



Plan All-Cause Readmissions

2024 Performance Year

Commercial, Medicaid, Medicare

Measure Description

For patients ages 18 and older, the number of acute inpatient and observation stays during the performance year that were followed by an **unplanned** acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days and the predicted probability of an acute readmission.

NOTE: A lower rate indicates a better score for this measure.

This measure is based on the number of discharges, not patients. A patient may fall into this measure several times during the performance year.

****NOTE: For Medicaid and Commercial patients – The included age range is 18–64 only.**

Required Exclusions

- Patients in hospice or using a hospice benefit anytime during the performance year
- Patients who passed away during the hospital stay
- Patients with a principal diagnosis of pregnancy on the discharge claim or a principal diagnosis of a condition originating in the perinatal period on the discharge claim
- Acute hospitalizations where the discharge claims has a diagnosis for:
 - Chemotherapy maintenance
 - Principle diagnosis of rehabilitation
 - Organ transplant
 - Potentially planned procedure without a principal acute diagnosis
- Patients who were admitted and discharged on the same day

Important Measure Notes

- This measure is based on claims and encounters. Supplemental data may be submitted to verify exclusion criteria.
- An acute discharge can be from any type of facility, including behavioral health facilities.
- A lower readmission rate and comprehensive diagnosis documentation will drive better scores for this measure.
- Patients with multiple comorbidities are expected to return post inpatient or observation discharge at a higher rate. Ensure all suspect conditions are appropriately identified in the patient's medical record and claims.
- Encourage patients to engage in palliative care or hospice programs as appropriate.
- **Remember to document Transition of Care Indicators, including medication reconciliation (Code 1111F).**
- Discharges are excluded if a direct transfer takes place after the end of the performance year.

Resources

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