

# 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](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.

601576

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	420109	601576	69.8
Spanish Language	159014	601576	26.4
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	5497	601576	0.9
Middle Eastern Languages	12263	601576	2
American Sign Language	119	601576	0
Other Languages	4574	601576	0.8

## 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.

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.

Y

### **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

10943

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

11497

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

95.2

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	219	2	72	0.6
Housing Instability	434	4	97	0.8
Transportation Problems	219	2	51	0.4
Utility Difficulties	218	2	56	0.5
Interpersonal Safety	61	0.6	7	0.1

## 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?"

322

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 19

336

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

95.8

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 19

341

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

98.5

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	35	37	94.6	37	100
<b>Black or African American</b>	11	11	100	11	100
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	276	286	96.5	287	99.7
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>					
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>					
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>White</b>	189	197	95.9	198	99.5

  

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>					
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	21	25	84	25	100
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	47	49	95.9	49	100
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	47	50	94	50	100
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	207	212	97.6	217	97.7

  

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	165	171	96.5	174	98.3
<b>Male</b>	157	165	95.2	167	98.8
<b>Unknown</b>					

  

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	148	153	96.7	157	97.5
<b>Medicaid</b>	51	53	96.2	53	100
<b>Private</b>	119	126	94.4	127	99.2
<b>Self-Pay</b>					
<b>Other</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

  

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>	157	166	94.6	166	100
<b>Spanish Language</b>	89	90	98.9	91	98.9
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>					
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>					
<b>American Sign Language</b>					
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	16	17	94.1	17	100

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
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					

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

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
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?"

287

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 17

319

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

90

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 17

341

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

93.5

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Asian	34	35	97.1	37	94.6
Black or African American	11	11	100	11	100
Hispanic or Latino	244	268	91	287	93.4
Middle Eastern or North African					
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
White	163	186	87.6	198	93.9

  

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
Age < 18					
Age 18 to 34	23	24	95.8	25	96
Age 35 to 49	37	42	88.1	49	85.7
Age 50 to 64	45	48	93.8	50	96
Age 65 Years and Older	182	205	88.8	217	94.5

  

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
Female	148	164	90.2	174	94.3
Male	139	155	89.7	167	92.8
Unknown					

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
Medicare	131	150	87.3	157	95.5
Medicaid	45	47	95.7	53	88.7
Private	108	118	91.5	127	92.9
Self-Pay					
Other	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

  

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
English Language	138	157	87.9	166	94.6
Spanish Language	79	84	94	91	92.3
Asian Pacific Islander Languages					
Middle Eastern Languages					
American Sign Language					
Other/Unknown Languages	14	15	93.3	17	88.2

  

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
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					

  

<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Number of "yes" responses</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of "yes" responses (%)</b>	<b>Total number of patients surveyed</b>	<b>Response rate of patients surveyed (%)</b>
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](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

17

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

411

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

41.4

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.

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

  

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>			
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	17	336	50.6

  

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Male</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Unknown</b>			

  

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	13	298	43.6
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
English Language			
Spanish Language			
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	17	411	41.4
<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
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			
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
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](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

27

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

112

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

241.1

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	14	56	250
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>			
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>			
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

  

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>			
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	18	74	243.2

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	11	50	220
<b>Male</b>	16	62	258.1
<b>Unknown</b>			

  

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	15	66	227.3
<b>Medicaid</b>			
<b>Private</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

  

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	27	112	241.1

  

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

  

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

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

## **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

199

Total number of nulliparous NTSV patients

813

Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries

0.2

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	21	45	0.5
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	126	601	0.2
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>			
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>White</b>	34	112	0.3

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 18 to 29</b>	95	508	0.2
<b>Age 30 to 39</b>	95	267	0.4
<b>Age 40 Years and Older</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>			
<b>Male</b>			
<b>Unknown</b>			

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Medicaid</b>	103	452	0.2
<b>Private</b>	48	183	0.3
<b>Self-Pay</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Other</b>	46	169	0.3

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>	164	665	0.2
<b>Spanish Language</b>	29	135	0.2
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
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			

  

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

  

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries</b>	<b>Total number of NTSV patients</b>	<b>Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
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

