# MUHC Inpatient Readmission Dashboard

## Background

The Affordable Care Act added a section to the Social Security Act establishing the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, which requires CMS to penalize IPPS hospitals with excess readmissions through reduced payments, effective for discharges beginning on October 1, 2012. A readmission is defined as an admission to a subsection(d) hospital within 30 days of a discharge from the same or another subsection(d) hospital. Currently, CMS measures for the applicable conditions of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI), Heart Failure (HF) and Pneumonia (PN). However, CMS is finalizing the expansion of the applicable conditions for FY 2015 to include: (1) patients admitted for an acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); and (2) patients admitted for elective total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA).

There exist many different reports and methodologies for reporting MUHC readmissions; however, no such monitoring tool had been put in place that follows the CMS algorithm. In an attempt to help MUHC better manage readmissions, the MUHC Inpatient Readmission Dashboard project was undertaken.

## Aim

To create an interactive dashboard of patients who are discharged from and readmitted to the University of Missouri Health System using CMS criteria to better track, manage, and prevent readmissions.

Not only does the dashboard help estimate the number of CMS penalized readmissions for MUHC, but also shows rates across all payers in order to improve the care of all patients.

## Access

All UMHC executives, manager directors, and medical directors have access to the dashboard.

For more information on the link to the dashboard, or issues accessing the dashboard, please contact Koby Clements or Eric Franks in the Center for Health Care Quality.