Reducing Unnecessary Hospital Admissions

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| 26% | Fewer acute care hospitalizations
| 59% | Fewer hospital bed days
| 19-30% | Total medical cost savings

Many hospital admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions can be avoided.

The Medicare program could save (in 2008) $3 billion per year by reducing hospitalizations and subsequent post-acute care for ambulatory care sensitive conditions by 50%.

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v. Source: Dobson | DaVanzo analysis of research-identifiable 5% SAF for all sites of service, 2008, wage index adjusted by setting and geographic region. All analyses are conducted at the MS-DRG level.