



Reducing Avoidable
Readmissions Effectively

Making Hospital Readmissions RARE in Minnesota

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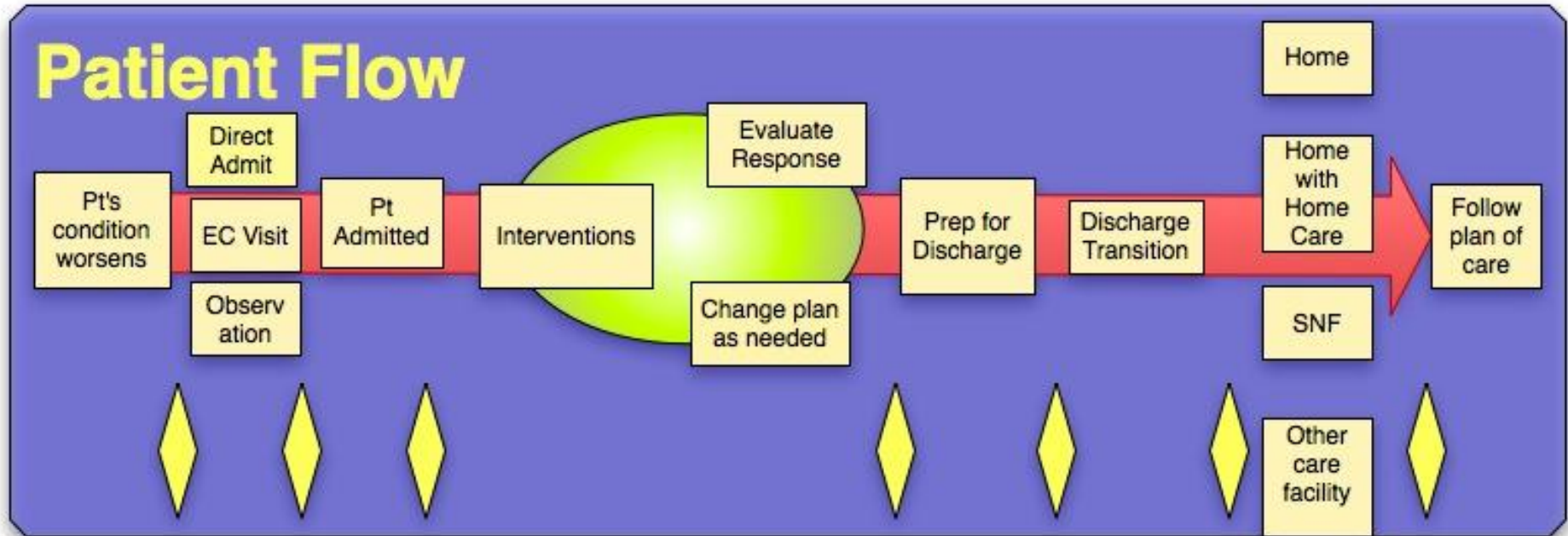
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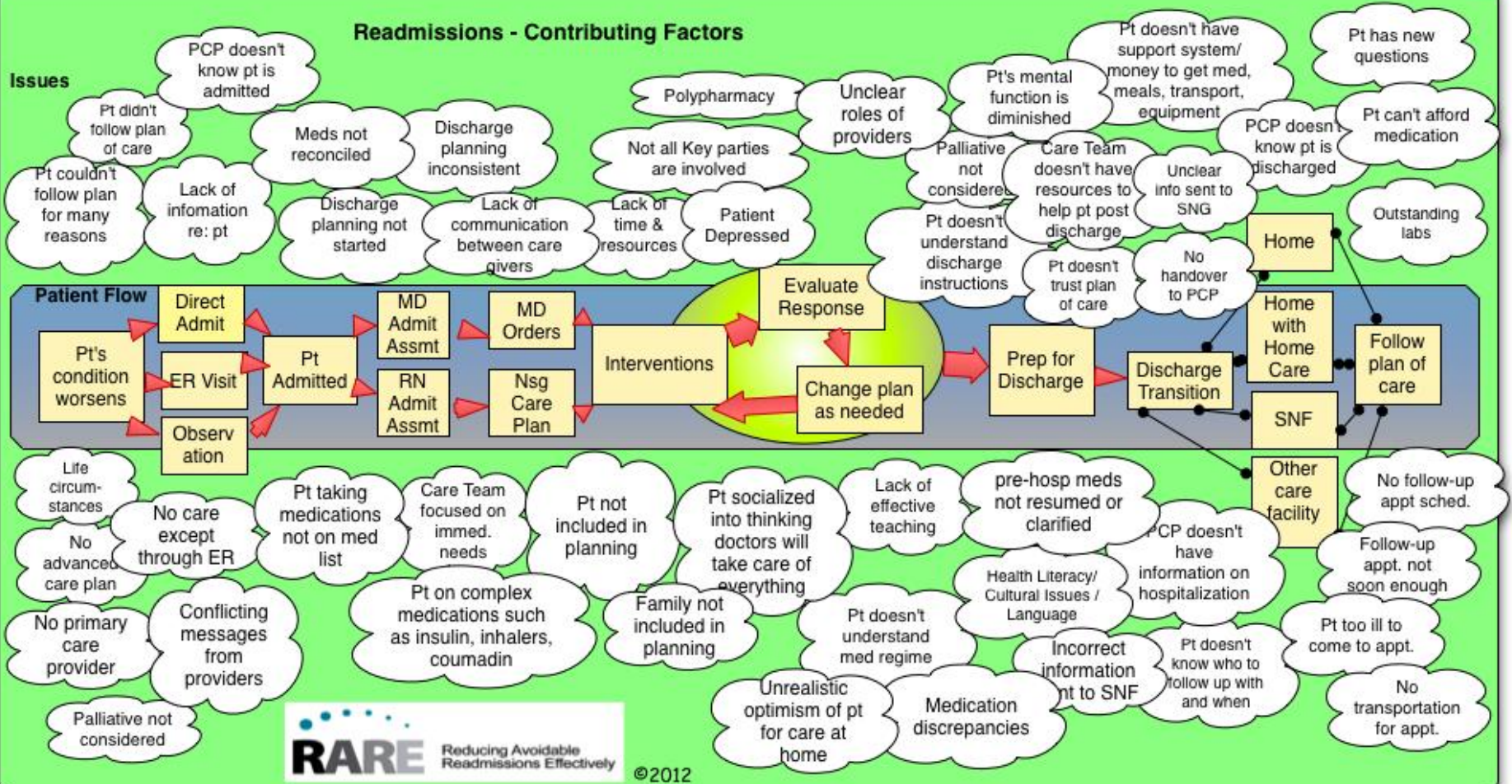


