Appendix 2 (as supplied by the authors): Two-year transition matrix estimating the probability of changing cost states within a 2-year period, where rows represent the current cost state and columns represent the future cost state in 2 years*

		Future Cost State (in 2 years)							
		Top 5% (Alive)	Top 5% (Died)	Top 5%–10% (Alive)	Top 5%–10% (Died)	Bottom 90% (Alive)	Bottom 90% (Died)	No Cost (Alive)	No cost (Died)
Current Cost State	Top 5% (Alive)	1.8	0.4	1.8	0.3	35.2	1.1	54.0	5.3
	Top 5% (Died)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
	Top 5%–10% (Alive)	1.8	0.4	1.9	0.3	37.2	1.1	53.6	3.8
	Top 5%–10% (Died)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
	Bottom 90% (Alive)	1.8	0.4	2.0	0.3	42.2	1.2	51.3	0.9
	Bottom 90% (Died)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
	No cost (Alive)	1.4	0.3	1.4	0.2	26.5	0.9	67.3	1.9
	No cost (Died)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100

*All estimates are reported as percentages (%). Within the matrix, all rows sum to 100%. Patients with no hospitalizations are categorized as "No cost (Alive)."

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