

Reduce the number of persons readmitted to MSH within six months of a previous discharge.

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 Division: Addictive & Mental Disorders  
 Program: Montana State Hospital

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**Program or Project Description:**

The Montana State Hospital (MSH) is the only state-operated inpatient psychiatric hospital. MSH provides treatment services to people admitted under civil procedures and criminal procedures. State law limits services to adults, 18 years of age or older.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of June 30, 2009.
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	29,535,343	28,791,827	30,117,015	29,835,555	
State Special	505,101	422,963	427,063	546,107	
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,040,444</b>	<b>\$29,214,790</b>	<b>\$30,544,078</b>	<b>\$30,381,662</b>	

**Goal(s):**

Achieve a 10% reduction in the number of persons readmitted to Montana State Hospital within six months of a previous discharge.

**Performance Measures :**

The original baseline used for this performance measure was: in FY 07 134 of 682 admissions had been discharged within the previous six months.

The refinement of this performance measure recalculates the baseline. Calculation of readmission rate uses only patients who were admitted under an involuntary, voluntary, or Indian Health Service order. Recalculation of baseline using this methodology shows that in FY2007, 24 of 486 admissions (5%) had been discharged within the previous six months.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
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**Performance Report:**

In FY2008, 36 of 500 admissions (7%) had been discharged within the previous six months. In FY2009, 45 of 527 admissions (9%) had been discharged within the previous six months. In FY2010 through 2/15/2010, 29 of 318 admissions (9%) had been discharged within the previous six months.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT - On track.

DATA RELEVANCE - The data received is relevant to the outcome measures. The way that re-admission data is measured changed from the measure originally adopted. It is now more narrowly focused on involuntary, voluntary, and Indian Health Services order admissions.

APPROPRIATION STATUS - Appropriation/expenditure data was provided for the state hospital.

COMMENTS/ISSUES - As noted in "Data Relevance" the way that the outcome measure is calculated was changed since this goal was first adopted. The new calculation is a better outcome measure. However, the goal of achieving a readmission rate of under 10 percent is double the level of the baseline data where the readmission rate is 5 percent. Therefore, while the goal of a readmission rate lower than 10 percent has been met, performance is declining in comparison to the FY 2007 baseline data and readmission rates are increasing. The FY 2009 readmission rate was 9 percent.

OPTIONS - The workgroup could consider several options:

1. This initiative could be released from further review.
2. The workgroup could modify the measure and establish a goal closer to the baseline performance measure of a 5 percent readmission rate within 6 months.
3. The workgroup could ask that DPHHS provide measures for FY 2010 to be reviewed by the LFC at its October 2010 meeting.
4. The workgroup could request that the appropriations subcommittee review the outcome measures for this program during the 2011 session.

The options to continue to monitor readmissions to MSH is listed because of the legislative initiatives enacted during the 2009 session to enhance community crisis services and short term inpatient treatment in the community.

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