



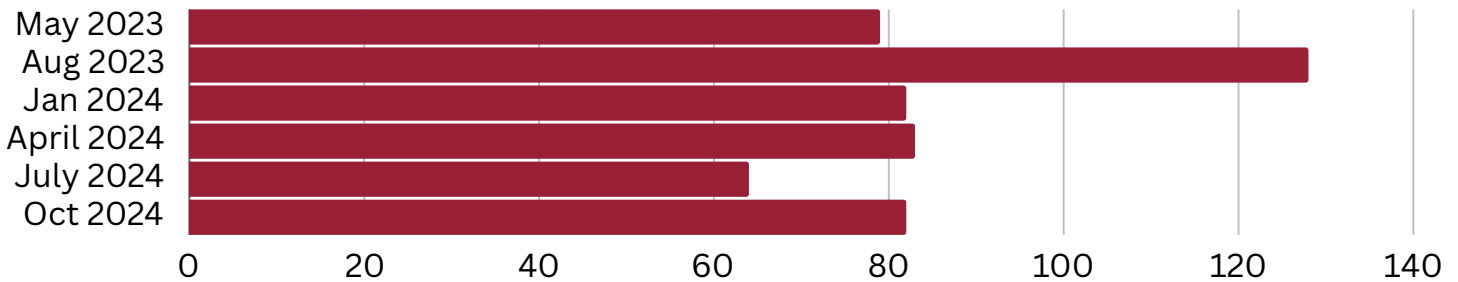
TRANSITIONS OF CARE REPORT

October 2024

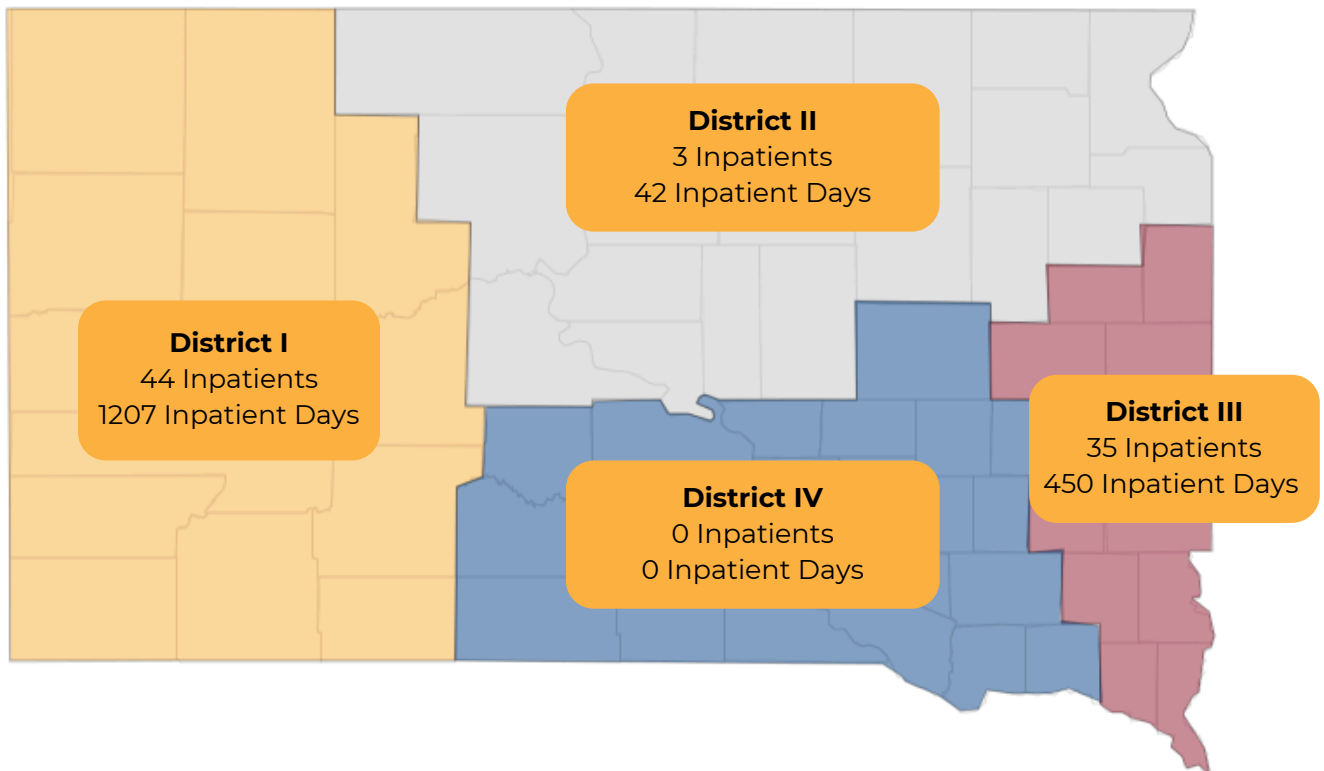
The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO) has been hearing from members about the challenges they face in placing patients in post-acute care beds across the state. SDAHO staff have worked with peers in other states, primarily Nebraska and Minnesota, to develop a survey to collect data measuring the impact this is having across South Dakota. A total of 19 hospitals participated in the October survey, with 4 stating they had at least one patient who had been ready to discharge for seven days or longer but was still awaiting discharge. Delays in placing patients impact both the patients and the provider community, creating financial hardships and impacting quality of life. The goal of producing this survey is to help show policy makers, government leaders, and the public the impact this is having on hospitals, post-acute care providers, and patients across South Dakota. If you have any questions about the survey report, please contact Jacob Parsons, SDAHO's Director of Advocacy and Reimbursement.

