

Hospital Equity Measures Report

General Information

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Overview

Assembly Bill No. 1204 requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to develop and administer a Hospital Equity Measures Reporting Program to collect and post summaries of key hospital performance and patient outcome data regarding sociodemographic information, including but not limited to age, sex, race/ethnicity, payor type, language, disability status, and sexual orientation and gender identity.

Hospitals (general acute, children's, and acute psychiatric) and hospital systems are required to annually submit their reports to HCAI. These reports contain summaries of each measure, the top 10 disparities, and the equity plans to address the identified disparities. HCAI is required to maintain a link on the HCAI website that provides access to the content of hospital equity measures reports and equity plans to the public. All submitted hospitals are required to post their reports on their websites, as well.

Laws and Regulations

For more information on Assembly Bill No. 1204, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1204

Hospital Equity Measures

Joint Commission Accreditation

General acute care hospitals are required to report three structural measures based on the Commission Accreditation's Health Care Disparities Reduction and Patient-Centered Communication Accreditation Standards. For more information on these measures, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

<https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/r3-report/r3-report-issue-36-new-requirements-to-reduce>

-health-care-disparities/

The first two structural measures are scored as "yes" or "no"; the third structural measure comprises the percentages of patients by five categories of preferred languages spoken, in addition to one other/unknown language category.

Designate an individual to lead hospital health equity activities (Y = Yes, N = No).

Y

Provide documentation of policy prohibiting discrimination (Y = Yes, N = No).

Y

Number of patients that were asked their preferred language, five defined categories and one other/unknown languages category.

175467

Table 1. Summary of preferred languages reported by patients.

| Languages | Number of patients who report preferring language | Total number of patients | Percentage of total patients who report preferring language (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| English Language | 141238 | 175467 | 80.5 |
| Spanish Language | 23582 | 175467 | 13.4 |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | 7255 | 175467 | 4.1 |
| Middle Eastern Languages | 1073 | 175467 | 0.6 |
| American Sign Language | | 175467 | |
| Other Languages | 2319 | 175467 | 1.3 |

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Structural (HCHE) Measure

There are five domains that make up the CMS Hospital Commitment to HCHE measures. Each domain is scored as "yes" or "no." In order to score "yes," a general acute care hospital is required to confirm all the domain's attestations. Lack of one or more of the attestations results in a score of "no." For more information on the CMS Hospital Commitment to HCHE measures, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:
<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals/health-equity>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Structural (HCHE) Measure Domain 1: Strategic Planning (Yes/No)

- Our hospital strategic plan identifies priority populations who currently experience health disparities.
- Our hospital strategic plan identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieve these goals.
- Our hospital strategic plan outlines specific resources that have been dedicated to achieving our equity goals.
- Our hospital strategic plan describes our approach for engaging key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations.

Y

CMS HCHE Measure Domain 2: Data Collection (Yes/No)

- Our hospital strategic plan identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieve these goals.
- Our hospital has training for staff in culturally sensitive collection of demographics and/or social determinant of health

information.

- Our hospital inputs demographic and/or social determinant of health information collected from patients into structured, interoperable data elements using a certified electronic health record (EHR) technology.

Y

CMS HCHE Measure Domain 3: Data Analysis (Yes/No)

- Our hospital stratifies key performance indicators by demographic and/or social determinants of health variables to identify equity gaps and includes this information in hospital performance dashboards.

Y

CMS HCHE Measure Domain 4: Quality Improvement (Yes/No)

- Our hospital participates in local, regional or national quality improvement activities focused on reducing health disparities.

Y

CMS HCHE Measure Domain 5: Leadership Engagement (Yes/No)

- Our hospital senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire hospital board of trustees, annually reviews our strategic plan for achieving health equity.
- Our hospital senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire hospital board of trustees, annually review key performance indicators stratified by demographic and/or social factors.

