

PA Health Care Cost Containment Council

Special Data Requests Update

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PHC4's New Deputy Executive Director

The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) recently welcomed Heather Nairn as the new Deputy Executive Director of PHC4. Ms. Nairn will assist PHC4's Executive Director Barry Buckingham in public relations, legislative affairs, marketing strategy, digital marketing, innovation and business development. Ms. Nairn has experience in management, marketing, and healthcare economics and population health analysis.

PHC4 Data User Series



Effects of Payment Reform on Post-Acute Care After Lower Extremity Joint Replacement

Value-based payment models that have been implemented over the years have changed the delivery of patient care. Dr. Robert E. Burke, MD, MS from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine used inpatient discharge data from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council to study the effects of payment reform on discharge patterns and patient outcomes. The study entitled, *Association of Discharge to Home vs Institutional Postacute Care With Outcomes After Lower Extremity Joint Replacement*, compared patients discharged to institutional post-acute care settings to patients discharged home, to evaluate the effect of financial incentives (i.e., hospital participation in bundled payments) on patient readmissions, surgical complications, and mortality. Dr. Burke's research team examined changes in patient outcomes after lower extremity joint replacement surgery over a period when substantial financial payment incentives were implemented.

[More Details](#)

Data Release

Administrative & Revenue Data

Third quarter 2021 inpatient and ambulatory/outpatient administrative and revenue data is available for purchase. Fourth quarter 2021 data is scheduled to be released July 2022.

Utilization Reports

PHC4's online [inpatient](#) and [ambulatory/outpatient](#) utilization summary statistics based on county residents have been updated on [PHC4's website](#) with third quarter 2021 data.

Financial Data

Fiscal year 2020 hospital and ambulatory surgery center financial data is available for purchase.

PHC4 Research Briefs



COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Pennsylvania

This research brief examines patients of all ages who were hospitalized with a COVID-19 diagnosis and discharged from a Pennsylvania acute care hospital from March 2020 through June 2021. Rates of hospitalization and in-hospital mortality by month are presented, with a closer look at differences by age and race/ethnicity.

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PHC4 Reports

COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Report



This report provides data to the Pennsylvania Legislature on the effect of the COVID-19 disaster emergency on Pennsylvania hospitals and health care facilities during July 2021 through September 2021. The report will be updated

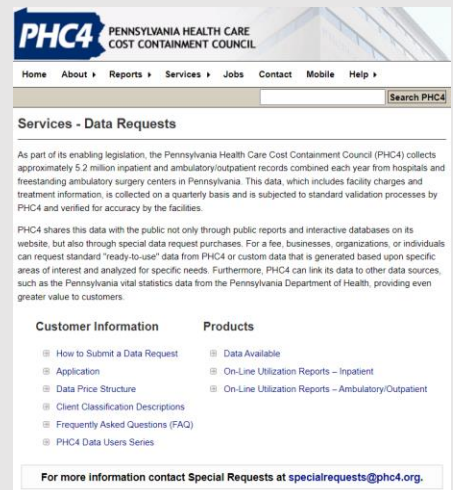
each quarter for one year following the termination of the COVID-19 disaster emergency.

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Special Data Requests

Contact PHC4's Special Requests staff to purchase data for your health care projects. Our analysts will work with you to meet your comprehensive data needs.

Visit the [Services – Data Requests](#) section of PHC4's website for more information about our data and services, or contact JoAnne Nelson, supervisor of Special Requests at specialrequests@phc4.org.



The screenshot shows the PHC4 website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header is a search bar and a section titled "Services - Data Requests". The main content area contains a paragraph explaining that PHC4 collects approximately 5.2 million inpatient and ambulatory/outpatient records annually and provides data to the public through reports and interactive databases. It also lists "Customer Information" and "Products" available for request. A footer note states: "For more information contact Special Requests at specialrequests@phc4.org."

[More Details](#)

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PHC4's Mobile Site

Based on fiscal year 2021 hospital discharge data, county-specific hospitalization rates for ten different health conditions are reported on PHC4's [mobile site](#). This information is also accessible from the PHC4 County Profiles section of PHC4's main [website](#).

- Hospital Admissions – Overall
- Opioid Overdose and Opioid Use Disorder
- Maternal Hospital Stays involving Opioids
- Drug Withdrawal in Newborns
- Breast Cancer Surgery
- Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations
- Diabetes
- Sepsis
- Super-Utilizers
- *C. difficile* Infections (CDI)

[More Details](#)

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