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| **All-Payer All-Cause Unplanned Readmissions Fact Sheet** | |
| Name | Hospital-Wide, All-Payer, All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Rate |
| Description | Hospital-wide, all-payer, all-cause unplanned readmissions for patients aged 18+ readmitted within 30 days of discharge for all acute hospitals in Massachusetts. Excludes obstetrical and primary psychiatric discharges. |
| Time Period/Data Year(s) | Annual Rates: Fiscal Years 2011 – FY2014 |
| Frequency | Annually |
| Governing Legislation | M.G.L. c. 12C, section 14 |
| Statutory Definition | The measure is part of the Commonwealth’s Standard Quality Measure Set: “The center shall develop the uniform reporting of a standard set of health care quality measures for each health care provider facility, medical group, or provider group in the commonwealth hereinafter referred to as the “’standard quality measure set’.” |
| Data submitters | Massachusetts acute care hospitals |
| Data Included | Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data |
| Quality Assurance Process | * Data elements and their respective categories in CHIA’s hospital inpatient discharge data are closely evaluated before mapping to the specifications as outlined in the readmissions methodology * Inclusion and exclusions criteria are carefully assessed to make sure they are applied properly to the target patient populations (e.g., excluding obstetric discharges for the all-payer adult patient populations) * Key results are produced and evaluated by two analysts independently to ensure reproducibility and accuracy * Key rates are validated with external data where possible * Final publication materials are reviewed by internal staff, colleagues from external agencies, and an expert consultant |
| Reports | Hospital-Wide Adult All-Payer Readmissions in Massachusetts: 2011-2014 (February 2016)  http://www.chiamass.gov/hospital-wide-adult-all-payer-readmissions-in-massachusetts-2011-2014/ |
| Data Notes | This measure was initially developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Yale Center for Outcomes Research (CORE) for the Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries. CHIA adopted the methodology for all-payer adult patient populations using the data CHIA collected from all acute hospitals in Massachusetts in CHIA’s Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database. Risk-standardized readmissions rate (RSRR), accounting for patient case mix and hospital service mix, were presented for each hospital; weighted RSRR for each hospital cohort. Further methodological detail is available in [Appendix A of CHIA’s report](http://www.chiamass.gov/assets/docs/r/pubs/16/chia-readmissions-report-2011-2014.pdf). |
| How to obtain data | Databooks are available on CHIA’s [website](http://www.chiamass.gov/hospital-wide-adult-all-payer-readmissions-in-massachusetts-2011-2013/). |
| Related CHIA measures | Statewide hospital utilization rate |
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