What is happening?



Readmissions - Contributing Factors

Issues

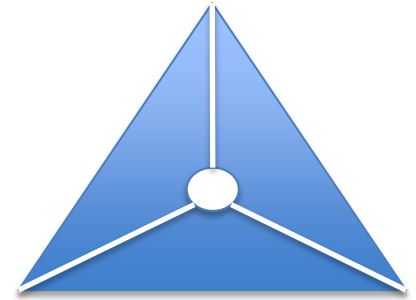


What is the RARE Campaign?

- A campaign across the continuum of care to reduce avoidable hospital readmissions across Minnesota and surrounding areas
- Regional approach, supported by hospitals, providers, health plans, other key stakeholders
- Campaign is engaging other care providers, acknowledging that readmissions are the result of a fragmented health care system



Triple Aim Goals



- Population health
 - Prevent 4,000 avoidable readmissions within 30 days of discharge, OR in other words,
 - Reduce overall readmissions rate by 20% from 2009 base by December 31, 2012
- Care experience
 - Recapture 16,000 nights of patients' sleep in their own beds instead of in the hospital
 - Improve by 5% on HCAHPS discharge survey questions
- Affordability of care
 - Save an estimated \$30 million for commercially insured patients; additional savings for Medicare patients



Broad Community Support

- Operating Partners:
 - Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
 - Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA)
 - Stratis Health



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- Supporting Partners:
 - Minnesota Medical Association
 - MN Community Measurement
 - VHA Upper Midwest



