



Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4)

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### **PHC4's *Hospital Performance Report* Examines Individual Hospital Outcomes, Volume, and Charges Across 17 Common Medical Conditions**

**Harrisburg** - PHC4 released its 2024 *Hospital Performance Report* today. This report offers insight into hospitals across the Commonwealth, displaying information surrounding outcome measures using data from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, referred to as federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024.

17 common medical conditions are included in PHC4's report, providing hospital-specific ratings on mortality and 30-day readmissions, as well as volume of cases and hospital charges for patients discharged in FFY 2024. When examining changes in statewide rates across time, significant increases and decreases are reported. Statewide in-hospital mortality rates showed a statistically significant increase from FFY 2019 to FFY 2024 in six of the 16 conditions reported. The largest increase was in Sepsis, where the mortality rate increased from 8.7% to 9.6%. A statistically significant decrease in the in-hospital mortality rate occurred only in Kidney Failure – Acute, where the rate decreased from 2.4% to 2.2%. The statewide 30-day readmission rates showed a statistically significant increase from FFY 2019 to FFY 2024 in six of the 17 conditions reported. The largest increase was in Blood Clot in Lung, where the readmission rate increased from 11.8% to 13.7% across the 5-year period. The statewide 30-day readmission rates showed a statistically significant decrease in three of the 17 conditions reported. The largest decrease was in Heart Attack – Medical Management, where the readmission rate decreased from 17.8% to 15.8% during this time.

Barry D. Buckingham, the Executive Director of PHC4, stated, "Our *Hospital Performance Report* is relied on across Pennsylvania as a trusted, consistent source of fact-based data, made public to ensure transparency and informed decision making." Buckingham is dedicated to PHC4's continued efforts to produce quality reporting, while also bringing new resources forward. For the first time, this report includes an online, interactive geographic display, based on facility location. Buckingham went on to state, "The value of the reporting is enhanced by these additional resources, and we aim to continue to develop new and different opportunities to support Pennsylvanians."

PHC4 is an independent council formed under Pennsylvania statute (Act 89 of 1986, as amended by Act 15 of 2020) in order to address rapidly growing health care costs. PHC4 continues to produce comparative information about the most efficient and effective health care to individual consumers and group purchasers of health services. In addition, PHC4 produces information used to identify opportunities to contain costs and improve the quality of care delivered.

For more information, visit [phc4.org](https://phc4.org) or access the full report [here](#).



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