



Why Data Matters

LIFETIME Care at Home has been tracking quality data for a number of years and, as one of only six providers in the state of Connecticut to earn the Best of Home Care Leader in Excellence Award, is prepared to address any patient's non-medical needs.

The private, in-home non-medical care provider's executive director Guy Tommasi was awarded the Innovation Award by the Connecticut Association of for Healthcare at Home last year as result of his outcome system that enables LIFETIME and its parent agency, VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice, to demonstrate the value LIFETIME brings to the healthcare system.

According to federal data, CMS will penalize more than 2,500 hospitals this fiscal year for having too many Medicare patients readmitted within the 30-day window. Now in its eighth year, the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program examines readmission rates closely and hit 83 percent of the more than 3,000 hospitals evaluated with a penalty.

The IMPACT Act will require PAC providers and hospitals to look at quality, resource use, patient functional status, skin integrity, the incidence of falls and other measures when objectively assisting patients and caregivers in choosing Post-Acute Care.

Giving this information to patients not only allows them to evaluate where the best care may be available, but to be more actively involved in the process of their plan of care after discharge.

Non-medical support can be an important addition to the plan of care to help reduce the incidence of hospital readmission.