Hospital Equity Measures Report

General Information

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Overview

Health and Safety Code Sections 127370-127376 require 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 Health and Safety Code Sections 127370-127376, 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.

Yes

Provide documentation of policy prohibiting discrimination.

Yes

Table 1. Summary of preferred languages reported by patients.

Languages	Number of patients who report preferred language	Total number of patients who were asked to report their preferred language	Percentage of patients by preferred language group (%)
English Language	22604	28447	79.5
Spanish Language	5066	28447	17.8
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	228	28447	0.8
Middle Eastern Languages	masked	28447	masked
American Sign Language	masked	28447	masked
Other Languages	500	28447	1.8

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.

Yes

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

- Our hospital collects demographic information, including self-reported race and ethnicity, and/or social determinant of health information on the majority of our patients.

• 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.

Yes

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.

Yes

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.

Yes

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 reviews key performance indicators stratified by demographic and/or social factors.

Yes

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 18 years or older 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

1535

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

1619

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

94.8

Table 2. Screen positive 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 patients who screened positive	Screen positive rate (%)	Number of patients who screened positive and received intervention	Intervention Rate (%)
Food Insecurity	94	6.1	85	5.5
Housing Instability	168	10.9	152	9.9
Transportation Problems	109	7.1	98	6.4
Utility Difficulties	68	4.4	60	3.9
Interpersonal Safety	45	2.9	31	2

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?"

235

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 19

260

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

90.4

Total number of patients surveyed on HCAHPS Question 19

269

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

96.7

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	Rate of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Asian	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Black or African American					
Hispanic or Latino	211	233	90.6	235	99.1
Middle Eastern or North African					
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	13	15	86.7	15	100

Age	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Age 18 to 34	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	38	40	95	42	95.2
Age 65 Years and Older	171	192	89.1	198	97

Sex assigned at birth	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Female	127	143	88.8	145	98.6
Male	108	117	92.3	124	94.4
Unknown					

Payer Type	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Medicare	152	174	87.4	178	97.8
Medicaid					
Private	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay					
Other	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked

Preferred Language	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
English Language	212	236	89.8	238	99.2
Spanish Language	12	12	100	13	92.3
Asian Pacific Islander Languages					
Middle Eastern Languages					
American Sign Language					
Other/Unknown Languages	11	12	91.7	18	66.7

Disability Status	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate 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	Rate 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	Rate 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 woman					
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?"

194

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 17

223

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

87

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 17

269

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

82.9

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	Rate of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Asian	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Black or African American					
Hispanic or Latino	175	200	87.5	235	85.1
Middle Eastern or North African					
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked

Age	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Age 18 to 34	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	35	36	97.2	42	85.7
Age 65 Years and Older	139	163	85.3	198	82.3

Sex assigned at birth	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Female	108	124	87.1	145	85.5
Male	86	99	86.9	124	79.8
Unknown					

Payer Type	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Medicare	125	147	85	178	82.6
Medicaid					
Private	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay					
Other	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked

Preferred Language	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
English Language	175	202	86.6	238	84.9
Spanish Language	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked
Asian Pacific Islander Languages					
Middle Eastern Languages					
American Sign Language					
Other/Unknown Languages	masked	masked	masked	masked	masked

Disability Status	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate 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 disability					
Has a hearing disability					
Has a vision disability					
Has a self-care disability					
Has an independent living disability					

Sexual Orientation	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Rate 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	Rate 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

masked

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

masked

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

masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Asian	masked	masked	masked
Black or African American	masked	masked	masked
Hispanic or Latino	masked	masked	masked
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	masked	masked	masked

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 to 34			
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	masked	masked	masked
Age 65 Years and Older	masked	masked	masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Male	masked	masked	masked
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	masked	masked	masked
Medicaid	masked	masked	masked
Private	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay			
Other	masked	masked	masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Spanish Language	masked	masked	masked
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	masked	masked	masked

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 of any age 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

masked

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

masked

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

masked

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			
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	masked	masked	masked

