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Hospital Data Trends

The following are Iowa hospital trends for January 2021 through December 2021, compared to the same time in 2020, as reported to the IHA DATABANK Program. 99 Iowa hospitals are included in this reporting. (Contact [Allison Martin](#) at IHA with any questions.)

Medicare Acute Discharges	↓ 2.3%	Emergency Department Visits	↑ 11.8%
Medicaid Acute Discharges	↑ 3.6%	Inpatient Admissions from ED	↑ 3.8%
Self-Pay Acute Discharges	↓ 7.0%	Observation Visits	↑ 25.2%
Acute Discharges	↑ 1.0%	Home Health Visits	↑ 0.2%
Medicare Total Discharges	↓ 2.3%	Total Outpatient Visits	↑ 20.3%
Medicaid Total Discharges	↑ 3.7%	Medicare Gross Charges	↑ 12.4%
Self-Pay Total Discharges	↓ 7.5%	Medicaid Gross Charges	↑ 16.6%
Total Discharges	↓ 0.1%	Self-Pay Gross Charges	↑ 7.7%
Medicare Acute Patient Days	↑ 0.5%	Wellmark Gross Charges	↑ 15.0%
Medicaid Acute Patient Days	↑ 3.4%	Other Gross Charges	↓ 37.1%
Self-Pay Acute Patient Days	↓ 8.2%	Total Gross Charges	↑ 13.7%
Acute Patient Days	↑ 5.8%	Medicare Contractual Adjustments	↑ 14.7%
Medicare Total Patient Days	↑ 0.5%	Medicaid Contractual Adjustments	↑ 14.3%
Medicaid Total Patient Days	↑ 3.4%	Wellmark Contractual Adjustments	↑ 16.4%
Self-Pay Total Patient Days	↓ 8.2%	All Other Payers Contractual Adjustments	↓ 20.2%
Total Patient Days	↑ 2.0%	Charity Care	↑ 1.4%
Medicare Average Length of Stay	↑ 2.8%	Uncompensated Care (Bad Debts)	↓ 6.2%
Medicaid Average Length of Stay	↓ 0.3%	Net Patient Revenue	↑ 11.0%
Self-Pay Average Length of Stay	↓ 0.7%	Facility FTEs	↑ 8.4%
Total Acute Average Length of Stay	↑ 4.2%	Total Expenses	↑ 9.3%
Births	↑ 2.4%	Operating Margin (Actual)	+ 3.0%
Inpatient Surgeries	↓ 0.7%	Total Margin (Actual)	+ 9.0%
Ambulatory Survey Visits (Hospital based)	↑ 15.8%	Gross Patient Accounts Receivable	↓ 1.6%