79

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

Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries  
197.5

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>			
<b>Asian</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	50	288	173.6
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>			
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	16	57	280.7
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 18 to 29</b>	23	136	169.1
<b>Age 30 to 39</b>	52	232	224.1
<b>Age 40 Years and Older</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>			
<b>Male</b>			
<b>Unknown</b>			
<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>			
<b>Medicaid</b>	37	246	150.4
<b>Private</b>	20	78	256.4
<b>Self-Pay</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Other</b>	22	75	293.3

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
English Language	68	301	225.9
Spanish Language	11	92	119.6
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
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			

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

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery</b>	<b>Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)</b>
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

302

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

714

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

42.3

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	14	39	35.9
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	209	528	39.6
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>			
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>White</b>	53	94	56.4

  

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/exclusion criteria</b>	<b>Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)</b>
<b>Age &lt; 18</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 18 to 29</b>	139	350	39.7
<b>Age 30 to 39</b>	147	307	47.9
<b>Age 40 Years and Older</b>	14	47	29.8

	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 (%)
<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>			
Female			
Male			
Unknown			
	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 (%)
<b>Payer Type</b>			
Medicare			
Medicaid	160	430	37.2
Private	67	135	49.6
Self-Pay	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
Other	69	135	51.1
	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 (%)
<b>Preferred Language</b>			
English Language	287	657	43.7
Spanish Language	14	50	28
Asian Pacific Islander Languages			
Middle Eastern Languages	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
	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 (%)
<b>Disability Status</b>			
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			

	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 (%)
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>			
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
	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 (%)
<b>Gender Identity</b>			
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](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

578

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

7231

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

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	44	482	9.1
<b>Black or African American</b>	31	289	10.7
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	297	3603	8.2
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>			
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	168	2206	7.6
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	16	436	3.7
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	42	614	6.8
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	120	1209	9.9
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	400	4972	8
<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	290	3687	7.9
<b>Male</b>	288	3544	8.1
<b>Unknown</b>			
<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	395	4364	9.1
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	68	1308	5.2
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	109	1496	7.3
<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	578	7231	8

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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			

  

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

  

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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

119

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

1274

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

9.3

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>			
<b>Asian</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	55	567	9.7
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>			
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	44	498	8.8

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	14	114	12.3
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	22	220	10
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	78	880	8.9

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	80	804	10
<b>Male</b>	39	470	8.3
<b>Unknown</b>			

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	87	847	10.3
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	15	166	9
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	16	253	6.3

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	119	1274	9.3

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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			

  

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

  

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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

28

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

338

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

8.3

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>			
<b>Asian</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Black or African American</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	18	192	9.4
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>			
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>			
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	12	90	13.3
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	14	170	8.2

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Male</b>	22	254	8.7
<b>Unknown</b>			

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	12	168	7.1
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	12	77	15.6

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	28	338	8.3

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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			

  

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

  

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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

19

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

186

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

10.2

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.

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

  

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

  

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Male</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Unknown</b>			

  

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

  

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	19	186	10.2

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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			

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

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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

412

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

5433

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

7.6

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.

<b>Race and/or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Asian</b>	36	428	8.4
<b>Black or African American</b>	26	220	11.8
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	214	2763	7.7
<b>Middle Eastern or North African</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)</b>			
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>			
<b>White</b>	107	1504	7.1

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Age 18 to 34</b>	11	333	3.3
<b>Age 35 to 49</b>	19	406	4.7
<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	78	851	9.2
<b>Age 65 Years and Older</b>	304	3843	7.9

<b>Sex assigned at birth</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	194	2697	7.2
<b>Male</b>	218	2736	8
<b>Unknown</b>			

<b>Payer Type</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	289	3258	8.9
<b>Medicaid</b>	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
<b>Private</b>	43	1002	4.3
<b>Self-Pay</b>			
<b>Other</b>	78	1129	6.9

<b>Preferred Language</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Spanish Language</b>			
<b>Asian Pacific Islander Languages</b>			
<b>Middle Eastern Languages</b>			
<b>American Sign Language</b>			
<b>Other/Unknown Languages</b>	412	5433	7.6

<b>Disability Status</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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			