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 to 34			
Age 35 to 49			
Age 50 to 64	masked	masked	masked
Age 65 Years and Older	masked	masked	masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Male	masked	masked	masked
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	masked	masked	masked
Medicaid	masked	masked	masked
Private			
Self-Pay			
Other	masked	masked	masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Spanish Language			
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages			

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 cesarean 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

Total number of nulliparous patients delivered of a live term singleton newborn in vertex presentation

Rate of nulliparous women with a term, singleton baby in a vertex position delivered by cesarean section

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 100 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

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

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

Rate of vaginal deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries

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 deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous 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 vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Age < 18			
Age 18 to 29			
Age 30 to 39			
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 deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Female			
Male			
Unknown			

Payer Type	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Medicare			
Medicaid			
Private			
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 deliveries per 100 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
English Language			
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 deliveries per 100 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 disability			

Sexual Orientation	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal deliveries per 100 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 deliveries per 100 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 other			
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

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

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

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 Islander			
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 disability			

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 other			
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

85

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

1000

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

8.5

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	masked	masked	masked
Asian	0	23	0
Black or African American	masked	masked	masked
Hispanic or Latino	masked	masked	masked
Middle Eastern or North African	masked	masked	masked
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	69	850	8.1

Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	masked	masked	masked
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	12	123	9.8
Age 65 Years and Older	71	820	8.7

Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	48	526	9.1
Male	37	474	7.8
Unknown			

Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	72	800	9
Medicaid	masked	masked	masked
Private	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay			
Other	masked	masked	masked

Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	75	933	8
Spanish Language	masked	masked	masked
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	masked	masked	masked

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

18

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

246

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

7.3

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	masked	masked	masked
Asian	masked	masked	masked
Black or African American	masked	masked	masked
Hispanic or Latino	masked	masked	masked
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	17	220	7.7

Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	masked	masked	masked
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	masked	masked	masked
Age 65 Years and Older	16	191	8.4

Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	masked	masked	masked
Male	masked	masked	masked
Unknown			

Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	17	202	8.4
Medicaid	masked	masked	masked
Private	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay			
Other	0	11	0

Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	16	234	6.8
Spanish Language	masked	masked	masked
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	masked	masked	masked

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

masked

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

older at time of admission

masked

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

masked

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

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

Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	masked	masked	masked
Male	masked	masked	masked
Unknown			

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

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

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

masked

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

older at time of admission

masked

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

masked

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	masked	masked	masked
Black or African American	masked	masked	masked
Hispanic or Latino	masked	masked	masked
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	masked	masked	masked

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

Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	masked	masked	masked
Male	masked	masked	masked
Unknown			

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

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

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

54

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

older at time of admission

615

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

8.8

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	masked	masked	masked
Asian	0	19	0
Black or African American	masked	masked	masked
Hispanic or Latino	masked	masked	masked
Middle Eastern or North African	masked	masked	masked
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	40	511	7.8

Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	masked	masked	masked
Age 35 to 49	masked	masked	masked
Age 50 to 64	masked	masked	masked
Age 65 Years and Older	45	531	8.5

Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	24	302	7.9
Male	30	313	9.6
Unknown			

Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	44	496	8.9
Medicaid	masked	masked	masked
Private	masked	masked	masked
Self-Pay			
Other	masked	masked	masked

Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	46	561	8.2
Spanish Language	masked	masked	masked
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	masked	masked	masked

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.

Rank	Measures	Stratifications	Stratification Group	Stratification Rate	Reference Group	Reference Rate	Rate Ratio
1	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Race and/or Ethnicity	White	8.1	Asian	0	2
2	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Race and/or Ethnicity	White	7.8	Asian	0	2
3	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (Mental Health Disorder)	Expected Payor	Medicare	8.4	Other	0	2
4	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Sex Assigned at Birth	Male	9.6	Female	7.9	1.2
5	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Sex Assigned at Birth	Female	9.1	Male	7.8	1.2
6	HCAHPS survey: Received information and education	Age (excluding maternal measures)	65 and older	85.3	50 to 64	97.2	1.1
7	HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)	50 to 64	9.8	65 and older	8.7	1.1
8	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey: Would recommend hospital.	Preferred Language	English Language	89.8	Spanish Language	100	1.1
9	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey: Would recommend hospital.	Preferred Language	Other/Unknown	91.7	Spanish Language	100	1.1
10	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey: Would recommend hospital.	Age (excluding maternal measures)	65 and older	89.1	50 to 64	95	1.1

Plan to address disparities identified in the data

Action Plan for Readmissions

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate

Disparity groups, stratified by race/ethnicity, sex assigned at birth, and age, had higher readmission rates than their reference groups: white patients (8.1 vs. Asian patients, 4); female patients (9.1 vs. male patients, 7.8); and patients 50–64 (9.8 vs. patients 65 and older, 8.7).

