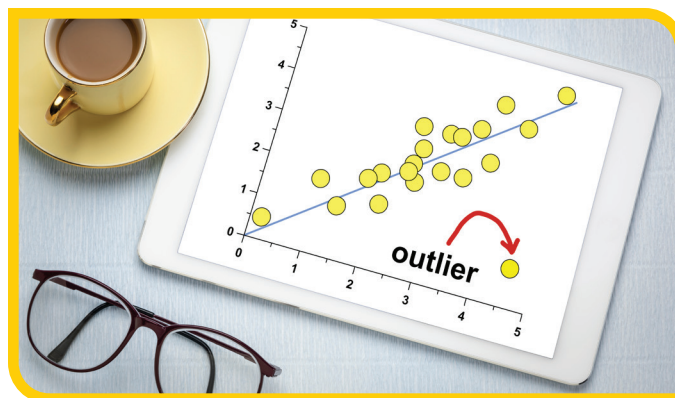


3-5 Day Readmissions

NUMERATOR:

Count of readmissions within three to five calendar days (four to six consecutive days) to the same SNF for the same beneficiary (identified using the Health Insurance Claim number) during an episode that ends during the report period.



Outlier Indications:

High Outlier: This could indicate that patients are being discharged prematurely or that patients are being readmitted after the interrupted stay threshold, thereby resetting the variable per diem adjustment.

DENOMINATOR:

Count of all claims associated with SNF episodes ending during the report period, excluding patient discharge status code 20 (expired).

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Internal audit of patients readmitted after interrupted stay threshold for appropriateness of admission, quality of care, and principal and secondary diagnoses
- ☐ Review Sample of Patients to Determine Admission Location (e.g. hospital, community, etc)
- ☐ Identify Diagnosis / Clinical Category Trends to Determine if Return to Hospital Could Have Been Prevented
- ☐ Consider Assessing Number of NTA Points in Sample Selection
- ☐ Collaborative Plans of Care and Discharge Planning
- ☐ Use of the HTS Proprietary Program THRIVE

Source: Skilled Nursing Facilities Training & Resources (cbrpepper.org)