

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Name:	Readmission into acute care within 7 days
Short/Other Names:	n/a
BACKGROUND, INTERPRETATION AND BENCHMARKS	
Description:	The percent of continuing care homes – type A (formerly long term care) or continuing care homes – type B (formerly designated supportive living) residents who returned home after a hospital stay, and who were readmitted to hospital within 7 days. Data is grouped and presented according to continuing care setting: continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B - levels 4 [DSL4], and 4D [DSL4D].
Rationale:	To provide information on how often continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B residents are readmitted to hospital within 7 days after a hospital stay. This can be a measure of poor transitions in care, and/or a measure of illness among residents, or the emergence of a new health-related issue among residents who return from home following a hospital stay.
Interpretation:	A lower percentage is desirable.
Target/Benchmark:	No benchmarks have been identified.
INDICATOR CALCULATION	
Calculation:	Percent readmitted within 7 days = $\left(\frac{\text{Total number of continuing care homes- type A or type B residents with an unplanned readmission within 7 days}}{\text{Total number of initial hospital discharges for continuing care homes - type A or type B residents}} \right) \times 100$ Type of Measure: Percent Adjustment Applied: None
Denominator:	The total number of initial hospital discharges for continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B residents. Any visits which resulted in transfer to another hospital, or death are excluded.
Numerator:	The total number of unplanned readmissions to hospital which occurred within 24 hours and 7 days of initial discharge for continuing care homes – type A or continuing care homes – type B residents. All visits with an admission category of “U” (urgent) with an institution code beginning with “80” (Alberta acute care hospital) are included.

DATA DETAILS	
Data Sources:	Alberta Continuing Care Information System (ACCIS) Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)
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