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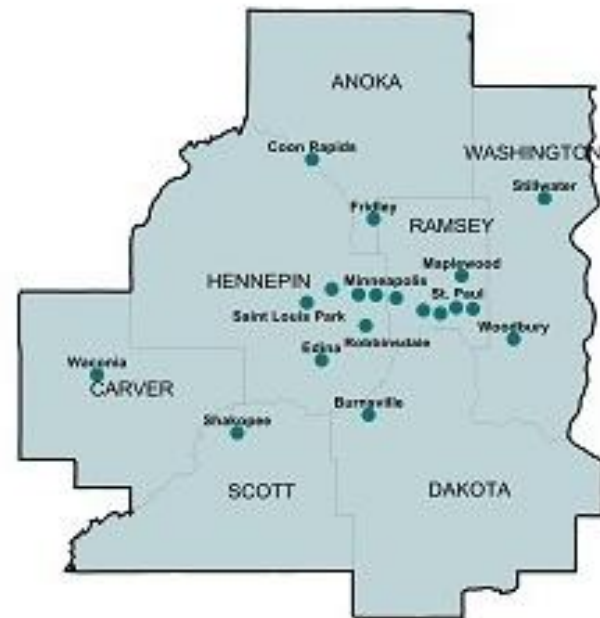
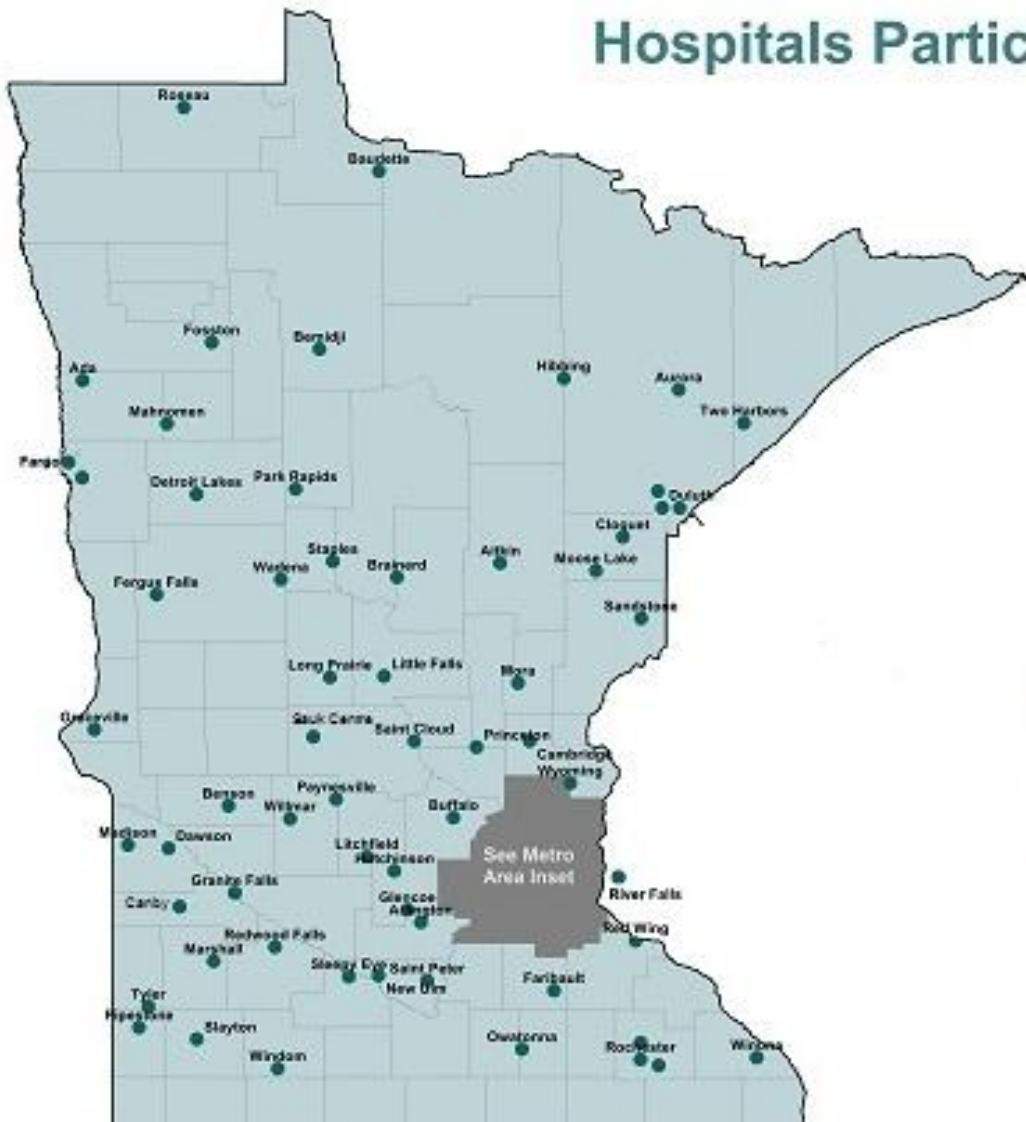
- Community Partners:
 - Endorse and actively support the campaign
 - A growing list of providers, health plans, state health agencies, home health agencies, nursing homes, patient advocacy groups, and other community organizations
 - Complete list on www.RAREreadmissions.org