N

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)

General acute care hospitals are required to report on rates of screenings and intervention rates among patients above 18 years old for five health related social needs (HRSN), which are food insecurity, housing instability, transportation problems, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety. These rates are reported separately as being screened as positive for any of the five HRSNs, positive for each individual HRSN, and the intervention rate for each positively screened HRSN. For more information on the CMS SDOH, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/key-concepts/social-drivers-health-and-health-related-social-needs>

Number of patients admitted to an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission and are screened for all of the five HRSN

19762

Total number of patients who are admitted to a hospital inpatient stay and who are 18 years or older on the date of admission

23051

Rate of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission, were screened for an HRSN, and who screened positive for one or more of the HRSNs

85.7

Table 2. Positive screening rates and intervention rates for the five Health Related Social Needs of the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Social Drivers of Health (SDOH).

| Social Driver of Health | Number of positive screenings | Rate of positive screenings (%) | Number of positive screenings who received intervention | Rate of positive screenings who received intervention (%) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Food Insecurity | 177 | 0.8 | 0 | |
| Housing Instability | 185 | 0.8 | 0 | |
| Transportation Problems | 81 | 0.4 | 0 | |
| Utility Difficulties | 166 | 0.7 | 0 | |
| Interpersonal Safety | 182 | 0.8 | 0 | |

Core Quality Measures for General Acute Care Hospitals

There are two quality measures from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey. For more information on the HCAHPS survey, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

<https://hcahpsonline.org/en/survey-instruments/>

Patient Recommends Hospital

The first HCAHPS quality measure is the percentage of patients who would recommend the hospital to friends and family. For this measure, general acute care hospitals provide the percentage of patient respondents who responded "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to whether they would recommend the hospital, the percentage of the people who responded to the survey (i.e., the response rate), and the inputs for the percentages. The percentages and inputs are stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding HCAHPS question number is 19.

Number of respondents who replied "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to HCAHPS Question 19, "Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?"

5172

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 19

5332

Percentage of total respondents who responded "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to HCAHPS Question 19

97

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 19

24236

Response rate, or the percentage of people who responded to HCAHPS Question 19

22

Table 3. Patient recommends hospital by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|--|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | | | |
| Asian | | | | | |
| Black or African American | | | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | | | | | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | | | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| White | | | | | |

| Age | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Age < 18 | | | | | |
| Age 18 to 34 | | | | | |
| Age 35 to 49 | | | | | |
| Age 50 to 64 | | | | | |
| Age 65 Years and Older | | | | | |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Female | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | |
| Unknown | | | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Medicare | | | | | |
| Medicaid | | | | | |
| Private | | | | | |
| Self-Pay | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |

| Preferred Language | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| English Language | | | | | |
| Spanish Language | | | | | |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | | | | | |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | | | |
| American Sign Language | | | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | | | | | |

| Disability Status | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Does not have a disability | | | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | | | |
| Bisexual | | | | | |
| Something else | | | | | |
| Don't know | | | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Female | | | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans | | | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | | | |

Patient Received Information in Writing

The second HCAHPS quality measure is the percentage of patients who reported receiving information in writing on symptoms and health problems to look out for after leaving the hospital. General acute care hospitals are required to provide the percentage of patient respondents who responded "yes" to being provided written information, the percentage of the people who responded to the survey (i.e., the response rate), and the inputs for these percentages. These percentages and inputs are stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding HCAHPS question number is 17.

Number of respondents who replied "yes" to HCAHPS Question 17, "During this hospital stay, did you get information in writing about what symptoms or health problems to look out for after you left the

hospital?"

4799

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 17

5332

Percentage of respondents who responded "yes" to HCAHPS Question 17

90

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 17

24236

Response rate, or the percentage of people who responded to HCAHPS Question 17

22

Table 4. Patient reports receiving information in writing about symptoms or health problems by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | | | |
| Asian | | | | | |
| Black or African American | | | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | | | | | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | | | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| White | | | | | |

| Age | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Age < 18 | | | | | |
| Age 18 to 34 | | | | | |
| Age 35 to 49 | | | | | |
| Age 50 to 64 | | | | | |
| Age 65 Years and Older | | | | | |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Female | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | |
| Unknown | | | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Medicare | | | | | |
| Medicaid | | | | | |
| Private | | | | | |
| Self-Pay | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |

| Preferred Language | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| English Language | | | | | |
| Spanish Language | | | | | |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | | | | | |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | | | |
| American Sign | | | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | | | | | |

| Disability Status | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Does not have a disability | | | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | | | |
| Has a cognition | | | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | | | |
| Has a self-care | | | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | | | |
| Bisexual | | | | | |
| Something else | | | | | |
| Don't know | | | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of "yes" responses | Total number of responses | Percentage of "yes" responses (%) | Total number of patients surveyed | Response rate of patients surveyed (%) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Female | | | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans woman | | | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | | | |

