

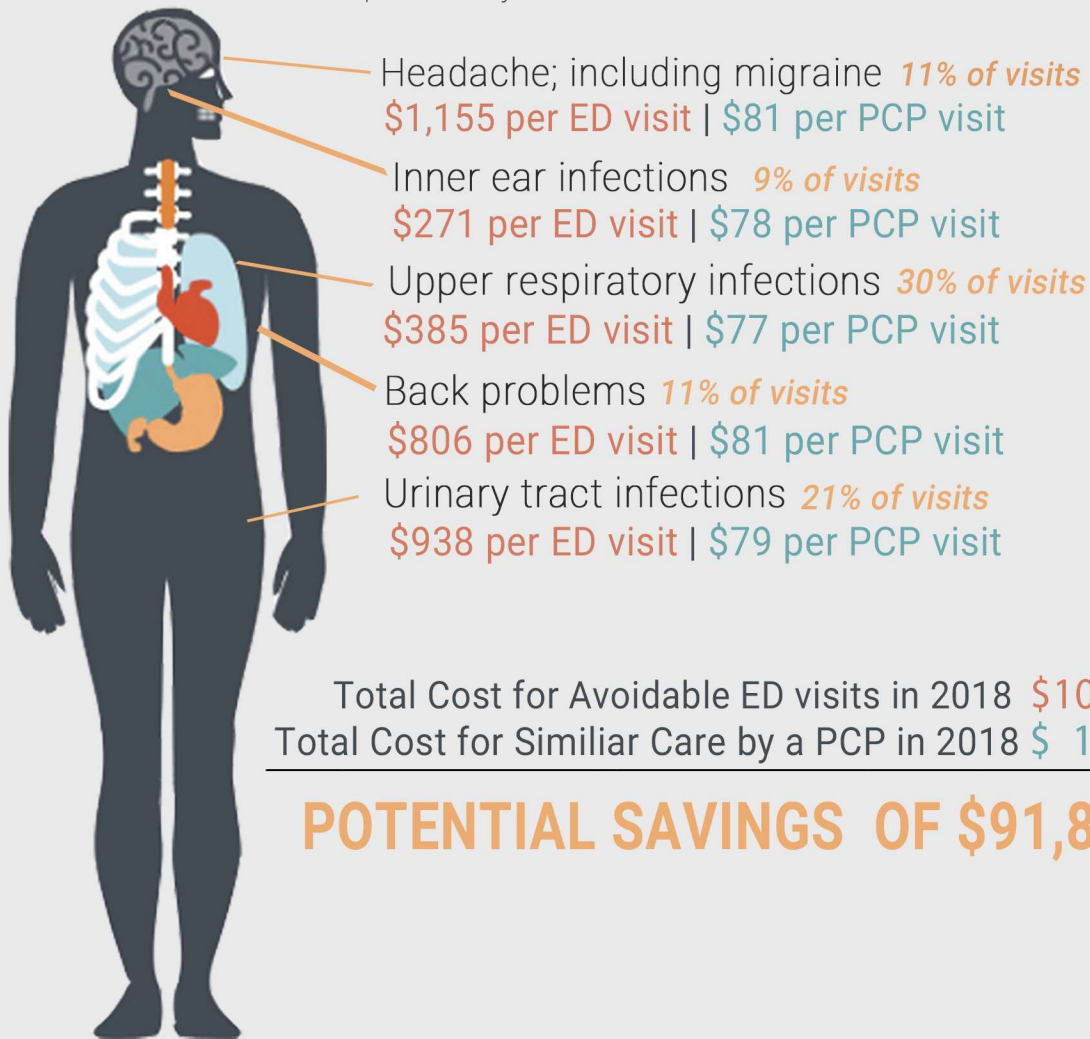
POTENTIALLY AVOIDABLE ED VISITS IN 2018



An emergency department (ED) visit is considered **potentially avoidable**¹ when the care provided may have been more appropriately managed by a primary care practitioner (PCP) in a lower cost setting, such as a physician's office.

COMMON AVOIDABLE VISITS ACROSS VIRGINIA

Of the 188,149 potentially avoidable ED visits, **82%** were for:



Total Cost for Avoidable ED visits in 2018 **\$103,877,090**
Total Cost for Similar Care by a PCP in 2018 **\$ 12,061,845**

POTENTIAL SAVINGS OF \$91,815,245

These visits have a large impact on the cost of healthcare for all Virginians.

Using data from the Virginia All Payer Claims Database (APCD), Virginia Health Information identified that **about 13%** of the 1.5 million ED visits in 2018 may have potentially been avoided and treated with lower cost care in a PCP's office.

¹Potentially avoidable ED visits were defined using the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) methodology. Other methodologies for potentially avoidable ED visits exist, which could produce different results.