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Emergency Department Visits by Home Care Clients in 30 Days After Leaving Hospital

Alternate Name*

Home care clients who had an unplanned emergency department visit in 30 days after leaving hospital

INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

Description*

This is the percentage of new publicly funded home care clients, of all ages, who had an unplanned emergency department visit in 30 days after leaving hospital. A lower percentage of clients is better. Timely follow-up after hospital discharge can help prevent the return of home care clients to the emergency department.

HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

Dimension*

Efficient

Type*

Outcome

DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

Unit of Measurement*

Percentage

Calculation Methods*

Numerator divided by the denominator times 100.

Numerator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

The number of unscheduled emergency department visits by home care clients newly referred to home care services within 30 days of initial hospital discharge

Denominator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

The number of clients 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

Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- generalized

None

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

Region

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Caveats and Limitations

The emergency department visit may occur before or after the first home care service visit.

Comments Summary

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).

TAGS

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Home Care

Outcome

Integration

Efficient

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