

Emergency Department Visits by Home Care Patients in the Last 30 Days of Life

Alternate Name*

The percentage of patients receiving publicly funded home care who had an unplanned visit to the emergency department in the last 30 days of life

INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

Description*

This indicator shows the percentage of patients receiving publicly funded home care who had an unplanned visit to the emergency department in the last 30 days of life.

Such visits can be an extremely difficult experience for patients and could indicate they did not receive the care they needed in the community.

A lower percentage is better.

Indicator Status*

Active

HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

Dimension*

Effective

Type*

Outcome

DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

Unit of Measurement*

Percentage

Calculation Methods*

Numerator divided by denominator times 100

Numerator including inclusion/exclusion*

Description:

The number of decedents specified in the denominator who had at least one unplanned emergency department visit in the last 30 days before death

Inclusions:

Unscheduled/unplanned emergency department visits are identified by:

NACRS variables VISITTYPE = [1,2,4] or SCHEDULEDVISIT = N, where VISITTYPE values are:

1 = *Unplanned Emergency Department visit for a new clinical condition*

2 = *Unplanned return visit to Emergency Department for the same clinical condition*

3 = *Planned return visit to follow-up to the Emergency Department visit for the same clinical condition*

4 = *Patients referred for Emergency Department service provider assessment*

5 = *Patients referred and seen by a non-Emergency Department service provider*

SCHEDULEDVISIT values:

N = not scheduled

Y = scheduled

Denominator including inclusion/exclusion*

Description:

The number of home care patients who died in the given fiscal year

Exclusions:

Decedents who were in hospital for the entire period of 30 days before death, as people who are in hospital during this time cannot have an unplanned emergency department visit.

Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- detailed

Not applicable

Data Source

Home Care Database (HCD)

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)

Registered Persons Database (RPDB)

Data provided to HQO by

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

Reported Levels of comparability /stratifications (defined)

Province

Age

Income

Rurality

Region

Sex

RESULT UPDATES

Indicator Results

Not applicable

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Caveats and Limitations

Not all emergency department visits are avoidable. They do not always represent poor quality care.

Comments Detailed

None

Footnotes

Not applicable

TAGS

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Home Care

Outcome

End-of-life / Palliative

Effective

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