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Indicators

General acute care hospitals are required to report on two indicators from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). For general information about AHRQ indicators, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:
<https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/>

Pneumonia Mortality Rate

The Pneumonia Mortality Rate is defined as the rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission for patients ages 18 years and older. General acute care hospitals report the Pneumonia Mortality Rate by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicator is 20. For more information about this indicator, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:
https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/IQI/V2023/TechSpecs/IQI_20_Pneumonia_Mortality_Rate.pdf

Number of in-hospital deaths with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission

31

Total number of hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission

579

Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission

53.5

Table 5. Pneumonia Mortality Rate by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|---|--|---|--|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| White | 16 | 282 | 56.7 |

| Age | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Age < 18 | | | |
| Age 18 to 34 | 0 | 34 | 0 |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 65 Years and Older | 25 | 410 | 61 |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Female | 11 | 276 | 39.9 |
| Male | 20 | 303 | 66 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Medicare | 25 | 395 | 63.3 |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications

The Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications is defined as the rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 surgical discharges among patients ages 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications. General acute care hospitals report this measure by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding AHRQ Patient Safety Indicator is 04. For more information about this indicator, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/PSI/V2023/TechSpecs/PSI_04_Death_Rate_among_Surgical_Inpatients_with_Serious_Treatable_Complications.pdf

Number of in-hospital deaths among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications

61

Total number of surgical discharges among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients

332

Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 surgical discharges, among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications

183.7

Table 6. Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|--|---|--|---|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| White | 30 | 165 | 181.8 |

| Age | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Age < 18 | | | |
| Age 18 to 34 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | 11 | 92 | 119.6 |
| Age 65 Years and Older | 46 | 188 | 244.7 |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Female | 26 | 135 | 192.6 |
| Male | 35 | 197 | 177.7 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Medicare | 41 | 193 | 212.4 |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|---|--|---|--|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Core Quality Measures

There are three core quality maternal measures adopted from the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC).

CMQCC Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate

The CMQCC Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate is defined as nulliparous women with a term (at least 37 weeks gestation), singleton baby in a vertex position delivered by cesarian birth. General acute care hospitals report the NTSV Cesarean Birth Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

<https://www.cmqcc.org/quality-improvement-toolkits/supporting-vaginal-birth/ntsv-cesarean-birth-measure-specifications>

Number of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries

NA

Total number of nulliparous NTSV patients

NA

Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries

NA

Table 7. Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Asian | | | |
| Black or African American | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | | |
| White | | | |
| Age | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
| Age < 18 | | | |
| Age 18 to 29 | | | |
| Age 30 to 39 | | | |
| Age 40 Years and Older | | | |
| Sex assigned at birth | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
| Female | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Unknown | | | |
| Payer Type | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
| Medicare | | | |
| Medicaid | | | |
| Private | | | |
| Self-Pay | | | |
| Other | | | |
| Preferred Language | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
| English Language | | | |
| Spanish Language | | | |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | | | |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | | | |

| Disability Status | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries | Total number of NTSV patients | Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate

The CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate is defined as vaginal births per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries. General acute care hospitals report the VBAC Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The VBAC Rate uses the specifications of AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicator 22. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

[https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/IQI/V2023/TechSpecs/IQI_22_Vaginal_Birth_After_Cesarean_\(VBAC\)_Delivery_Rate_Uncomplicated.pdf](https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/IQI/V2023/TechSpecs/IQI_22_Vaginal_Birth_After_Cesarean_(VBAC)_Delivery_Rate_Uncomplicated.pdf)

Number of vaginal delivery among cases with previous Cesarean delivery that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

suppressed

Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

suppressed

Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries

suppressed

Table 8. Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|---|---|---|--|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific | | | |
| White | | | |

| Age | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Age < 18 | | | |
| Age 18 to 29 | | | |
| Age 30 to 39 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 40 Years and Older | | | |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Female | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Male | | | |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| Medicare | | | |
| Medicaid | | | |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | | | |
| Other | | | |

| Preferred Language | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | | | |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | | | |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | | | |

| Disability Status | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery | Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery | Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%) |
|---|---|---|--|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate

The CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate is defined as the newborns per 100 who reached at least 37 weeks of gestation (or 3000g if gestational age is missing) who received breast milk

exclusively during their stay at the hospital. Other criteria are that the newborns did not go to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), transfer, or die, did not reflect multiple gestation, and did not have codes for parenteral nutrition or galactosemia. General acute care hospitals report the Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate uses the Joint Commission National Quality Measure PC-05. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser: <https://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2024B/MIF0170.html>

Number of newborn cases that were exclusively fed breast milk during their hospital stay and meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

NA

Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

NA

Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively fed breast milk during their hospital stay and meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

NA

Table 9. Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|--|---|---|--|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Asian | | | |
| Black or African American | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific | | | |
| White | | | |

| Age | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| Age < 18 | | | |
| Age 18 to 29 | | | |
| Age 30 to 39 | | | |
| Age 40 Years and Older | | | |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Female | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Medicare | | | |
| Medicaid | | | |
| Private | | | |
| Self-Pay | | | |
| Other | | | |

| Preferred Language | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|---|--|--|---|
| English Language | | | |
| Spanish Language | | | |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | | | |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | | | |

| Disability Status | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria | Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%) |
|---|--|--|---|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate

General acute care hospitals are required to report several HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rates, which are broadly defined as the percentage of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for eligible conditions within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 years and older. These rates are first stratified based on any eligible condition, mental health disorders, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and no behavioral health diagnosis. Then, each condition-stratified hospital readmission rate is further stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. For more information on the HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://hcai.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/HCAI-All-Cause-Readmission-Rate-Exclusions_ADA.pdf

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate – Any Eligible Condition

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date of an eligible index admission and were 18 years or older at time of admission

3203

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

18430

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for any eligible condition within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

17.4

Table 10. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for any eligible condition by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 12 | 45 | 26.7 |
| Asian | 491 | 2874 | 17.1 |
| Black or African American | 224 | 1063 | 21.1 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 774 | 3580 | 21.6 |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | 74 | 398 | 18.6 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 52 | 311 | 16.7 |
| White | 1422 | 9083 | 15.7 |

| Age | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Age 18 to 34 | 239 | 1307 | 18.3 |
| Age 35 to 49 | 483 | 2367 | 20.4 |
| Age 50 to 64 | 834 | 4354 | 19.2 |
| Age 65 Years and Older | 1647 | 10402 | 15.8 |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | 1610 | 9201 | 17.5 |
| Male | 1593 | 9229 | 17.3 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Medicare | 1895 | 11159 | 17 |
| Medicaid | 606 | 2772 | 21.9 |
| Private | 665 | 4140 | 16.1 |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| English Language | 2704 | 15873 | 17 |
| Spanish Language | 273 | 1237 | 22.1 |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | 166 | 966 | 17.2 |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Mental Health Disorders

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for mental health disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

834

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

4375

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for mental health disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

19.1

Table 11. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for mental health disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| White | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Age | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Age 18 to 34 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 65 Years and Older | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | 510 | 2682 | 19 |
| Male | 324 | 1693 | 19.1 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Medicare | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Substance Use Disorders

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for substance use disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

237

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

1068

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for substance use disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

22.2

Table 12. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for substance use disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of inpatient admissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| White | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Age | Number of inpatient admissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Age 18 to 34 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 65 Years and Older | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of inpatient admissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Male | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of inpatient admissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Medicare | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of inpatient admissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | | | |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Co-occurring disorders

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for co-occurring disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

277

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

1080

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for co-occurring disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

25.6

Table 13. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for co-occurring disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| White | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Age | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Age 18 to 34 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 65 Years and Older | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | 120 | 461 | 26 |
| Male | 157 | 619 | 25.4 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Medicare | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | | | |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - No Behavioral Health Diagnosis

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date with no behavioral diagnosis and were 18 years or older at time of admission

1855

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

11907

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission with no behavioral diagnosis within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