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, Stratified by Behavioral Health Diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)

Disparity groups were identified by race/ethnicity and sex assigned at birth: white patients (7.8 vs. Asian patients, 3.9) and male patients (9.6 vs. female patients, 7.9).

HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, Stratified by Behavioral Health Diagnosis (Mental Health Disorder)

The disparity was identified by expected payor: Medicare patients (8.4 vs. other payor, 4.2).

Improvement Goal

Reduce preventable 30-day readmissions among identified disparity groups through targeted risk identification, discharge planning, care coordination, and post-discharge support by December 31st, 2027.

Actions

1. Implement High-Risk Readmission Review Process

Conduct monthly multidisciplinary reviews of readmitted Medicare patients to analyze common causes, including chronic disease exacerbations, medication adherence, follow-up barriers, and behavioral health needs.

Use the LACE readmission risk tool to flag high-risk patients and prioritize proactive interventions.

2. Strengthen Discharge and Transitional Care Practices

Complete medication reconciliation during hospitalization.

Use the After Visit Summary (AVS) at discharge to educate patients/families on medications, warning signs, self-care, and follow-up appointments.

3. Target Medicare Patients with Behavioral Health Diagnoses

Screen for behavioral health diagnoses at admission to customize treatment plans, and include community resources (e.g., substance use treatment, peer support) in discharge planning.

Schedule outpatient behavioral health follow-up before discharge whenever possible, and encourage family/caregiver participation in discharge education, particularly for patients with multiple chronic conditions or behavioral health diagnoses.

Action Plan for HCAHPS Patient Education and Communication

HCAHPS Survey: Received Information and Education

The disparity was identified by age: patients 65 and older reported a lower rate (85.3%) than the reference group, patients 50–64 (97.2%).

HCAHPS Survey: Would Recommend Hospital

Disparities were identified by preferred language and age, with lower rates than reference groups: English-speaking patients (89.8%) and Other/Unknown language patients (91.7%) vs. Spanish-speaking patients (100%); and patients 65 and older (89.1%) vs. patients 50–64 (95%).

Improvement Goal

Improve patient understanding of care, discharge readiness, and hospital experience among identified disparity groups through personalized communication, education, and engagement by December 31st, 2027.

Actions

1. Enhance Patient Education

Tailor education using age-appropriate materials, repetition of key information, visual aids, and teach-back; include family and caregivers to improve retention and post-discharge support.

2. Improve Language and Communication Processes

Verify preferred language at registration and reconfirm during hospitalization to reduce “unknown” classifications.

Promote use of interpreter services, and provide educational materials and discharge instructions in the patient’s preferred language when available.

Use bedside whiteboards to reinforce daily goals, discharge planning, medications, and care team information.

3. Leader and Staff Rounding

Conduct bedside shift reports in person with the patient and family whenever possible to improve continuity, reinforce education, and prepare for discharge.

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

At Petaluma Valley Hospital, we share the Providence mission: “We are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.”

Our core values—compassion, dignity, justice, excellence, and integrity—are the foundation of everything we do. These values are not just words; they are lived through our policies, communications, and daily actions. From the moment an applicant expresses interest in joining our team, through onboarding and throughout their career, these principles guide how we interact with patients, families, and each other.

Person-centered care means recognizing that every patient’s health journey is unique. We place the patient at the center of all decisions and ensure care is tailored to their needs, preferences, and cultural background. Interpreter services are available through phone and video platforms, allowing patients to communicate in their preferred language without barriers. All patient education materials come in multiple languages and are translated by certified medical interpreters to ensure accuracy and cultural appropriateness. Consent forms are written in clear, understandable language

so patients never agree to a procedure without fully understanding its purpose.

