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- CMS Hospital wide readmission (HWR) measure: “A measure for 30-day all-cause unplanned readmission following hospitalization for any condition. Admissions for medical cancer treatment and for conditions not typically cared for in acute care hospitals are excluded.”
- From the CMS Blog: “**The readmission rate in Vermont was virtually unchanged, increasing slightly from 15.3% in 2010 to 15.4% in 2015.** This change correlates to 21 additional readmissions compared to if the state’s rate had remained constant.”
- Data available through Hospital Compare indicates a national readmission rate of **15.6%**
 - Vermont has been and remains below this rate today
 - 26 states remain above this national rate
- An independent analysis by Network Services Organization, using hospital specific discharge data and methodology similar to the CMS study shows that of the 15.4% readmission rate,
 - 12.8% are readmissions **unrelated** to the initial encounter
 - Only 2.6% are readmissions **related** to the initial encounter
 - The data set includes readmissions within 30 days, Medicare patients 65+, all hospitals, all causes, using calendar year
 - “related” encounters are defined as those where the readmission diagnosis-related code (DRG) is the same as the initial encounter
- As part of the All Payer Model providers will continue to report and be incentivized improve readmission rates.