

## THE TRENDING REPORT

### **Second Quarter 2003**

#### **INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION**

Both Total Admissions and Total Patient Days increased over 2% from January – June 2002 to January – June 2003. Average length of stay did not change and remains at around 4.4 days. Births only increased 1% from January – June 2002 to 2003 but newborn patients days rose over 7% causing newborn average length of stay to rise 6% to 3.38 days.

Medicare admissions remained flat but Medicare patient days increased 2% from January – June 2002 to 2003. Medicare average length of stay now stands at 5.74 days in 2003. In comparison, Medicaid admissions jumped almost 12% for the same time period and Medicaid patient days rose almost 16%. Medicaid average length of stay during January – June 2003 is 3.75 days (a 3.5% increase over 2002).

Inpatient surgeries appear to reversing it's downward trend. From January – June 2002 to January – June 2003, inpatient surgeries increased over 5.3%. Outpatient surgeries, on the other hand, remained constant for the same time period. Emergency Room visits also remained constant from January – June 2002 to 2003.

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Net Revenue per Adjusted Admission increased almost 8% from first half 2002 to first half 2003 to \$7,551. Total Operating Expenses per Adjusted Admission rose 5.8% for the same time period to \$7,396.

Medicare Revenue as a percent of Gross Revenue remained at 39%. Medicaid Revenue as a percent of Gross Revenue is almost 6.5% (a 4.5% increased from 2002 to 2003).

#### **FINANCIAL RATIOS**

The Deductible Ratio rose 3.3% from January – June 2002 at 41.71 to 43.11 in 2003. Operating Margins went from 4.68% during January – June 2002 to 6.19% for the same time period in 2003. Total Margins went from 3.45% in first half of 2002 to 7.8% in 2003. Gross Days Receivable Outstanding fell 2.8% from 60.6 to 58.88 in 2003.

## **NOTES**

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