15.6

Table 14. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate with No Behavioral Diagnosis by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

| Race and/or Ethnicity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Black or African American | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Hispanic or Latino | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern or North African | | | |
| Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races) | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| White | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Age | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Age 18 to 34 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 35 to 49 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 50 to 64 | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Age 65 Years and Older | 1153 | 7486 | 15.4 |

| Sex assigned at birth | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | 892 | 5733 | 15.6 |
| Male | 963 | 6174 | 15.6 |
| Unknown | | | |

| Payer Type | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Medicare | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Medicaid | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Private | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Self-Pay | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Other | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Preferred Language | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| English Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Spanish Language | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Asian Pacific Islander Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| Middle Eastern Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |
| American Sign Language | | | |
| Other/Unknown Languages | suppressed | suppressed | suppressed |

| Disability Status | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Does not have a disability | | | |
| Has a mobility disability | | | |
| Has a cognition disability | | | |
| Has a hearing disability | | | |
| Has a vision disability | | | |
| Has a self-care disability | | | |
| Has an independent living disability | | | |

| Sexual Orientation | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Lesbian, gay or homosexual | | | |
| Straight or heterosexual | | | |
| Bisexual | | | |
| Something else | | | |
| Don't know | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

| Gender Identity | Number of inpatient readmissions | Total number of admitted patients | Readmission rate (%) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/trans man | | | |
| Male | | | |
| Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman | | | |
| Non-conforming gender | | | |
| Additional gender category or other | | | |
| Not disclosed | | | |

Health Equity Plan

All general acute care hospitals report a health equity plan that identifies the top 10 disparities and a written plan to address them.

Top 10 Disparities

Disparities for each hospital equity measure are identified by comparing the rate ratios by stratification groups. Rate ratios are calculated differently for measures with preferred low rates and those with preferred high rates. Rate ratios are calculated after applying the California Health and Human Services Agency's "Data De-Identification Guidelines (DDG)," dated September 23, 2016.

Table 15. Top 10 disparities and their rate ratio values.

| Measures | Stratifications | Stratification Group | Stratification Rate | Reference Group | Reference Rate | Rate Ratio |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| AHRQ Patient Safety Indicator Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications | Age (excluding maternal measures) | 65 and older | 244.7 | 50 to 64 | 119.6 | 2 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Race and/or Ethnicity | American Indian or Alaska Native | 26.7 | White | 15.7 | 1.7 |
| Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Quality Indicator Pneumonia Mortality | Sex Assigned at Birth | Male | 66 | Female | 39.9 | 1.7 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Race and/or Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | 21.6 | White | 15.7 | 1.4 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Expected Payor | Medicaid | 21.9 | Private | 16.1 | 1.4 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Race and/or Ethnicity | American Indian or Alaska Native | 26.7 | White | 15.7 | 1.3 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Preferred Language | Spanish Language | 22.1 | English Language | 17 | 1.3 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Age (excluding maternal measures) | 35 to 49 | 20.4 | 65 and older | 15.8 | 1.3 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Age (excluding maternal measures) | 50 to 64 | 19.2 | 65 and older | 15.8 | 1.2 |
| HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate | Race and/or Ethnicity | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 18.6 | White | 15.7 | 1.2 |

Plan to address disparities identified in the data

Stanford Health Care (SHC) is guided by our mission to heal humanity through science and compassion. We are committed to person-centered, equitable care that improves access, quality, safety, patient experience, and clinical outcomes.ð

SHC reviewed the top 10 disparities identified using the HCAI Hospital Equity Measures methodology and developed a comprehensive plan to address variation in outcomes and patient experience. As indicated in Table 1, the top disparities include six related to 30-day all-cause unplanned readmissions and four related to mortality.ð

(i) Measure and Stratification Groups: Variation was observed in readmissions and mortality when stratified as required by HCAI requirements for vulnerable populations. Please refer to Table 1. ð

(ii) Reference Group: Comparisons according to the stratified groups in the HCAI methodology can be found for each disparity in Table 1. ð

(iii) Rate Ratio (RR): The table highlights the differences in risk of the event between the disparity group and the reference group. This is expressed as the Rate Ratio. Please see Table 1 for the RR of each disparity group identified.ð

(iv) Actions, Population Impact, Objectives, and Timeframes:ð

SHC utilizes multidisciplinary management guidance teams (MGTs) to bring together clinical and operational leaders for clinical improvement in key areas, such as mortality, readmissions, length of stay, hospital-acquired conditions and infections, and access to care. As part of our clinical improvement structure, SHC established a Health Equity MGT that prioritizes quality improvement for actionable disparities in quality, safety, patient experience, and clinical outcomes. Stanford Medicine collaboratively developed a Health Equity Measurement Framework (HEMF) with internal and external partners to standardize data collection, stratification, analysis, and visualization. The framework enables identification of disparities, reduction in avoidable variation, and sustained

improvements across populations. SHC will continue to apply the HEMF in fiscal year (FY) 2026.ð
Data Collection: We Ask Because We Care is a Stanford Medicine-wide initiative designed to improve the precision and completeness of patient-reported demographic data and educate patients, providers, and staff on why these questions matter. SHC will continue to leverage this initiative to better understand our patients' unique contexts that may impact their care experience and outcomes.ð