Beyond communication, we provide programs that support patients during and after hospitalization. Our Care Network program bridges the gap between hospital and home, focusing on culturally competent care and addressing health disparities. We also offer home health services, case management, and community health workers to assist with discharge planning, medication access, and follow-up appointments. These resources are especially critical for Hispanic/Latinx and rural populations, who experience higher rates of chronic illness and limited access to care. By addressing social determinants of health and removing barriers, we help patients heal in environments that support their well-being.

Measurement and Accountability: We monitor interpreter utilization rates, HCAHPS scores, and social determinants of health screenings, and we follow up on positive screens to ensure continuity of care. Patient feedback is gathered through Press Ganey surveys, and we are exploring patient advisory councils to guide improvements. These efforts reflect our promise: “Know me, care for me, ease my way.” Through collaboration, cultural sensitivity, and innovation, Petaluma Valley Hospital strives to deliver care that honors the dignity and uniqueness of every person.

Patient safety

Patient safety at Providence Petaluma Valley Hospital is the foundation of all clinical care. We employ evidence-based protocols, rigorous audits, and standardized checklists to minimize risk and prevent harm. Our initiatives—such as early identification of high-risk patients, timely completion of assessments, and enhanced discharge education—are designed to ensure safe transitions across care settings.

We are actively working toward becoming a High Reliability Organization (HRO), embedding reliability principles into every aspect of care delivery. This means maintaining a constant preoccupation with failure, resisting oversimplification of complex issues, and fostering sensitivity to operations. We emphasize resilience and rapid recovery from unexpected events and defer to expertise by empowering staff at all levels to speak up and act on safety concerns.

Our robust reporting system, grounded in a Just Culture, encourages staff to report errors and near misses without fear of punitive action. This transparency fosters learning and continuous improvement, ensuring that safety is not only a priority but a shared responsibility across the organization. AB 1204 reinforces the importance of safety through its mandate to reduce disparities and improve outcomes. By embedding equity-focused interventions into our workflows and monitoring compliance through stratified data, we address systemic risks that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. Continuous improvement cycles, informed by real-time data and multidisciplinary reviews, allow us to identify gaps and implement corrective actions promptly.

Patient safety is not limited to clinical procedures; it encompasses communication, coordination, and education. Through proactive planning and collaboration, we create a care environment where every patient receives safe, reliable, and equitable treatment.

Addressing patient social drivers of health

Our organization recognizes that health outcomes are influenced by more than clinical care alone. Social Determinants (SDOH) of Health such as housing stability, food security, transportation access, education, and economic opportunity play a critical role in shaping patient well-being. Addressing these factors is essential to achieving health equity and improving overall quality of care.

We systematically identify and address social needs that impact health outcomes. To achieve this, we screen all patients for key social determinants, including housing, food, transportation, and financial insecurity, and stratify findings by race, ethnicity, language, and other demographics to uncover disparities. We partner with community-based organizations to connect patients to resources and provide culturally and linguistically appropriate support. We use FindHelp, an electronic medical record search tool that assists caregivers in finding community-based social services that address social determinants of health. FindHelp can generate a comprehensive list of local resources patients need to maintain their health and well-being. Additionally, we integrate SDOH data into care planning and population health strategies to ensure interventions are equitable and responsive to the unique needs of our diverse patient population.

Performance in the priority area continued

Performance across all of the following priority areas.

Effective treatment

Effective treatment at Providence Petaluma Valley Hospital is rooted in evidence-based practices and tailored to individual patient needs. Our targeted action plans demonstrate how best practices are translated into measurable improvements that strengthen transitions of care, enhance patient education, and address barriers to recovery. These initiatives ensure treatment plans are comprehensive, equitable, and sustainable beyond hospitalization.

