

THE TRENDING REPORT

Fourth Quarter & Full Year 2002

INPATIENT & OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION

Statewide, inpatient utilization has remained unchanged from full year 2001 to 2002. The overall average length of stay has increased slightly from 4.38 days to 4.42 days. The average length of stay at rural hospitals is a full day shorter at 3.41 days in 2002.

Medicare admissions declined 1.37% from 2001 to 2002 whereas Medicaid admissions increased over 6% during the same time period. Average lengths of stay did not change significantly. The Medicare average length of stay is at 5.2 days and Medicaid average length of stay is 3.7 days.

The percent of ambulatory surgeries to total surgeries continues to increase. Overall, the statewide average is 70.2%, a 2.5% increase over the same time period in 2001. The rural hospital average for full year 2002 is 79.4%. Emergency room visits remained the same from 2001 to 2000. New Hampshire hospitals handle over 534,000 emergency rooms annually.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Outpatient Revenue as a percent of Gross Revenue continues to grow. From January – December 2001 to the same time period in 2002, the percent rate rose over 3% to 51.39%. For rural hospitals, the 2002 average is 61.65%.

The percent of gross revenue attributable to Medicare remained fairly steady – averaging almost 40% in 2002. The percent of gross revenue attributable to Medicaid increased almost 4.5% from full year 2001 to 2002 to 6.13% of total.

Net Patient Revenue per Adjusted Admissions increased 8.43% to an amount of \$7,089 for January – December 2002. Total Expenses per Adjusted Admissions increased at a rate of 7.79% to a statewide average of \$6,974 for 2002.

FINANCIAL RATOS

Operating Margins increased 10% from full year 2001 to 2002 to 4.62%. Rural hospitals, although showing a great improvement, are still showing a negative margin of -0.9%.

Total margins declined over 23% from 2.88% in 2001 to 2.21% in 2002. Again, small rural hospitals made some gains over the 2001 rate of -1.38% to -.16% in 2002, but are still in the negative range.

Gross Days Receivable Outstanding dropped 4% from 2001 to 2002 to 62.64 days. The rural hospital average for the same time period is 69.87 days.

NOTES

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