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In the hospital setting, adverse drug events are often caused by medication errors such as omissions, duplications, dosing errors, or unintended drug interactions. Patients experiencing adverse drug events may require extended lengths of stay and additional care that is costly for both patients and providers. Medication reconciliation is the process of comparing a patient's medication orders to all of the medications that the patient has been taking. A Markov chain model was created to investigate the effect of compliance level of medication reconciliation on patient health outcomes in both intensive care units and emergency rooms. Additionally, we conduct a cost benefit analysis for various levels of compliance.