We are committed to continuously evolving and enhancing all measures submitted to CMS and The Joint Commission. This includes refining workflows, improving documentation accuracy, and leveraging real-time data to identify gaps and implement corrective actions. Our teams actively review performance on core measures, patient safety indicators, and readmission metrics to ensure compliance and drive improvement. This work is supported by multidisciplinary collaboration and the integration of best practices from national benchmarks and evidence-based guidelines into daily workflows. Our commitment aligns with national quality standards and regulatory expectations, including those set by leading accrediting and performance organizations. By embedding these strategies into standardized workflows and leveraging data—such as readmission reviews and related analysis, we ensure compliance while advancing quality goals. Continuous monitoring of outcomes, coupled with structured audits and feedback loops, drives improvement across clinical processes and patient experience.

This approach directly supports HCAI AB 1204 requirements by identifying disparities, implementing targeted interventions, and tracking measurable progress through stratified data. Our work reflects the law’s emphasis on equity, transparency, and continuous improvement, ensuring that care delivery meets both regulatory standards and community needs. Ultimately, effective treatment is more than meeting benchmarks—it is about delivering safe, equitable, and person-centered care. Through collaboration, education, and proactive discharge planning, we empower patients to manage their health beyond hospitalization, reducing readmissions and improving long-term outcomes.

Care coordination

Care coordination is especially important for those patients with complex medical and social

determinants of health needs. Providence NorCal provides a robust continuum weaving inpatient care management to our community based complex care management program, CARE Network.

CARE Network is a mission driven no cost program serving highly vulnerable individuals through intensive, community-based medical and psychosocial care management. Services are provided to community residents with complex health, behavioral, and social challenges, including the following: Homelessness and housing stability, one or multiple chronic conditions, lacking basic needs mental health challenges, substance use disorders, inadequate financial resources, limited social supports, language/health literacy barriers.

Inpatients are screened and those with complex needs are referred to CARE Network upon discharge. CARE Network provides telephonic and in person home visits to support patients with medication management, follow up medical appointments, transportation, in addition to food and other SDoH. We work closely with our FQHCs and other community-based organizations to link patients to services.

Behavioral health needs are supported through collaboration with a substance use navigator, and behavioral health follow-up scheduling is embedded in discharge planning. Social determinants of health are documented in Epic and visible to CARE Network teams when referrals are placed. Digital tools such as MyChart and text reminders help patients stay engaged in their care.

We work closely with our community-based organizations to link patients to services. On the acute side, the readmission committee meets weekly to review cases and the fourth week of each month to plan improvements. Metrics such as CARE Network enrollment rates, reduced ED visits, and improved medication adherence are tracked, and stratified data is used to monitor equity, though prioritization for multiple SDOH needs and telehealth expansion remain opportunities for development.

Through these efforts, Providence NorCal ensures that care coordination is comprehensive, culturally responsive, and focused on reducing barriers for the most vulnerable populations.

Access to care

We serve all, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. One way Providence supports access to care for all is through our financial assistance program. We inform the public of this program by posting notices in high volume inpatient and outpatient service areas and at locations where a patient may pay their bill. Notices include contact information on how a patient can obtain more information on financial assistance as well as where to apply for assistance. These notices are posted in English and Spanish and any other languages that are representative of 5% or greater of patients in the hospital’s service area. All patients who demonstrate lack of financial coverage by third party insurers are offered an opportunity to complete the Patient Financial Assistance Application and are offered information, assistance, and referral as appropriate to government sponsored programs for which they may be eligible.

Beyond financial assistance, we provide robust community benefit contributions that deliver direct services such as CARE Network, mobile dental units in Napa and Sonoma, mobile health clinics in Sonoma, free community health screenings, and community resource centers in Humboldt. These services focus on underserved, vulnerable populations and provide clinical care and navigation services to ensure access to care. We also leverage services to reach rural and transportation-limited populations, expanding access to specialty care and follow-up visits.

Our commitment to access is reinforced by EMTALA compliance and charity care policies, ensuring that emergency care is provided regardless of ability to pay. Through community partnerships, referrals, and outreach, we strive to remove barriers and connect patients to the care they need. These efforts reflect our mission and values, ensuring that every person, especially those who are poor and vulnerable, has equitable access to health services.

Methodology Guidelines

Did the hospital follow the methodology in the Measures Submission Guide?

Yes