

Effect of a hospital-wide measure on the readmissions reduction program.

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Under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service [Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program](#), hospitals are subject to nonpayment if patients with certain medical conditions are readmitted. [Research](#) supports the effectiveness of this program in decreasing readmissions and some have argued for expansion to a hospital-wide readmission measure. Using Medicare claims data, investigators concluded that transitioning to a hospital-wide readmission measure would lead to greater penalties for safety-net hospitals compared to other hospitals, a concern that has been raised with regard to Medicare's [Hospital-Acquired Condition Program](#).