

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
Name:	Emergency department visit frequency
Short/Other Names:	n/a
BACKGROUND, INTERPRETATION AND BENCHMARKS	
Description:	The number of emergency department visits by continuing care homes – type A (formerly long term care) or continuing care homes – type B (formerly designated supportive living), per 1,000 resident days. Data is grouped and presented according to setting: type A (formerly long term care) and type B (formerly designated supportive living) - levels B [DSL4], and B secure space [DSL4D].
Rationale:	To provide information on how often continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B residents visit an emergency department/urgent care centre. This is a measure of the volume of visits.
Interpretation:	None
Target/Benchmark:	No benchmarks have been identified.
INDICATOR CALCULATION	
Calculation:	Number of visits per 1,000 resident days = $\left(\frac{\text{Total number of emergency department visits for continuing care homes - type A or type B residents}}{\text{Total number of resident days for continuing care homes - type A or type B residents}} \right) \times 1000$ Type of Measure: Number per 1,000 resident days Adjustment Applied: None
Denominator:	The total number of resident bed days in continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B, provincially, or in a given zone. As an example, one resident who lives in continuing care homes– type A or continuing care homes – type B for an entire year is counted as 365 resident days. The number of resident days for each person is based upon their dates of admission and discharge at a given site in continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes– type B
Numerator:	The total number of emergency department and urgent care centre visits for persons deemed to be a continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B resident at the time of visit. Visits with an MIS_CODE beginning with “71310”, “71513”, or “71514” are included. Visits to an emergency department or urgent care centre on the day of admission to a continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes– type B site are not included.

DATA DETAILS	
Data Sources:	Alberta Health Services ^{5,6} Alberta Continuing Care Information System (ACCIS) National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)
Reporting Frequency:	Annually (by fiscal year [starts April 1, ends March 31]) First Available Year: 2018-19 Last Available Year: 2022-23
Geographic Coverage:	The province of Alberta excluding the military and prisoners.
Reporting Levels:	Province, zone

⁵ Documentation and data for this measure has been provided directly by Alberta Health Services (AHS). Credit regarding the data definition and appropriate calculations should be attributed to the AHS Analytics Team.

⁶ While the HQCA used all reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of the data used in this website, data continues to expand in scope and completeness. As such, the values reported may change over time.