

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
Name:	Emergency department visit frequency
Short/Other Names:	n/a
BACKGROUND, INTERPRETATION AND BENCHMARKS	
Description:	<p>The number of emergency department visits by designated supportive living (DSL) or long term care (LTC) residents, per 1,000 resident days.</p> <p>Data is grouped and presented according to setting: long term care, and designated supportive living - levels 4 [DSL4], and 4D [DSL4D].</p>
Rationale:	To provide information on how often designated supportive living and long term care 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:	<p>Number of visits per 1,000 resident days =</p> $\left(\frac{\text{Total number of emergency department visits for DSL or LTC residents}}{\text{Total number of resident days for DSL or LTC residents}} \right) \times 1000$ <p>Type of Measure: Number per 1,000 resident days</p> <p>Adjustment Applied: None</p>
Denominator:	The total number of resident bed days in designated supportive living or long term care, provincially, or in a given zone. As an example, one resident who lives in designated supportive living or long term care 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 designated supportive living or long term care.
Numerator:	The total number of emergency department and urgent care centre visits for persons deemed to be a designated supportive living or long term care 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 designated supportive living or long term care 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: 2015/16 Last Available Year: 2019/20
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.