



**American Hospital
Association**

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TO: Members, AHA's Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services

**SUBJECT: Best Practices- Reducing Readmission Rate for Psychiatric Inpatients
90 minute Conference Call, including a Q&A Session**

WHEN: Friday, August 6th at 1:00 pm ET (Noon CT, 11:00am MT, 10:00 am, PT)

Beginning in FY 2013, inpatient PPS hospitals with higher-than-expected readmissions rates will experience decreased Medicare payments for all Medicare discharges. Given the reality that certain psychiatric diagnoses are often list in the "Top Ten" diagnoses of readmitted patients, now is the time to improve the quality of care, and identify best practices for reducing psychiatric readmissions. **So, register Today for the upcoming free AHA member conference call.** This call will feature:

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During this call the speakers **will share some of the core characteristics** that contribute to the excellence in care that has resulted in a 7% reduction in psychiatric readmissions over the past few years – establishing a current psychiatric readmission rate of 6.8%.

They will **share successful tactics** that have been the key to managing the continuum of care, and developing a bio/psycho/social model of treatment. You'll learn what factors they identified as critical risk factors contributing to readmissions, and more importantly how they have established partnerships within and outside of their medical center to manage these risks. They'll describe how they seek to have the patient and their medical physician be an integral partner in this process.

In preparation for this call, you may want to download a new, free resource from the AHA: [Health Care Leader Action Guide to Reduce Avoidable Readmissions](#). Developed by AHA's Health, Education and Research Trust, (HRET), the leader action guide is designed to help health care organizations "get started" in reducing avoidable readmissions.

To Register for the call, please [Click Here](#), or go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/285P9V7> Dial in information, and materials will be sent to you prior to the call. Until then get started by downloading and reviewing: [Health Care Leader Action Guide to Reduce Avoidable Readmissions](#).

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