Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN 2016/2017 QIP Snapshot Report
INTRODUCTION
Purpose

- To give each Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) a snapshot of its quality improvement efforts as reflected in the 2016/17 Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) submitted to Health Quality Ontario by hospitals, interdisciplinary primary care organizations, community care access centres and long-term care homes

- To identify general observations, highlight areas that have shown improvement, and identify potential areas for improvement (focusing on a few indicators)
How This Report Should Be Used

We intend for this report to:

- Be used for discussion between the LHIN and its health service providers on successes and areas for improvement as reflected in the QIPs
- Stimulate collaboration within and among organizations across the LHIN who may be working on similar change ideas or areas for improvement
- Be used as a discussion point with the Regional Quality Tables
- Be shared with the LHIN board and/or health service provider boards in the LHIN

This report has been produced in an editable PowerPoint format to support the above uses
Report Structure

For a select number of 2016/17 QIP indicators, this report will summarize:

1. **Quantitative data**, including:
   - Current performance and indicator selection
   - Progress made on 2015/16 QIPs

2. **Qualitative data**, including:
   - Change ideas and partnerships
   - Barriers and challenges
   - Success stories

For more information about these and other indicators, please visit the Health Quality Ontario website to access the publicly posted QIPs ([Sector QIP](#)) or search the QIP database ([QIP Query](#))
Rationale for Selected Indicators

This snapshot provides information on priority indicators that require collaboration and integration across sectors

Hospital
- 30-Day Readmissions for Select HBAM Inpatient Groupers
- 30-Day Readmissions for Select Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) Cohorts (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Stroke, Congestive Heart Failure)
- Alternative Level of Care Rate

Primary care
- 7-Day Post-Discharge Follow-up
- Timely Access to Primary Care
- Hospital Readmissions for Primary Care Patients

Community care
- Hospital Readmissions for Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Clients

Long-term care (LTC)
- Emergency Department Visits for Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions

For more information about these QIP indicators, see the 2016/17 QIP indicator technical specification document.
# Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN Overview

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| Hospitals               | 9         | - 4 large community hospitals  
|                         |           | - 2 small community hospitals  
|                         |           | - 2 acute teaching hospitals  
|                         |           | - 1 CCC & Rehab                                            |
| Primary Care            | 23        | - 15 Family Health Teams  
|                         |           | - 7 Community Health Centres  
|                         |           | - 1 Aboriginal Health Access Centre                         |
| Community               | 1         | - CCAC                                                       |
| Long-Term Care          | 85        | - 47 for-profit  
|                         |           | - 24 not-for-profit                                         
|                         |           | - 14 municipal                                              |
| Multi-sector            | 0         |                                                              |
Key Observations – Overarching

- Reflecting back on their 2015/16 QIPs, more than 85% of organizations reported progress on at least one priority or additional indicator, and more than half reported progress on three or more.

- There was a high uptake of priority issues in the 2016/17 QIPs, particularly patient experience and integration.
  - More than three-quarters (78%) of organizations described working on at least one of the indicators related to integration.
  - More than 80% of organizations described working on at least one of the indicators related to patient experience.

- Most organizations set targets to improve, but many of these targets are modest (typically within 1–5% of their current performance).
  - While this may be appropriate for some indicators, organizations are encouraged to reflect on their current performance and consider whether a stretch target might be appropriate.
All sectors described an increased use of Patient and Family Advisory Councils and Forums in the development of their QIPs

Percentage of Organizations that reported engaging Patient Advisory Councils and Forums in development of 2015/16 QIPs and 2016/17 QIPs across all four sectors
Most sectors described an increased engagement of patients and families in the co-design of QI initiatives.

Percentage of Organizations that reported engaging Patients and Families in development of 2015/16 QIPs and 2016/17 QIPs across all four sectors.
Key Observations – Per Sector

Å **Hospitals:** The area where the most hospitals reported progress was emergency department length of stay (61% of hospitals reporting progress), followed by positive patient experience (recommend hospital; 60% of hospitals reporting progress).

