



THE TRENDING REPORT

Second Quarter 2002

INPATIENT & OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION

Average length of stays for all patients in New Hampshire only increased slightly (1.4%) from January – June 2001 to January – June 2002 to 4.44 days. The total number of births remained the same during this time period, but the number of newborn days increased over 3.2%, causing the newborn average length of stay to rise 3% to 3.19 days.

Medicare admissions and patient days both declined approximately 2% during the six-month comparative time period. However, Medicaid jumped over 6% in the number of admissions and 7% in the number of patient days.

Inpatient surgeries continue on a decline, posting a 4% drop from January – June 2001 to January – June 2002. Outpatient surgeries increased over 3.5% for this time period, therefore, the percent of outpatient surgeries to total surgeries now stands at 70%. Rural hospitals are averaging almost 80% of all surgeries are outpatient.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Net Revenue per Adjusted Admission increased from \$6,403 to \$7,000 (a 9% rise) from January – June 2001 to 2002. In comparison, Total Operating Expenses per Adjusted Admission increased 9% from \$6,299 to \$6,891 for the same time period.

Outpatient Revenue as a percent of Gross Revenue stands at 51% of all revenue for New Hampshire hospitals. The percentage for rural hospitals is 61% during January – June 2002.

FINANCIAL RATOS

The Deductible Ratio continues to increase for almost all of the hospitals. Between January – June 2001 and 2002, the Deductible Ratio increased 5.4% to 41.71. Operating Margins remained steady at 4.7%, except that rural hospitals average was break-even at 0.35%, up from -2.24% a year ago. Gross Days Receivable Outstanding remained the same at 65.83 days from March 2002 to June 2002, but dropped over 7% when compared to 72 days in June 2001.

NOTES

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- ?? A copy of this executive summary and statewide totals of the Second Quarter 2002 Trending Report are available on NHHA's web site at <http://www.nhha.org>.