

RIHC 2023 Home Care Chartbook, Co-Sponsored by NAHC, Illustrates New and Changing Trends in Home Care

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Washington, D.C. — The Research Institute for Home Care (RIHC or the Institute) and the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) are excited to announce the release of the **2023 RIHC Home Care Chartbook**. Highlighting the vital role home care plays in caring for an aging demographic, the Chartbook provides a look at the patients being served in home health, who they are demographically and clinically, and the workforce that cares for them.

Published annually, the Chartbook provides a broad overview of home health patients, the home health workforce, organizational trends, and the economic contribution of home health agencies, as well as data on 30-day rehospitalization rates. Compiled and charted by **KNG Health Consulting**, the Chartbook summarizes and analyzes statistics on home health from a range of government sources, including the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Medicare Cost Reports, Home Health Compare, Medicare fee-for-service claims, and other data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

“This year’s Chartbook once again offers a critical lens through which to view the impact of home care on patients and the U.S. healthcare system,” said **Jennifer Sheets, Chairman of the Institute’s Board of Directors**. “We are thrilled to welcome the NAHC back as a co-sponsor of the Chartbook. NAHC is an important industry leader in home care advocacy and a vital partner of the Institute.”

“The Chartbook is full of essential information on the Medicare home health benefit and its impact,” said **NAHC President William A. Dombi**. “Care at home is changing so quickly and there is so much new information. The Chartbook really helps me stay on top of it all. I rely on it all the time in NAHC advocacy and policy development.”

Upcoming Chartbook Webinar

NAHC and the Institute will present the findings in a webinar on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm ET, which will serve as an overview for the Chartbook, how to use it, key data from this year's edition, and more. The webinar will be free and recorded for later use. Registration for the webinar will be available soon.

A few key takeaways that will be discussed:

- Difference in demographics between Medicare Advantage and Traditional Medicare home health patients;
- Continued growth of post-acute patients being sent to home health with sepsis and septicemia;
- Readmissions rates to hospital from the top MS-DRG's;
- And continuing trends in home care.

About the Research Institute for Home Care (the Institute or RICH)

The Research Institute for Home Care (the Institute or RIHC) is a non-profit, national consortium of home care providers and organizations. The Institute invests in research and education about home health care and its ability to deliver quality, cost-effective, patient-centered care across the care continuum. The Institute is committed to conducting and sponsoring research and initiatives that demonstrate and enhance the value proposition that home care has to offer patients and the entire U.S. health care system.

About National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC)

The National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) is the voice of home care and hospice. NAHC represents the nation's 33,000 home care and hospice providers, along with the more than two million nurses, therapists, and aides they employ. These caregivers provide vital services to Americans who are aged, disabled, and ill. Some 12 million patients depend on home care and hospice providers, who depend on NAHC for the best in advocacy, education, and information. NAHC is a nonprofit organization that helps its members maintain the highest standards of care. To learn more, visit <http://www.nahc.org>.