In addition to the patients awaiting discharge for 7 days or longer, at the time of the survey SD hospitals reported 4 patients in the Emergency Department awaiting an inpatient bed and 87 patients awaiting bed acceptance to a tertiary care center.

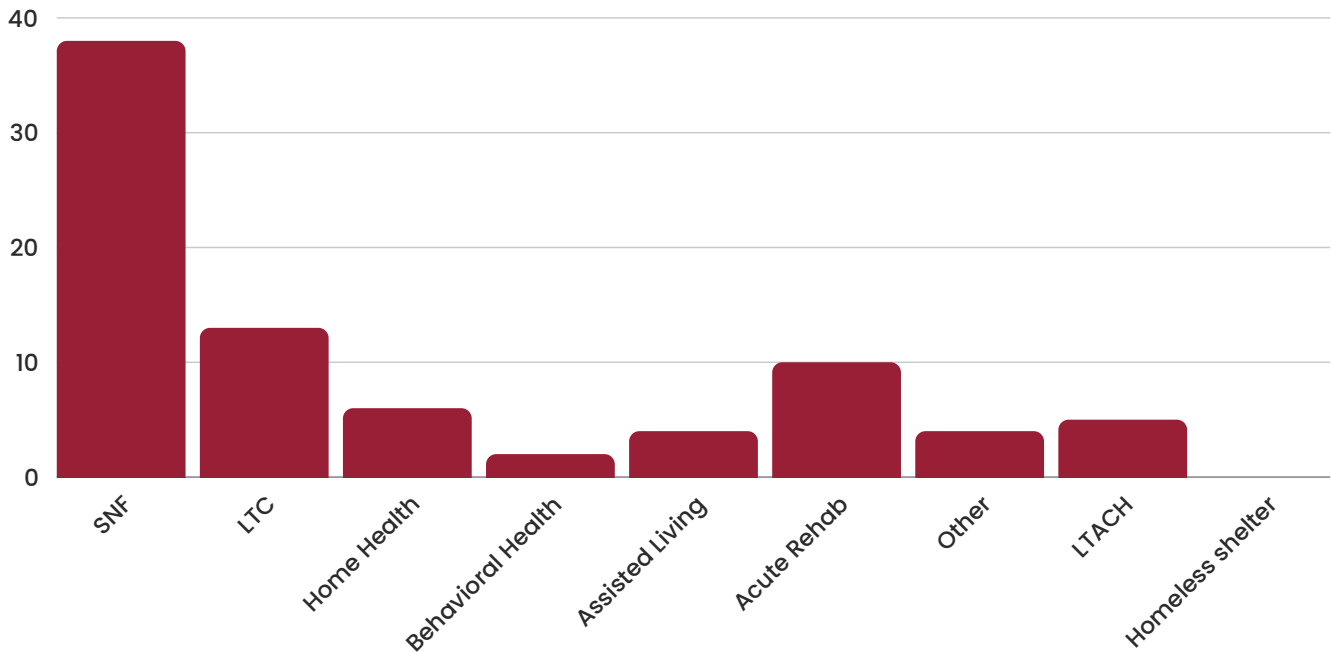
Patients Awaiting Discharge > 7 Days in SD Hospitals



SDAHO Throughput Survey Report: Patients Awaiting Discharge to Post-Acute Settings by SDAHO District based on Responses to SDAHO's Throughput Survey



