

Changes in hospital-acquired conditions and mortality associated with the hospital-acquired condition reduction program.

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Hospital-acquired conditions (HACs) are thought to be [preventable](#), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [reduce payments](#) to hospitals with the highest rates of these conditions through its Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program (HACRP). This study evaluated [surgical](#) HACs at three timepoints: before Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation, after ACA implementation, and after HACRP. While the number of HACs continued to decline after implementation of HACRP, it did not affect 30-day mortality.