

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
Name:	Readmission into acute care within 7 days
Short/Other Names:	n/a
BACKGROUND, INTERPRETATION AND BENCHMARKS	
Description:	<p>The percent of designated supportive living (DSL) or long term care (LTC) residents who returned home after a hospital stay, and who were readmitted to hospital within 7 days.</p> <p>Data is grouped and presented according to continuing care 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 or long term care 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:	<p>Percent readmitted within 7 days =</p> $\left(\frac{\text{Total number of DSL or LTC residents with an unplanned readmission within 7 days}}{\text{Total number of initial hospital discharges for DSL or LTC residents}} \right) \times 100$ <p>Type of Measure: Percent</p> <p>Adjustment Applied: None</p>
Denominator:	The total number of initial hospital discharges for designated supportive living or long term care 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 designated supportive living or long term care 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: 2015/16 Last Available Year: 2019/20
Geographic Coverage:	The province of Alberta excluding the military and prisoners.
Reporting Levels:	Province, zone