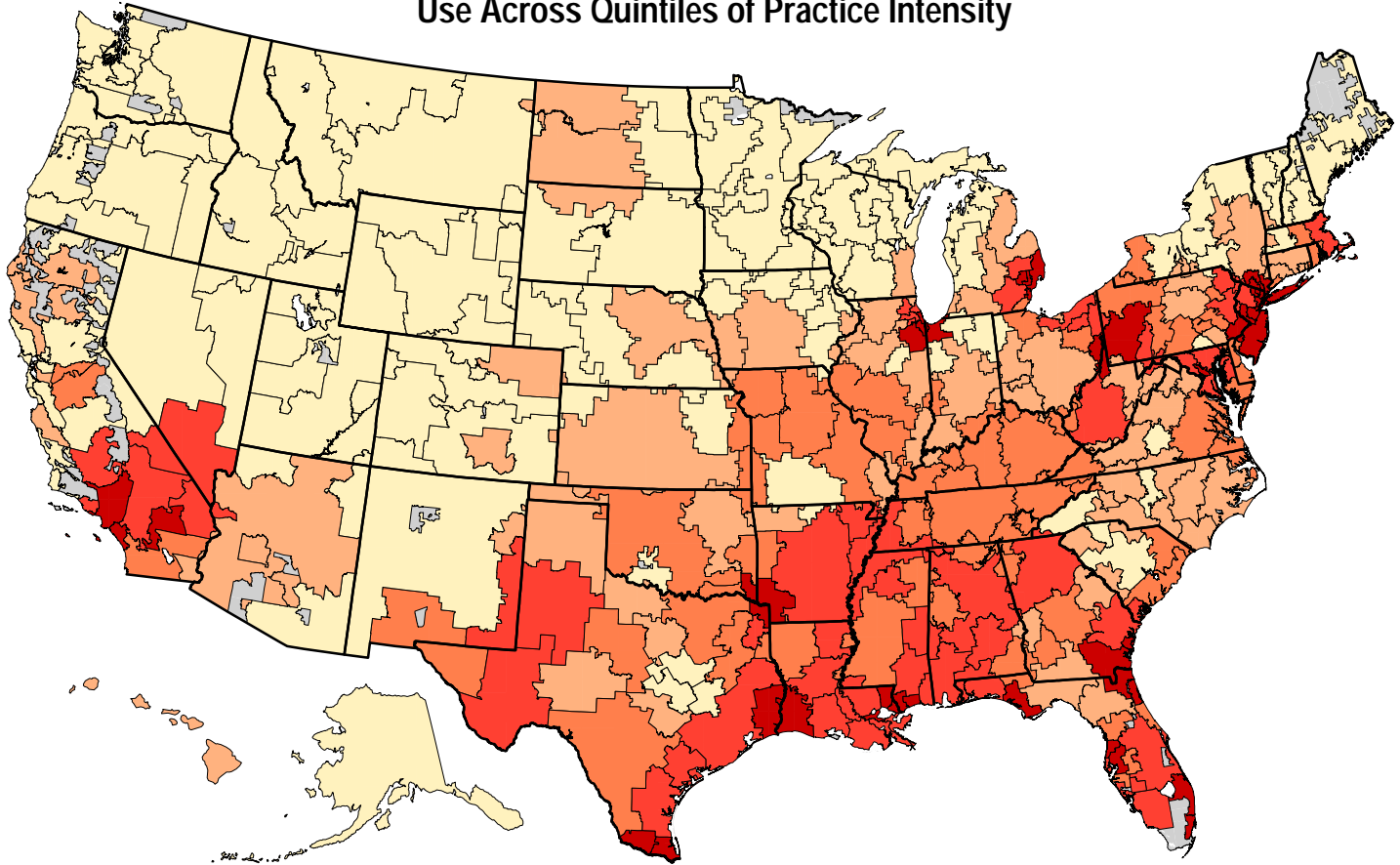


**Figure 1. Geographic Variations in Medicare Resource Use Across Quintiles of Practice Intensity**



	Quintile 1	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5
Average Intensity of Care in Last 6 Months of Life (1994-96)	\$9,015	\$10,593	\$11,526	\$12,564	\$14,581
Average per Capita Medicare Spending (1996)	\$3,963	\$4,406	\$4,916	\$5,431	\$6,298
Hospital Referral Regions (HRRs) with Populations Greater than 1 Million	Minneapolis, MN Seattle, WA Portland, OR Denver, CO Sacramento, CA Salt Lake City, UT San Jose, CA Albuquerque, NM San Francisco, CA Spokane, WA Rochester, NY Grand Rapids, MI Columbia, SC Syracuse, NY Fresno, CA Tucson, AZ	Columbus, OH Indianapolis, IN Milwaukee, WI Phoenix, AZ Charlotte, NC Albany, NY Arlington, VA Fort Worth, TX Cincinnati, OH Raleigh, NC Hartford, CT Alameda County, CA New Haven, CT Tulsa, OK Wichita, KS Honolulu, HI Omaha, NE Durham, NC Austin, TX Dayton, OH	Dallas, TX St. Louis, MO San Diego, CA Nashville, TN Kansas City, MO San Antonio, TX Oklahoma City, OK Louisville, KY Buffalo, NY Richmond, VA Lexington, KY Norfolk, VA Knoxville, TN Providence, RI Jackson, MS	Houston, TX Atlanta, GA Boston, MA Orlando, FL San Bernardino, CA Baltimore, MD Washington, DC Cleveland, OH Birmingham, AL Memphis, TN Little Rock, AR Ann Arbor, MI Melrose Park, IL Las Vegas, NV Allentown, PA	Los Angeles, CA Manhattan, NY East Long Island, NY Philadelphia, PA Pittsburgh, PA Orange County, CA Miami, FL Camden, NJ Chicago, IL Fort Lauderdale, FL Detroit, MI Newark, NJ Jacksonville, FL Bronx, NY Hackensack, NJ White Plains, NY