

CMS Readmission Reduction Program: HEART FAILURE

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CMS Readmission Reduction Program

- Established by the Affordable Care Act in 2010
- Effective for hospital discharges beginning on October 1, 2012
- “Readmission” defined as an admission to a hospital within 30 days of a discharge from the same or another hospital
- Hospitals with excessive readmissions are penalized a percentage of their Medicare base rate



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CMS Readmission Penalty

- Adopted readmission measures for the applicable conditions of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI), Heart Failure (HF) and Pneumonia (PN);
- Established a methodology to calculate the excess readmission ratio for each applicable condition, which is used, in part, to calculate the readmission payment adjustment.
- A hospital's excess readmission ratio for AMI, HF and PN is a measure of a hospital's readmission performance compared to the national average for the hospital's set of patients with that applicable condition.
- Established a policy of using the risk adjustment methodology endorsed by the NQF which includes adjustment for factors that are clinically relevant including patient demographic characteristics, comorbidities, and patient frailty.
- Established an applicable period of three years of discharge data and the use of a minimum of 25 cases to calculate a hospital's excess readmission ratio of each applicable condition.



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Readmissions Adjustment Factor =

- For FY 2013, the higher of the Ratio or 0.99 (1% reduction);
- For FY 2014, the higher of the Ratio or 0.98 (2% reduction).
- For FY 2015, the higher of the Ratio or 0.97 (3% reduction)



Kentucky Data

		State Rate				
		June 2009 July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2008	June 2010 July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009	June 2011 July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010	June 2012 July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011	Dec. 2013 * July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2012
Rates	AMI	20.0%	20.3% ▲	20.5% ▲	20.5% ▼	18.8% ▼
	HF	25.3%	25.3% ▲	25.3% ▲	25.2% ▼	23.9% ▼
	PN	19.2%	19.3% ▲	19.1% ▼	19.4% ▲	18.4% ▼
	THA/TKA	No Data Available				5.3%

Beginning in FY 2015, there are two new measures included in the Readmission program: (1) patients admitted for an acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); and (2) patients admitted for elective total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA).



Kentucky Rank

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Ranks	AMI	37 of 50	41 of 51 ▲	47 of 51 ▲	46 of 51 ▼	46 of 51
	HF	43 of 50	43 of 51	39 of 51 ▼	39 of 51	42 of 51 ▲
	PN	44 of 50	44 of 51	41 of 51 ▼	44 of 51 ▲	47 of 51 ▲
	THA/TKA	No Data Available				29 of 51



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