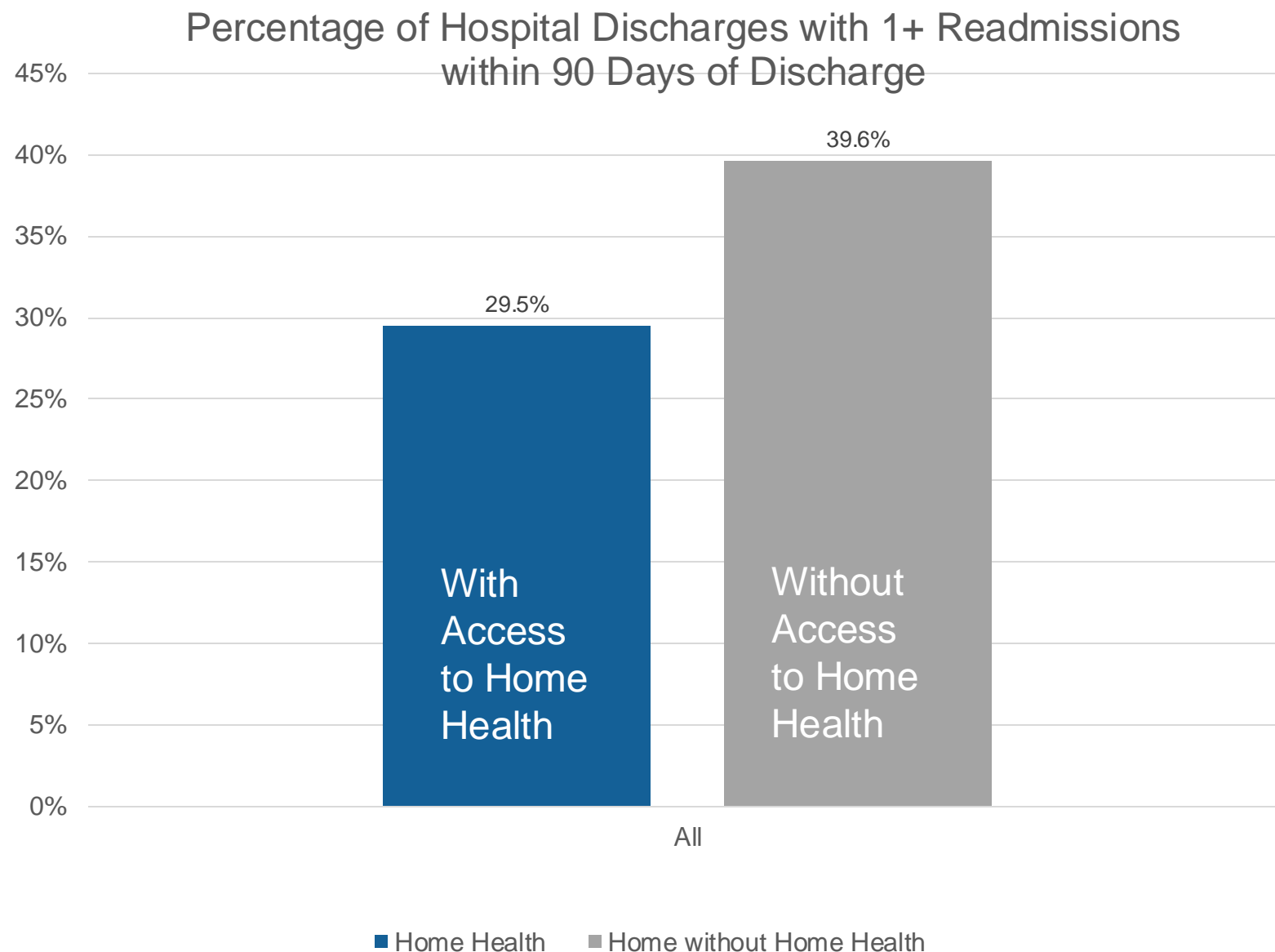


SOURCE: Medicare home health fee for service claims from 2022 through 2023

Access to Home Health results in 34% lower readmission rates.

For patients directed to Home Health after discharge, those receiving home health within 7 days of discharge saw ***substantially lower hospital readmission rates*** compared to those who went home without services.

