

CBE 1463: Standardized Hospitalization Ratio for Dialysis Facilities (SHR)

6.2.4 Progress on Improvement

6.2.4 [If maintenance review OR 6.1.1 Current Status = In Use] Progress on Improvement*

Discuss any progress on improvement (trends in performance results, including performance across subpopulations if available, number and percentage of people receiving high quality health care, geographic area, number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included). If use of the measure demonstrated no improvement, provide an explanation.

Hospitalization rates remained rather steady between 2020-2023, with an observed rate ranging from 1.46-1.55 hospitalizations per patient-year at risk.

Year	Patient-Years at Risk	Hospitalizations	Hospitalization Rate
2020*	264,775.1	408,797	1.54
2021	387,428.0	564,639	1.46
2022	374,761.0	553,490	1.48
2023	364,494.2	563,941	1.55

*The CMS COVID Extraordinary Circumstances Exception (ECE) data policy restricts the use of claims data from March-June 2020.

Hospitalization rates from 2020-2023 may be difficult to interpret because of the COVID-19 pandemic effects. As the table above shows there was a notable decline in the hospitalization rate for 2021 and 2022, before an increase again in 2023. This suggests facilities are able to take actions to reduce their overall hospitalization rates and should to closely monitor these and take steps to avoid excess preventable hospitalizations.