Å **Primary care:** The area where the most primary care organizations reported progress was cancer screening (65% reporting progress in colorectal cancer screening and 55% reporting progress in cervical cancer screening).

Å **Home care:** The area where the most CCACs saw progress was related to integration issues (77% of CCACs reported progress on unplanned emergency visits and 75% of CCACs reported progress on hospital readmissions).

Å **Long-term care:** The area where the most homes reported progress was appropriate prescribing of antipsychotics (78% of homes reporting progress).
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN DATA
**Provincial Averages**

Ontario provincial averages (%) for selected integration indicators across sectors*, QIP 2014/15–QIP 2016/17

Better performance

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- **Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**
- **Hospital Readmissions for CCACs**
- **Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke**
- **Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute**

*Data were obtained from external sources, and indicators presented in the graph are risk-unadjusted unless specified otherwise. Potentially avoidable ED visits for long-term care residents have a unit of rate per 100 long-term care residents; all other indicators have a unit of percent. Provincial average data were not available for primary care organization indicators from external data sources and are not presented in this graph.

**Data sources**

- Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-term Care Residents: Canadian Institute for Health Information.
- Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure; Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers, Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Discharge Abstract Database.
- Hospital Readmissions for CCAC: Home Care Database, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Discharge Abstract Database, National Ambulatory Care Reporting System.
- Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute: Cancer Care Ontario, Wait Time Information System.
Ontario QIP Data: Progress Made in 2016/17

Looking back: Percentage of organizations in Ontario that progressed, maintained or worsened their performance between the 2015/16 QIP and the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the QIP 2016/17 Progress Report

- **Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Grouper (n=74)**
  - Progressed: 48.6%
  - Maintained: 36.5%
  - Worsened: 13.5%

- **Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider (n=277)**
  - Progressed: 39.7%
  - Maintained: 46.2%
  - Worsened: 13.7%

- **7-Day Post-Hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions (n=273)**
  - Progressed: 28.2%
  - Maintained: 42.5%
  - Worsened: 23.8%

- **Hospital Readmission Rate for Primary Care Patient Population (n=145)**
  - Progressed: 37.2%
  - Maintained: 5.5%
  - Worsened: 30.3%
  - Worsened: 26.9%

- **Hospital Readmissions for CCAC (n=12)**
  - Progressed: 75.0%
  - Maintained: 8.3%
  - Worsened: 16.7%

- **Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents (n=420)**
  - Progressed: 41.0%
  - Maintained: 53.1%
  - Worsened: 5.5%

This graph represents organizations that selected the indicator in their 2015/16 and 2016/17 QIPs, comparing their current performance from both years, as reported in the 2016/17 QIP Progress Report. The numbers represent the original definitions of the indicators only.
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN QIP Data: Progress Made in 2016/17

Looking back: Percentage of organizations in Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN that progressed, maintained or worsened in their performance between the 2015/16 QIP and the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the QIP 2016/17

The graph represents organizations that selected the indicator in their 2015/16 and 2016/17 QIPs, comparing the current performance (CP) from both years, as reported in the QIP 2016/17 Progress Report. The numbers represent the original definitions of the indicators only. The number of organizations in each LHIN may be small; please consider the sample size (n) of each indicator when interpreting the data presented – for example, there is only one CCAC per LHIN, so interpret data with caution.
Looking forward: Percentage of organizations in Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN that set a target to improve, maintain or worsen performance in the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the 2016/17 QIP Workplan.

The graph represents organizations that selected the indicator in their 2016/17 QIPs, comparing the Current Performance (CP) from 2016/17 to Target Performance (TP) in 2016/17, as reported in 2016/17 QIP Workplan. The numbers represent the original definitions of the indicators only. The number of organizations in each LHIN may be small; please consider the sample size (n) of each indicator when interpreting the data presented – for example, there is only one CCAC per LHIN, so interpret data with caution.

