

# Readmissions for New Home Care Clients 30 Days After Leaving Hospital

## Alternate Name\*

New Home care clients who had an unplanned readmission to hospital in 30 days after leaving hospital

## INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

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### Description\*

This indicator measures the percentage of clients who were newly referred for home care services from the hospital that had unplanned hospital readmissions within 30 days of the initial hospital discharge. Generally, a lower percentage is better.

### Indicator Status\*

Active

### HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

### Dimension\*

Effective

### Type\*

Outcome

## DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

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### Unit of Measurement\*

Percentage

### Calculation Methods\*

The percentage is calculated as: numerator divided by the denominator times 100.

### Numerator including inclusion/exclusion\*

The number of unplanned hospitalizations by home care clients newly referred to home care services within 30 days of initial hospital discharge.

### Denominator including inclusion/exclusion\*

The number of clients newly referred to home care from hospital who were discharged from hospital and received their first home care service visit within the time period of interest.

The first home care service visit corresponds to the service associated with the home care referral and does not include case management, placement services, respite or other.

**Exclusions:**

- Invalid age (age < 0 or age > 120 years)
- Not an Ontario resident
- If age >= 65 years and date of last contact > 5 years prior to hospitalization
- Missing home care service date
- First home care service date precedes home care admission date
- Not defined as a long-stay or acute/short-stay home care client

**Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- detailed**

None

**Data Source**

Home Care Database (HCD)

Registered Persons Database (RPDB)

Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

**Data provided to HQO by**

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

**Reported Levels of comparability /stratifications (defined)**

Province

Region

## RESULT UPDATES

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**Indicator Results**

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## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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**Caveats and Limitations**

Readmission may occur before or after the first home care service visit.

**Comments Detailed**

1) 30 days are subtracted from the end of each fiscal year (i.e., March) to allow for 30 day follow up during the last reported quarter. This is done for results by fiscal year and by fiscal quarter, resulting in the fourth fiscal quarter having smaller counts than the other three quarters. 2) Indicator is reported for new home care clients only (i.e. numerator counts referrals and referrals only occur for clients not already receiving home care). 3) Indicator assumes that referrals with a referral date between hospital admission date and seven days after hospital discharge are referrals from hospital. It does not capture the location of the referral.

## TAGS

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Home Care  
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Integration  
Effective  
Home Care Database (HCD)  
Registered Persons Database (RPDB)  
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

## PUBLISH

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### PUBLISH DATETIME\*

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