Patients Awaiting Discharge to Post-Acute Setting > 7 Days by Facility Type



Notable Comments on October 2024 Survey

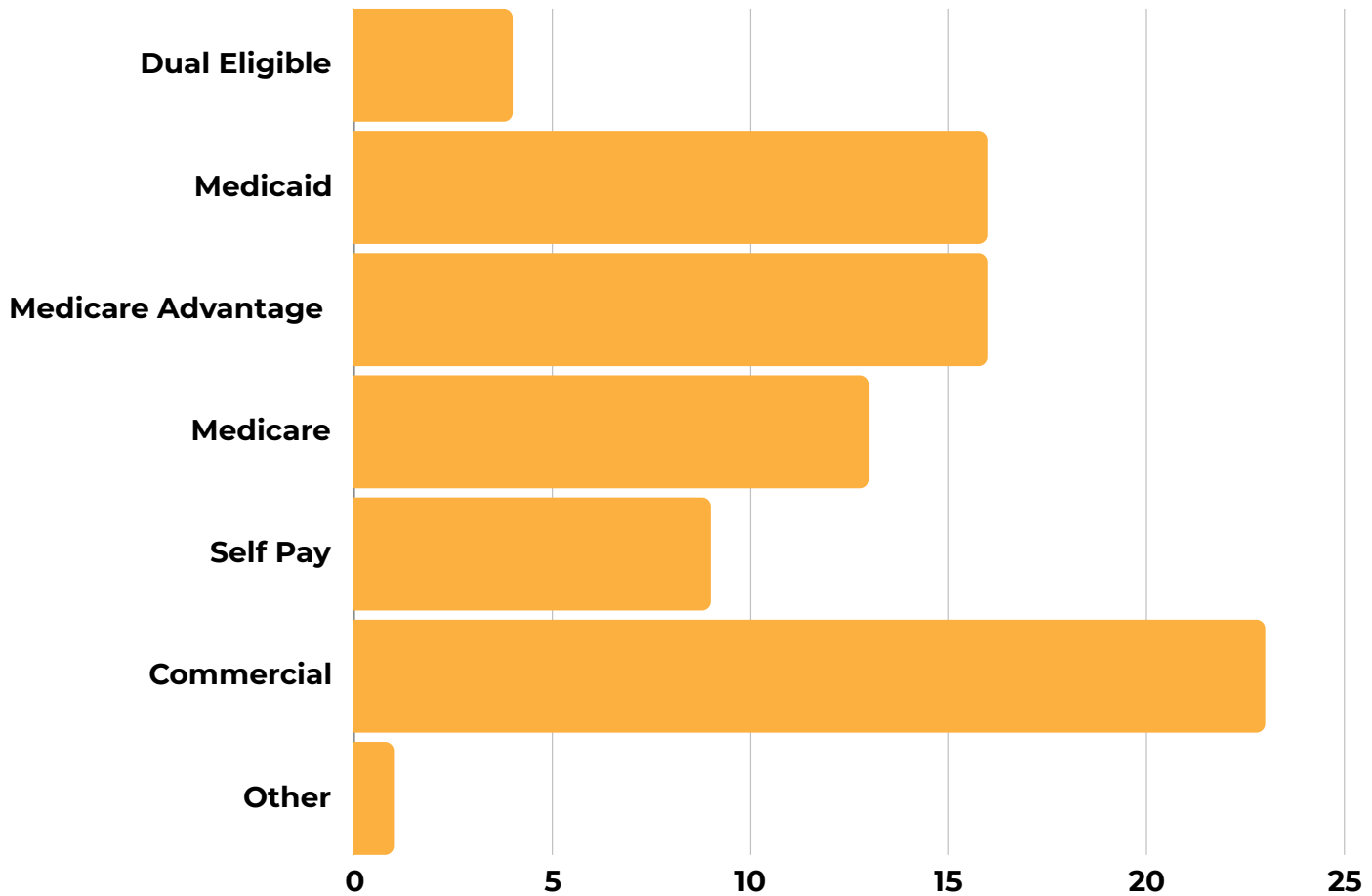
“ Sex offender patients cause extra difficulties to place.

“ Behavioral health needs make it hard to find facilities to place patients.

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One of the biggest causes of discharge delays generally is patients who have been accepted to a post acute facility, generally SNF or Swingbed, who are waiting 3-5 days for insurance authorization. These delays cause throughput challenges, more people to be held in surgical areas for longer times, more people held in the emergency room, and transfers from outlying facilities being delayed.

