Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
Improve Access to Acute Psychiatric Beds

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?

Commitment Start Date
01/01/2018

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent
1
**Action Plan**

We would like to work with Orange County to optimize downstream placement of patients to appropriate lower levels of care. Unfortunately, more low acute IMD beds (e.g. psychiatric SNF) beds are needed in the community; given that these are not available, a backlog of "boarder" patients is an ongoing challenge which compound ED overcrowding. We communicate closely with our county counterparts in the ED re: daily bed availability; therefore, a bed registry wouldn't be useful at this time. An increased number of hospitals in Orange County are dissolving their LPS designation, shunting more involuntarily detained patients to UCI (which often correlates with severe pathology). We have had meetings with the County to discuss the current status of bed availability at UCI. County case workers are assigned to facilitate discharge planning, although they are often not available.

**Commitment Timeline**

January 1-December 31, 2018

**Impact Details**

Lives Lost in Last Calendar Year

0

How many lives do you expect to spare from harm in the next calendar year?

0

How many lives do you expect to save in the next calendar year?

0

**Methodology for Determining Lives Saved**

Lives saved calculation is reflected in APSS #1. Awaiting measurement period results to calculate lives spared harm per formula above.