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

<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Number of inpatient readmissions</b>	<b>Total number of admitted patients</b>	<b>Readmission rate (%)</b>
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
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Age (excluding maternal measures)	50 to 64	9.2	18 to 34	3.3	2.8
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)	50 to 64	9.9	18 to 34	3.7	2.7
California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate	Race and/or Ethnicity	Asian	0.5	Hispanic or Latino	0.2	2.5
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Age (excluding maternal measures)	65 and older	7.9	18 to 34	3.3	2.4
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (Substance Use Disorder)	Expected Payor	Other	15.6	Medicare	7.1	2.2
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)	65 and older	8	18 to 34	3.7	2.2
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Expected Payor	Medicare	8.9	Private	4.3	2.1
California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate	Age (for maternal measures only)	30 to 39	0.4	18 to 29	0.2	2
CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate, Uncomplicated	Expected Payor	Medicaid	150.4	Other	293.3	2
CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate, Uncomplicated	Preferred Language	Spanish Language	119.6	English Language	225.9	1.9

#### Plan to address disparities identified in the data

Healthcare disparities in unplanned 30-day readmission rates remain an opportunity for multiple patient groups. We are committed to addressing these disparities for improvement of outcomes, cost-reduction, patient satisfaction and for promoting equitable care. This report outlines best-practice actions for multiple groups pertaining to readmission: - All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, by Behavioral Health Diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Disorders - Medicare, Ages 50-64 - HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate (HCAI-SS\_HWR) ages 50 to 64) - All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, by Behavioral Health Diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Disorders) for 65 & Older - All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, by Behavioral Health Diagnosis (SUD) Other Payor - All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate (HCAI-SS-HWR) - Ages 35-49 For each group,

population impact, measurable objectives, and specific timeframes are detailed to guide effective intervention. Population impact: This group represents a large portion of the adult and senior population, with unique vulnerabilities to readmission due to chronic conditions, medication management challenges, as well as social determinant of health factors. Unplanned readmissions in this cohort contribute to increased healthcare costs and can signal gaps in post-discharge care. Measurable Objectives/Time Frame: - Reduce 30-Day readmission rates by 10% within 18 months - Monitor progress monthly, with full evaluation at 18 months Best Practice Actions: - Utilize evidence-based readmission risk assessment tool to flag high risk patients - Continue to monitor the LACE scores and ensure appropriate PIC referrals - Utilize caregivers on light duty as support via follow up calls to patients flagged as high risk - Schedule follow-up Primary Care appointments prior to discharge - Strengthen coordination with primary care providers, community resources, and palliative care partners - For behavioral health (patients: o Include behavioral health assessment/psych consult early in the admission o Engage mental health resources into discharge planning o Use people-first language to reduce stigma o Communicate in the patient's preferred language o Use culturally sensitive education and discharge materials Healthcare disparities in NTSV and VBAC remain an opportunity for multiple patient groups. We are committed to addressing these disparities for improvement of outcomes, cost-reduction, patient satisfaction and for promoting equitable care. This report outlines best-practice actions for multiple groups pertaining to obstetrical care: - CMQCC NTSV C-Section Birth Rate (PC-02) for Asian patients and mothers aged 30 - 39 - CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate for Medicaid recipients and also for Spanish-speaking patients For each group, population impact, measurable objectives, and specific timeframes are detailed to guide effective intervention. Population impact: This group represents a smaller portion of the populations for PC-02 Asian patients. Also, given the greater the age with pregnant mothers, this sometimes present challenges, as well as social determinant of health factors. Measurable Objectives/Time Frame: - Reduce NTSV C-Section Rate for Asian patients and those aged 30-39 and VBACs for Spanish-speakers and Medicaid recipients by 5% within 18 months - Monitor progress monthly, with full evaluation at 18 months Best Practice Actions: - Develop culturally sensitive educational materials that address the benefits of vaginal birth, the risks associated with C-sections, and explain the process. This could include workshops or classes tailored to Asian patients and those aged 30-39. - Encourage the use of doulas or trained labor coaches who understand cultural nuances to support Asian patients. - Provide Spanish-speaking patients with access to bilingual healthcare providers and educational materials about VBAC options. - Offer thorough counseling on VBAC benefits and risks, especially tailored for Medicaid recipients, who may face financial constraints impacting decision-making.