Patients Awaiting Discharge to Post-Acute Setting > 7 by Payer Type

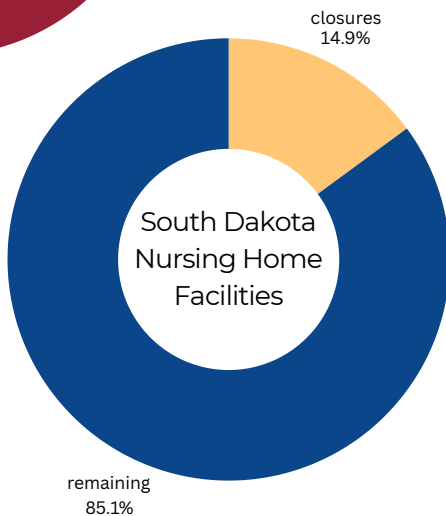
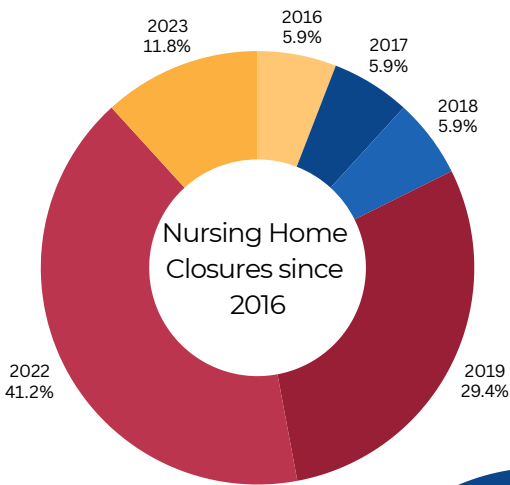
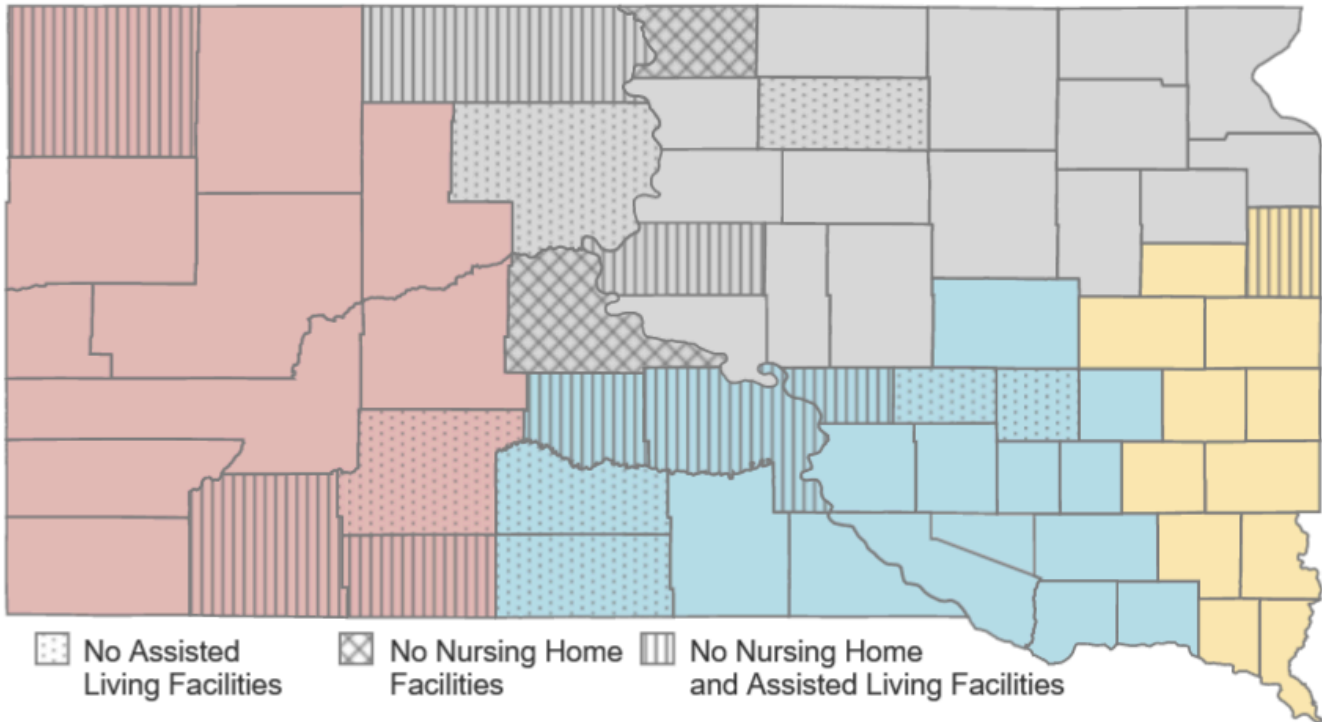


Patients Awaiting Discharge Requiring Specialized Care

- Behavioral health needs for adolescents
- Behavioral health needs for adults
- Alcohol/substance use disorder
- Bariatric needs
- Dementia care needs
- Geriatric psych
- Tracheostomy care needs
- Peg tube care needs
- Dialysis care needs
- Ventilator needs

On average it costs a hospital \$1,000 per day to care for these patients. The estimated impact at the time of the survey was \$1.70M.

South Dakota's Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facility Status



Since 2016, 17 nursing home facilities have closed in South Dakota. These facilities provide critical services and support for South Dakota patients. Working towards providing a smooth transition across the care continuum is critical.