Select Integration Indicators

- Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute (n=3) 100.0%
- Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Grouper (n=4) 75.0% 25.0%
- 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with CHF (n=1) 100.0%
- Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider (n=20) 85.0% 10.0% 5.0%
- 7-Day Post-Hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions (n=20) 90.0% 10.0%
- Hospital Readmission Rate for Primary Care Patient Population (n=11) 81.8% 9.1% 9.1%
- Potentially Avoidable ED Visits for Long-Term Care Residents (n=54) 94.4% 5.6%

Percent

0.0% 20.0% 40.0% 60.0% 80.0% 100.0%

Improvement Maintenance Retrograde Target
## Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN QIP Data: 2016/17
### Indicator Selection

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<td><strong>Hospital/ Acute Care</strong></td>
<td>i. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure (QBP)</td>
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<td>ii. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (QBP)</td>
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<td>iii. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke (QBP)</td>
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<td>iv. Readmission Within 30 days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Grouper (HIGs)</td>
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* Indicator selection analysis presented in table includes original definition of the indicators only. The denominator represents the total number of QIPs submitted within LHIN in each sector. Custom Indicator Selection were as follows for HNHB LHIN:
  - 2 Hospitals selected a custom indicator related to **30-Day Readmission Rate** (A combined designation for all four 30-Day Readmissions indicators)
  - 2 Hospitals selected a custom indicator related to **Alternate Level of Care Rate**
  - 1 Primary Care Organization selected a custom indicator related to **7-day Post-hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions**
  - 2 Primary Care Organizations selected a custom indicator related to **Access to primary care**

** LHIN and provincial averages not available from external data providers

Note: Interpret data with caution; please refer to Technical Specifications; for instance, the three QBP indicators and the Readmissions HIG indicator are risk-adjusted, while the rest are not risk-adjusted.
MOST COMMON CHANGE IDEAS FROM 2015/16 AND 2016/17
Common Change Ideas

The following slides show common change ideas at the provincial level; ideas have been categorized by theme.

Graphs display change ideas by indicator and show:

- The most common change ideas included in the 2016/17 QIPs (Progress Report), and a look back at progress made in implementing change ideas.
- The extent to which these change ideas were also included in QIP Workplans.
- LHIN-specific notes to capture regional change ideas or unique ideas in Workplans.
The information presented combines data submitted by organizations on the following four 30-day readmission indicators: 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure, 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke and Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers.

### Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 hospital QIPs for 30-Day Readmission Rate,* as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

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In Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, organizations are working on change ideas such as **creating partnerships with other sectors, audit and feedback, patient education, and individualized care and discharge planning** (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).

Additionally, organizations proposed change ideas relating to referral to speciality clinics to prevent readmission.

* The information presented combines data submitted by organizations on the following four 30-day readmission indicators: 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure, 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke and Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers.
### Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 hospital QIPs for Alternative Level of Care,* as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

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In Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, organizations are working on change ideas such as **bed utilization management** (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).

Additionally organizations proposed change ideas relating to **senior-friendly hospital principles**.

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* The information presented combines data submitted by organizations on the following Alternative Level of Care indicators: Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute, and Percent Alternative Level of Care Days.
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 primary care QIPs for 7-Day Post-Hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

- Create partnerships with other sectors to follow complex patients
- Electronic solutions such as Hospital Report Manager
- Using data for improvement
- Individualized coordinated care and discharge planning with hospitals or Health Links

In Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, organizations are working on change ideas such as electronic solutions (e.g., Hospital Report Manager), create partnerships with other sectors, identify hospitalized patients through shared EMR with hospital, and audit and feedback (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 primary care QIPs for Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

- Increase supply of visits: 105 (8 implemented)
- Understand supply and demand: 104 (8 implemented)
- Audit and feedback: 72 (3 implemented)
- Survey methodology: 55

In Hamilton Niagara Halimand Brant LHIN, organizations are working on change ideas such as understand supply and demand, audit and feedback, increase supply of visits, and survey sample and/or methodology, (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).
In Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, organizations working on change ideas such as audit and feedback, assess post-discharge risk for readmission, activate appropriate community follow-up, and technology enablers like telehomecare/telemonitoring (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).