Readmissions: SHC focuses on reducing unplanned readmissions through a multidisciplinary, coordinated clinical improvement structure. In FY 2026, the HEMF will be applied across all patient populations to assess demographic patterns in readmissions, identify actionable variations in care, and develop interventions. For example, the Appointment Before Discharge program increases the number of hospitalized patients with timely internal and external follow-up appointments prior to discharge, supporting safe transition to home.ð

Mortality: SHC's measurable objective is to achieve a lower mortality rate compared to the prior fiscal year. In FY 2026, the HEMF will be applied across all patients to identify groups experiencing higher rates of mortality than expected, determine whether actionable variations in care are present, and implement interventions. Success will be evaluated through quarterly dashboards reviews, focusing on highest- and lowest-performing groups and sustained improvement.

Performance in the priority area

General acute care hospitals are required to provide hospital equity plans that address the top 10 disparities by identifying population impact and providing measurable objectives and specific timeframes. For each disparity, hospital equity plans will address performance across priority areas: person-centered care, patient safety, addressing patient social drivers of health, effective treatment, care coordination, and access to care.

Person-centered care

SHC is committed to ensuring that every patient's experience reflects respect, inclusion, and compassion. SHC is recognized by Healthgrades, Leapfrog, and U.S. News & World Report for excellence in patient experience. Using HCAHPS results, patient interviews, and comments, SHC deploys data-driven approaches to improve person-centered care. ð

Person-Centered Communication: SHC employs C-I-CARE (Connect, Introduce, Communicate, Ask, Respond, Exit) to standardize compassionate, relationship-based interactions among patients, families, and colleagues. ð

Language Access and Culturally Responsive Care: All patients are screened for preferred language, and qualified interpreters are provided for non-English encounters. For more than 50 years, SHC's Medical Interpretation and Translation Services Program has offered 24/7 in-person, phone, and video interpretation and document translation. Interpreter use is actively monitored using data from the electronic health record to support clear communication and understanding. In FY 2026, SHC will establish a Multicultural Care workgroup to guide linguistically tailored and culturally responsive practices, ensuring care teams are equipped to meet diverse patient needs.ð

Partnerships with Patients and Families: The Patient and Family Advisory Councils are comprised of diverse patient and community representatives that serve as partners in co-designing SHC improvement initiatives aimed at communication and wayfinding for patients and families.ð

Navigation and Accessibility: SHC's Ground Navigation Services provide in-person assistance to patients and visitors across campuses, improving ease of movement and reducing stress associated with navigating large medical facilities.

Patient safety

SHC maintains a strong commitment to safe care across all care settings. The organization

prioritizes prevention, identification, and review of safety events, and implements solutions that reduce the potential for future occurrences.Đ

Two MGTs oversee hospital-acquired conditions-such as falls, pressure injuries, and postoperative sepsis - and healthcare-associated infections, including CAUTI, CLABSI, and HO/CDI. These teams conduct structured reviews of each event to identify workflow opportunities, share lessons learned, and strengthen preventive practices. The MGTs collaborate closely with unit leadership and the Infection Prevention team, to standardize best practices and reduce variability in safety processes. Event data are stratified monthly by patient-reported demographics in accordance with HCAI requirements and analyzed using statistical modeling to detect meaningful differences among vulnerable populations.

Addressing patient social drivers of health

SHC has implemented a multifaceted strategy that combines patient screening, community partnerships, and real-time data integration for SDOH. Đ

SHC screens all hospitalized patients for five key social needs-food security, housing stability, transportation, utility and financial strain, and interpersonal safety-using a validated Epic Social Determinants of Health Questionnaire. Screening results are displayed on an enterprise dashboard that tracks compliance, positivity rates, and stratification by discharge service and patient demographics. SDOH screening results are reviewed quarterly to identify opportunities for quality improvement.Đ

All positive SDOH screens automatically generate referrals to social work. Social workers conduct rapid assessments, provide counseling, and connect patients to hospital and community-based resources. In FY 2026, SHC will expand SDOH screening to ambulatory and emergency department settings, continue to strengthen partnerships with key regional organizations to ensure closed-loop referrals, and embed community health workers in the Emergency Department to assist with social needs screening, resource navigation, and closed-loop referrals.

