

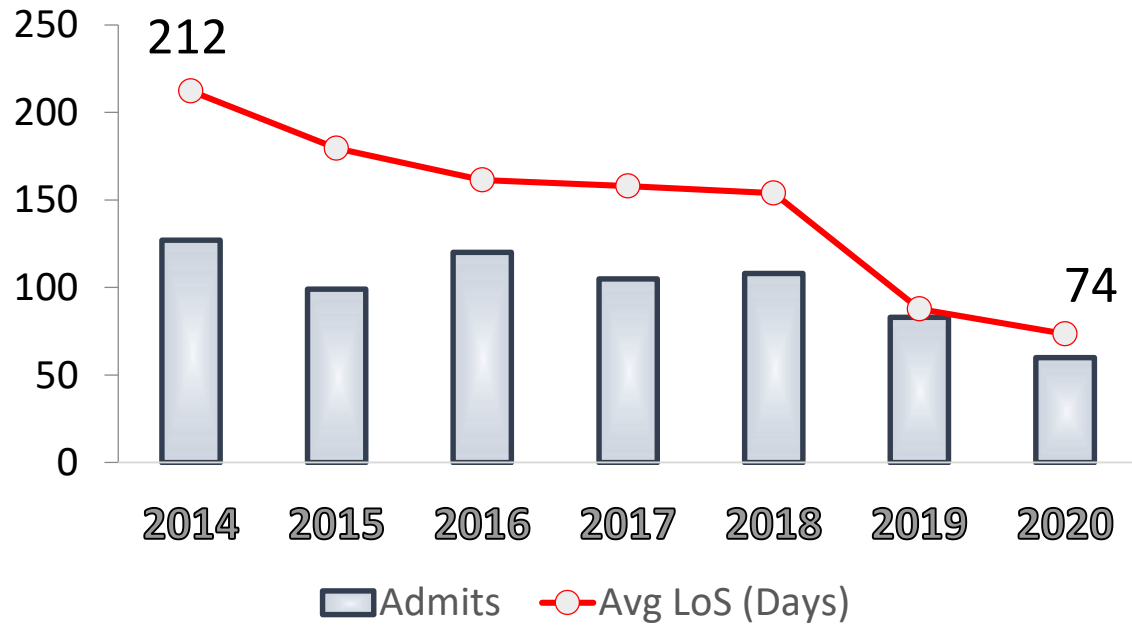
Hospital and Short-Term Care
Sub Committee
Recommendations

Solve Unnecessary Admission Delays

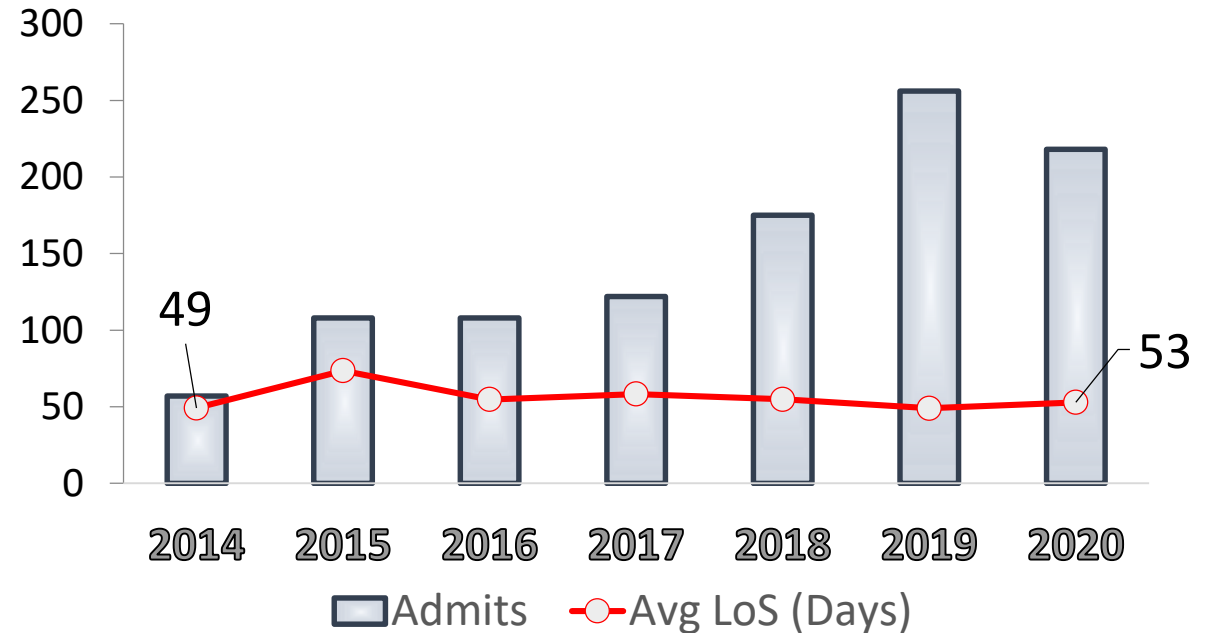
- Add reimbursement level for aggression so receiving facilities can add staff to ensure patient safety
- Fund 24-hour physician at CSUs to review admissions including lab work
- GCAL to allow more than one facility to review patient at a time
- Universal consent form in English and Spanish with electronic signing capability

Admissions & LOS (by Funder)

CMO/Medicaid Data



Commercial Insurance Data

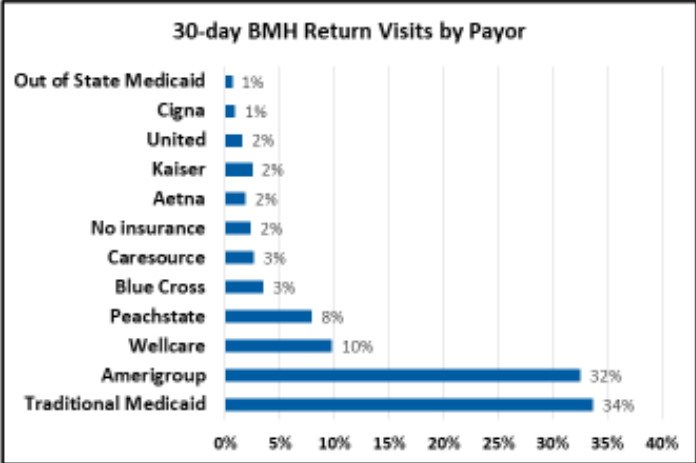


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BMH Visits to a Children’s ED, Psych Transfers

53% of BMH visits to a Children’s ED require transfer to a psychiatric facility.

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Georgia Parity Law

- Reporting obligations of all plans to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Commissioner of Insurance, and the Behavioral Health Task Force until its completion
- Ensure Department of Insurance conduct regular market exams for compliance to include prior authorization, denials of admission and length of stay, and reimbursements rates
- Ensure that DCH includes clear parity requirements in renewed Medicaid managed care contracts and require CMOs to supply data to document denials
- Transparent and easy public consumer complaint process

Improve Workforce

- Develop data set for licensed behavioral health providers to include certification specialties, location, insurance accepted, and telehealth offered
- Licensed Marriage Family Therapists and Licensed Professional Counselors able to be independent providers

Telehealth

- Make telehealth reimbursement permanent
- Statewide telehealth contracts for all eligible agencies
- Project ECHO

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