Additionally, organizations proposed change ideas relating to the use of specialized teams like palliative teams/mental health services to prevent readmissions.
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 QIPs for Hospital Readmissions for Community Care Access Centres, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

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- **QIP 2016/17 Progress Report—Implemented Ideas**
- **QIP 2016/17 Workplan—Proposed Ideas**
Most Common Change Ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 Long-Term Care QIP for Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents, as reported in 2016/17 QIP

In Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, organizations are working on change ideas such as staff education, audit and feedback, resident/patient education, and early recognition of “at-risk” residents, (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans). Additionally, organizations proposed change ideas relating to the routine tests in-house.
Reducing Emergency Department (ED) Length of Stay

Norfolk General Hospital

- The ED Length of Stay reported in the Quality Improvement Plan for an admitted patient has been reduced by more than 6 hours.
- Despite an increased volume of patients, the hospital has improved ED wait times for both admitted and non-admitted patients.
- Achieved by making it a priority focus for staff in the ED, support services, and inpatient unit, to improve patient flow at all touch points.
- Continued work on admission avoidance by involving CCAC staff in the ED.
- Daily bed management meetings, measuring bed utilization data, and weekly emergency wait time metrics were held to sustain and improve gains (e.g., time to initial physician assessment was held at 3.1 hours).
Improving 7-Day Follow-Up Post-Discharge

Bridges Community Health

- Improved primary care follow-up within 7 days of discharge from hospital from 18.8% in 2012 to 30.8% in 2014, which is 4% higher than the Ontario average (based on March 31, 2014 Practice Profile report)

- The team continues to make strides in improving the performance of this indicator

- Access to Clinical Connect over the past year has made a significant and positive difference for the team
Increasing Medication Reconciliation and Reducing Readmission

Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant CCAC

- The CCAC has reduced hospital readmission rates for patients who received medication reconciliation by a statistically significant margin, which has been instrumental in improving readmission rates.

- The CCAC will continue to:
  - Prioritize the importance of medication management as it relates to falls and prevention of hospitalization.
  - Collaborate with partners and patients on sharing the reconciled medication list at transition points.
Reducing Emergency Department (ED) Visits

Billings Court Manor (Long-Term Care Home)

- Building staff capacity has improved the team’s ability to manage many complex care cases without the need for an ED visit.
- The main contributor to the success in this area is the culture within the home, which is led by the physicians, ownership, and staff.
- The home actively promotes its ability to manage residents within its care team and encourages families to think deeply about what unnecessary transfers to the ED, invasive procedures, and unfamiliar care teams can have on residents from long-term care homes—especially residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease.
Reducing ED Visits

- **Billings Court Manor**: Building staff capacity has improved their preparedness to manage complex care cases that have warranted an ER visit.
- However, the culture within the home, which is led by the medical team of physicians, ownership and staff is the main contributor to the success within this area.
- The Home actively promotes its capability to manage residents within its care team and encourages families to think deeply about what unnecessary transfers to the ER, invasive procedures and unfamiliar care teams can have on residents from long term care homes, especially residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease.
Reducing Emergency Department (ED) Visits

Wentworth Lodge (Long-Term Care Home)

- Using a modified list of Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSCs) for transfer to the ED, the Administrator and Director of Nursing is working with the City of Hamilton Chief of Paramedics to review transfers to ED
- Nurse Leaders perform care reviews after ED transfers to determine potential gaps/oversights in care that may have contributed to the transfer
- Palliative Care Team members assist in promoting in-home hospice care
- The person who prompted the ED transfer (e.g., resident choice, family direction, staff endorsed) is also tracked
Discussion Points

Based on the LHIN 2016/17 QIP Snapshot Report:

- What are your overall impressions about the quality initiatives underway in your LHIN as reflected in the QIPs?
- Were there any “Aha” moments (positive or negative)?
- Did you observe any gaps or areas for improvement across the LHIN?
- How might this information be useful for your LHIN?
- How does this information tie into the LHIN’s Integrated Health Services Plan and the Regional Quality Table?