

THE TRENDING REPORT

Third Quarter 2002

INPATIENT & OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION

Statewide, inpatient utilization has remained the same from third quarter 2001 to third quarter 2002. The overall average length of stay has increased slightly from 4.37 days to 4.41 days. The average length of stay at rural hospitals is a full day shorter at 3.42 days in 2002.

Medicare admissions declined 1.68% from third quarter 2001 to 2002 whereas Medicaid admissions increased over 5% during the same time period. Average lengths of stay did not change significantly. The Medicare average length of stay is at 5.62 days and Medicaid average length of stay is 3.61 days.

The percent of ambulatory surgeries to total surgeries continues increase. Overall, the statewide average is 69.69%, an almost 2% increase over the same time period in 2001. The rural hospital average in third quarter 2002 is 79.04%.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Outpatient Revenue as a percent of Gross Revenue continues to grow. From January – September 2001 to the same time period in 2002, the percent rose 2.86% to 51.22%. For rural hospitals, the 2002 average is 61.19%.

The percent of gross revenue attributable to Medicare remained fairly steady – averaging almost 40% in 2002. The percent of gross revenue attributable to Medicaid increase almost 5.5% from third quarter 2001 to 2002 to 6.14% of total.

Net Patient Revenue per Adjusted Admissions increased 8.86% to an amount of \$7,011 for January – September 2002. Total Expenses per Adjusted Admissions increased at the same rate (8.44%) to \$6,871.

FINANCIAL RATOS

Operating Margins increased 5.62% from third quarter 2001 to 2002 to 4.91%. Rural hospitals, although showing a great improvement, are still showing a negative margin of

-0.16%.

Gross Days Receivable Outstanding stayed relatively unchanged. The statewide average for January – September 2002 is 65.26 days. The rural hospital average for the same time period is 71.58 days.

NOTES

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