2023

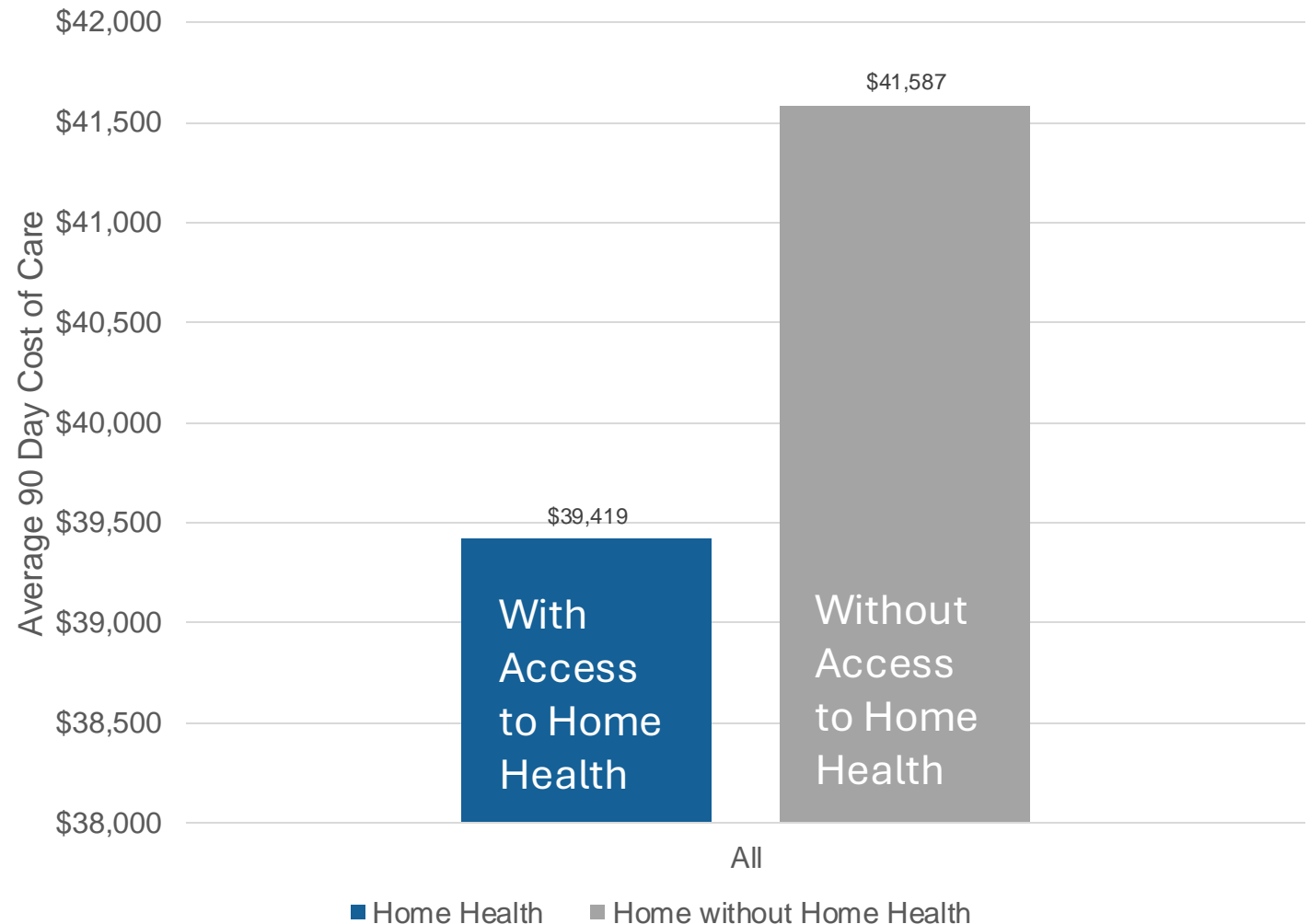


Gaining access to Home Health after discharge lowers Medicare spending.

Patients who had access to Home Health spent less overall than patients who were directed to home health and didn't receive it – representing a 5.5% savings in 2023 to the Medicare Trust Fund.

2023

Average 90 Day Cost of Care (Includes Hospital Stay) of Patients Directed to Home Health



Minority patients experience **10.4% lower rate of accessing** Home Health after discharge compared to white patients.

2023

Hospital Discharges Directed to Home Health and Access to Home Health within 7 Days of Discharge