## **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**

Overview: At Providence Holy Cross Medical Centers, person-centered care is foundational to our pursuit of health equity. Achieving health equity involves addressing social determinants of health and eliminating systemic barriers such as lack of affordable care, inadequate health literacy resources, and discriminatory practices. Equity Considerations: Ensuring equity in healthcare delivery necessitates patient language accessibility, active listening, and cultural respect and

sensitivity. These elements are essential for providing care that is not only high-quality but also equitable and responsive to the diverse needs of all individuals. Programs and Practices: To address the diverse needs of our patients and promote health equity, PHCMC employs an on-demand interpreter service, screening all patients for language preferences. Caregivers have access to medically qualified interpreters in over 240 languages, enhancing clear communication. We also partner with LifeSigns, a company that provides on-site sign language services for patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. Follow-up phone calls in the patient's preferred language using Language Line clarify post-care instructions to reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions. Our Daily Safety Huddle offers a platform for multidisciplinary team leaders to discuss safety concerns and vet unique patient requests, including religious or cultural practices, for solutions and feasibility. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: Recent disparities were identified in HCAHPS survey responses by ethnicity and race, particularly in recommending the hospital and receiving information/education. The goal is to increase these survey question scores by 5-10% within 18 months. Initiatives include enhancing patient demographic information accuracy, conducting education with nursing and admitting personnel to accurately capture demographic information; Develop tailored action plans; implementing protocols to improve communication among healthcare team; engaging Patient Experience for targeted rounds, and continuing multidisciplinary Care Coordination Rounds for post-discharge needs.

## Patient safety

Overview: Health equity is crucial to patient safety at PHCMC, ensuring fair and just access to healthcare resources for all individuals, irrespective of their background. By minimizing barriers to healthcare access, health equity promotes timely and appropriate care, which is vital in preventing complications. Equity Considerations: Effective communication, including language/interpretation services and culturally competent care, is fundamental to patient safety by reducing misunderstandings and medical errors. Personalized treatment plans for diverse populations enhance patient safety by reducing adverse events and complications, building trust, and encouraging adherence to treatment plans, particularly among high-risk groups. Programs and Practices: Language Line, an on-demand interpreter service, is used to ensure effective communication, thereby eliminating barriers to patient safety. Additionally, PHCMC mandates participation or representation at the multidisciplinary Daily Safety Huddle. This meeting convenes hospital leaders from all departments to discuss and highlight recent significant safety issues and trends. Problems are revisited until solutions are executed, ensuring a complete resolution for each case. Safety data is stratified to identify possible disparities and address causation. In an effort to reduce Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), our CAUTI Team continue to review for disparities among our patient population. During the review of Falls data, it was found that more males were falling than females and the overwhelming category related to the falls was ambulating to the bathroom. The task force provided leadership awareness and recommendations to further educate fall risk patients on the importance of having nurse assistance. Furthermore, Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) have been integrated into our Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan and is tracked with key metrics within the house-wide QAPI Work Plan. For NTSV C-Section Rate, Presented the spontaneous labor and elective induction algorithm to OBGYN Committee for review. These algorithms were approved. The goal is to establish guidelines and criteria for admission. We are analyzing the relationship of overutilization of ultrasound. In addition, we are looking at NTSVs that incongruent with ACOG guidelines that recommends  $\geq 4500g$  for non-diabetic. Additionally, we have identified a disparity with Armenian and Persian women who rank the highest for our NTSV C-Section rate. Health Equity Committee is working on developing strategies to reduce their rate. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: Recent findings highlight disparities in Providence PHCMC Hospital's 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, both with and without Behavioral Health components, specifically regarding patient age and insurance categories. The goal will be to

reduce the readmission rates by 5-10% within the next 18 months through the implementation of the following initiatives. 1) Ensure patient demographics and insurances are accurately captured and/or validated upon registration. 2) Utilize an evidence-based readmission risk assessment tool to proactively identify and flag high-risk readmission patients to tailor interventions accordingly. 3) Develop and implement comprehensive discharge protocols, including detailed checklists, to guarantee comprehensive patient education in preparation for discharge. 4) Conduct systematic follow-up post-discharge calls to check on patient recovery and address any recent issues. 5) Implement Twistle which will provide post-discharge reminders to patients. 6) Implement pharmacist-led medication reconciliation to ensure accurate medication capture and adherence. 7) Ensure each patient safety committee incorporates health equity stratification into their metric scorecards, beginning with Readmission Committee, Code Blue, etc.