Performance in the priority area continued

Performance across all of the following priority areas.

Effective treatment

The HCAI Hospital Equity Measures methodology revealed variation in outcomes for readmissions and mortality as described in Table 1. These findings highlight opportunities to ensure that every patient, regardless of background, receives high-quality, guideline-concordant care. Đ

Chronic Disease Management: The SHC Diabetes Support Program is a multidisciplinary team consisting of physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and behavioral health specialists that provide culturally relevant and linguistically tailored diabetes self-management education and adherence classes. In FY 2026, SHC will apply the HEMF to identify actionable variations in care across clinical outcomes, including cancer screening and chronic disease management.Đ

Medication Access and Affordability: The SHC Medication Access Program (MAP) reduces financial and administrative barriers to essential treatment for Medicare Part D beneficiaries, most of whom are older adults. The program ensures that prior authorizations are submitted promptly, helps patients understand prescription benefits, and connects them with cost-saving resources such as manufacturer coupons or free-trial programs. By removing affordability and navigation barriers, MAP supports equitable access to effective therapy and reduces the risk of medication-related complications. Đ

Care for Older Adults: The SHC Emergency Department achieved Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Level Two, confirming adherence to evidence-based practices for older adults. This includes specialized protocols for delirium prevention, mobility preservation, and medication safety.

In addition, SHC's Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit and the Geriatric Trauma Pathway prioritize delirium prevention, comprehensive functional assessment, and adherence to BEERS criteria for potentially inappropriate medications for hospitalized patients. SHC's care for older adults reflects the commitment to equitable, age-sensitive patient care delivered through multidisciplinary coordination and staff education.

Care coordination

SHC recognizes that care coordination is fundamental to improving patient outcomes through seamless transitions of care. ð

Team-Based Discharge Planning: The Department of Social Work and Case Management lead multidisciplinary discharge rounds that address psychosocial, insurance, and housing needs before discharge. Social workers provide counseling and crisis intervention, while Housing Coordinators arrange lodging and temporary accommodation. Case Managers facilitate communication with payers and outpatient teams to ensure continuity of care. Social Work services are available 24/7, providing real-time support for urgent and emergency needs to prevent delays in safe discharge or follow-up. SHC's Appointment Before Discharge program increases the number of hospitalized patients with timely internal and external follow-up appointments prior to discharge, supporting safe transition to home.ð

Clinical Advice Service (CAS): CAS is a patient-centric and accredited health call center that assists patients and their caregivers 24/7. CAS helps with early detection and triage of patients with acute medical symptoms, medication review and education, care coordination, and mental health support. The call center supports 166 clinics across 31 service lines using phone calls and video visits and has been shown to reduce avoidable emergency department utilization and facilitate same day appointments.

Access to care

Access to timely and appropriate care is a cornerstone of SHC's mission to address health disparities, support continuity, and enhance patient outcomes. The 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment identified Health Care Access and Delivery as a top community priority.ð

SHC's Access MGT leads improvement in access and scheduling metrics, including digitally driven scheduling solutions. In FY 2026, the Access MGT will integrate the HEMF into current work to identify actionable opportunities to reduce disparities in access to care. ð

SHC also offers an online Second Opinion Program, providing free expert reviews for patients who may otherwise lack access to Stanford specialists. This initiative broadens reach, empowers informed decision-making, and enhances continuity of care.ð

Since 2022, SHC has provided E-consult service to Federally Qualified Health Centers, enabling primary care physicians to electronically consult Stanford specialists for clinical recommendations in diagnosing, managing, and treating complex patient medical needs. E-consults deliver expertise across 14 specialty areas within one to three days; recommendations are shared with patients by their trusted primary care providers.ð

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Through current and future coordinated strategies, SHC will continue to improve data-driven, person-centered performance across all priority areas and deliver care that is equitable, compassionate, and responsive to the needs of every individual we serve.

Methodology Guidelines

Did the hospital follow the methodology in the Measures Submission Guide? (Y/N)

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