#### Addressing patient social drivers of health

Overview: Recognizing that health outcomes are affected by more than just clinical care alone, PHCMC Hospital puts a focus on Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), including housing stability, food security, access to transportation, education, and financial security/economic opportunities. These factors are crucial in shaping a patient's overall well-being and a better quality of life. Equity Considerations: PHCMC serves a diverse population and these SDoH factors create many of the systemic barriers to patients receiving equal and non-discriminatory care. Understanding the disparities allows for the design of specific interventions to close these gaps and advance health equity. Patients who feel their social needs are understood and addressed are more likely to adhere to treatment plans and participate in follow-up care. In addition, interventions can lower the occurrences of avoidable hospitalizations, emergency visits, and readmissions which aligns with CMS quality and financial goals. Programs and Practices: Through the systematic screening of PHCMC's patients for key SDoH factors, inequities can be identified and addressed. After patients are discharged, follow-up phone calls are used to offer services that target these factors. Currently, PHCMC aims to screen 95% of patients, and as of 2025, we have exceeded this goal with a compliance rate of 97%. By partnering with community-based organizations, PHCMC's Care Management and Community Health teams are able to connect a diverse population with essential resources and personalized support. Compliance with SDoH screening has been integrated into PHCMC's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan and is tracked within the house-wide annual QAPI Work Plan. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: As previously mentioned, recent findings reveal disparities in Providence PHCMC Hospital's 30-Day Readmission Rates, particularly concerning patient age and insurance types, both with and without Behavioral Health components. The hospital aims to reduce these rates by 5-10% within the next 18 months by implementing several initiatives designed to enhance patient-centered care. 1) Continue to assess at least 95% admitted patients for SDoH needs, focusing reducing barriers through timely and comprehensive responses to positive findings. 2) Increase the use of the "Find Help" platform within PHCMC's EMR system to search for and directly include recommended resources in a patient's After Visit Summary (AVS). 3) Conduct Care Coordination Rounds to address patients' post-discharge service needs, including SDoH support. 4) Deploy Community Health Navigators to enhance continuity of care for underserved patients, focusing on securing recuperative care and placement while addressing holistic needs.

### **Performance in the priority area continued**

Performance across all of the following priority areas.

Effective treatment

Overview: Providence PHCMC Hospital is determined to provide evidence-based, timely, and appropriate clinical care to all patients. Effective treatment ensures that everyone receives care that aligns with these practices, and their unique healthcare needs. Equity Considerations: Populations facing health inequalities often experience barriers to receiving fast and reliable care. These delays can mean conditions progress before treatment can begin, increasing complications and reducing the effectiveness of interventions. Evidence-based care relies heavily on adherence to treatment plans. Language barriers, health-literacy gaps, and cultural disconnects make it harder for patients to understand and follow recommended protocols, leading to poorer outcomes. Health inequities often intersect with provider/caregiver bias or systemic discriminatory coverage/policies, whether intentional or unintentional, resulting in misdiagnoses, undertreatment, and poorer outcomes for marginalized groups. These practices can erode trust between patients and clinicians, further delaying and disrupting care. - Programs and Practices: PHCMC Hospital's uses Language Line for on-demand interpreter services because of their healthcare certified interpreters of over 204 languages (including sign language video chat), thus ensuring to the best of our ability that communication is clear and accurate. Any issues or errors that may arise due to health inequities are brought to the Health Equity Committee for discussion, identification of trends, and future removal of systemic barriers. By accurately analyzing disparities, we discovered that patients who were Spanish speaking were readmitted for CHF more than non-English speakers. These patients experienced longer average hospital stays and higher readmission rates compared to others. To address these challenges, we implemented the following: - RN provide CHF booklets to patients in preferred language - Engaging with Twistle to start utilizing it for CHF patients in preferred language (coming late July) - Implementation of Furoscix injection to treat fluid buildup - Enroll patients in Zoll HFMS patch that allows real-time monitoring of lung fluid levels. - PIC referrals have new brochures to encourage the interaction with PIC. The program saw immediate improvement in patient experience scores that continued to increase throughout the year. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: As previously mentioned, recent findings reveal disparities in Providence PHCMC Hospital's 30-Day Readmission Rates, particularly concerning patient age and insurance types, both with and without Behavioral Health components. The hospital aims to reduce these rates by 5-10% within the next 18 months by implementing the following initiatives. 1) Utilize an evidence-based readmission risk assessment tool to proactively identify and flag high-risk readmission patients and ensure they receive necessary support and care. 2) Ensure high-risk for readmission patients receive Home Health care within seven days of discharge to ensure timely care and support. 3) Utilize Twistle to communicate reminders to patients up to 30 days post discharge.

## Care coordination

Overview: Coordinated care can be a powerful tool to help improve health equity. Organization of PHCMC Hospital's care across providers, facilities, and time, ensures that care is accessible and responsive to the unique needs of our patients. Equity Considerations: By connecting patients through multiple providers and services - medical, surgical, social - individuals facing systemic barriers can still receive comprehensive support. This connection can reduce gaps in care, preventing delays that disproportionately affect marginalized groups. Effective coordination includes screening for social needs in order to link patients to community resources. By integrating this support into care plans PHCMC Hospital can help to mitigate non-clinical factors that drive inequalities. In addition, patients with complex conditions require providers to share information and align treatment plans to reduce errors and improve outcomes for populations that historically have disproportionate experiences with chronic disease. Programs and Practices: Providence PHCMC Hospital's Care/Case Management team collaborates closely with the Community Health team to identify and build partnerships with local community services, ensuring patients are connected to the support services they need. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: As previously

mentioned, recent findings reveal disparities in Providence PHCMC Hospital's 30-Day Readmission Rates, particularly concerning patient age and insurance types, both with and without Behavioral Health components. The hospital aims to reduce these rates by 5-10% within the next 18 months by implementing several initiatives. 1) Improve patient participation in Cipher automated post-discharge calls by ensuring patients are aware they will receive the call and a follow-up nurse call for their benefit if they indicate they have care questions. 2) Develop and implement comprehensive discharge protocols, including detailed checklists, to guarantee comprehensive patient education in preparation for discharge. 3) Conduct systematic follow-up post-discharge calls to check on patient recovery and address any issues after discharge. 4) Implement pharmacist-led discharge medication reconciliation to ensure accurate capture and patient adherence. 5) Implement Twistle to conduct post-discharge reminders. 6) Increase caregiver use of the "Find Help" platform within PHCMC's EMR system to search for and directly include recommended resources in a patient's After Visit Summary (AVS). 7) Conduct Care Coordination Rounds to address patients' post-discharge needs, connecting them with community care services when appropriate. 8) Deploy Community Health Worker Navigators to enhance continuity of care.

### Access to care

Overview: PHCMC Hospital understands that patient access to care is a crucial component of health equity. Our community's underserved population are faced with multiple barriers to receiving the healthcare services that they need, including geographic location and socioeconomic status. Equity Considerations: Patient access to care directly enables individuals to receive timely, high-quality medical services that promote health, prevent disease, and manage chronic conditions, ultimately reducing disparities in health outcomes between different population groups. Care access is essential to supporting prevention and early detection of health conditions through the utilization of check-ups, vaccinations, and screenings. In addition, it facilitates chronic disease management. Without this, disadvantaged populations often experience delayed diagnoses and poor health outcomes. Programs and Practices: The Community Health team at PHCMC Hospital collaborates with local services to enhance healthcare access for patients. By screening for SDoH, the Community Health and Care Management teams can more effectively identify patients who need assistance and determine the services that would be most beneficial to them. Performance Data and Improvement Plans: As previously mentioned, recent findings reveal disparities in Providence PHCMC Hospital's 30-Day Readmission Rates, particularly concerning patient age and insurance types, both with and without Behavioral Health components. The hospital aims to reduce these rates by 5-10% within the next 18 months by implementing several initiatives. 1) Improve patient participation in Cipher automated post-discharge calls by ensuring patients are aware they will receive the call and a follow-up nurse call for their benefit if they indicate they have care questions. 2) Develop and implement comprehensive discharge protocols, including detailed checklists, to guarantee comprehensive patient education in preparation for discharge. 3) Conduct systematic follow-up post-discharge calls to check on patient recovery and address any issues after discharge. 4) Implement pharmacist-led discharge medication reconciliation to ensure accurate capture and patient adherence. 5) Implement Twistle to conduct post-discharge reminders. 6) Increase caregiver use of the "Find Help" platform within PHCMC's EMR system to search for and directly include recommended resources in a patient's After Visit Summary (AVS). 7) Conduct Care Coordination Rounds to address patients' post-discharge needs, connecting them with community care services when appropriate. 8) Deploy Community Health Worker Navigators to enhance continuity of care.

## Methodology Guidelines

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

Y