Hospitals Participating in RARE Campaign



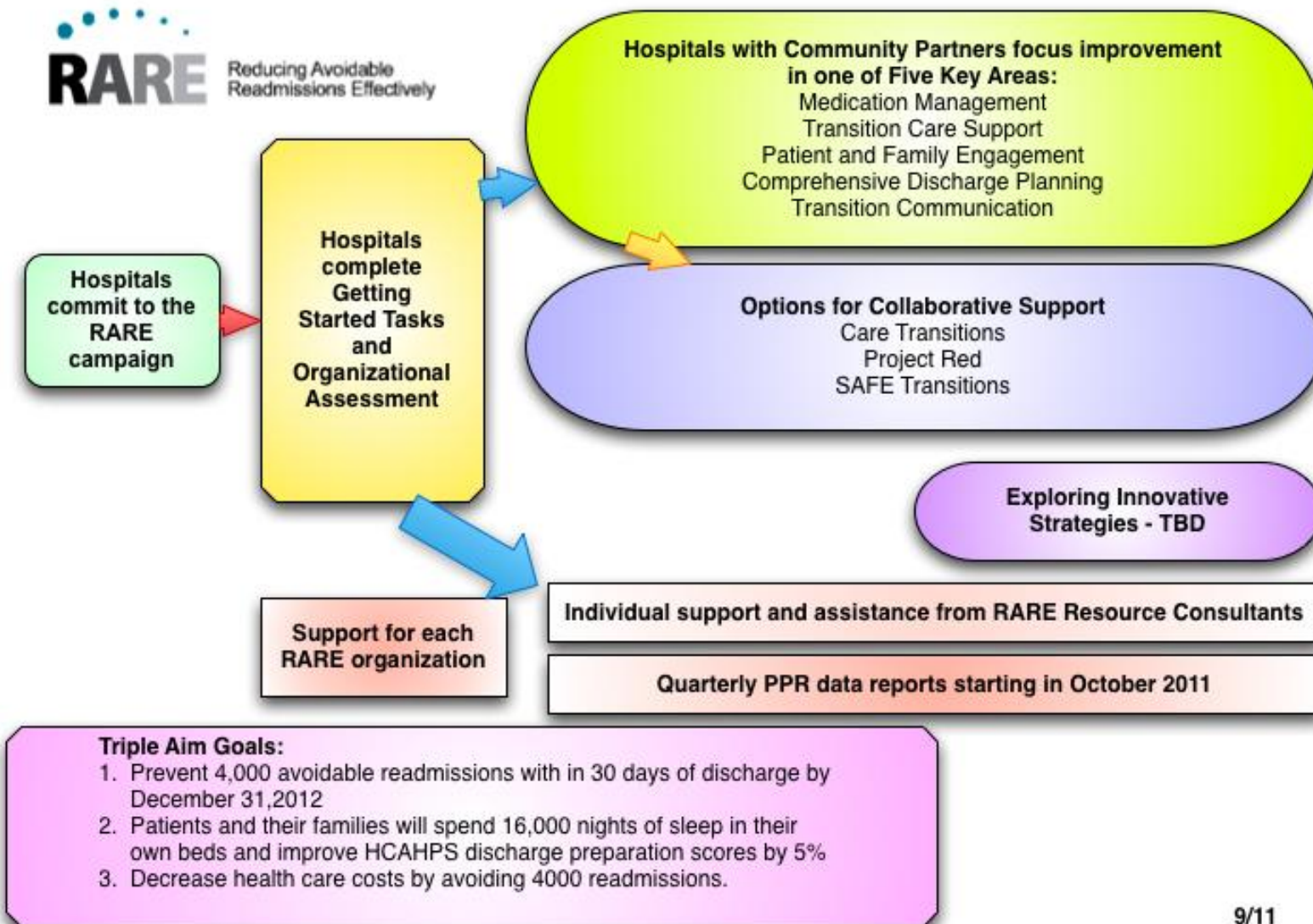
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RARE Campaign Implementation Overview 2011-2012



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Five Focus Areas



Patient and Family Engagement



Comprehensive
Discharge
Plan



Transition Communication



Medication Management



Transition Support



Patient Family Engagement and Activation



1. Use Teach Back to assess patient's understanding of any instructions
2. Ensure caregivers are engaged in developing the plan of care
3. Use health literacy standards such as AHRQ Health Literacy Universal Precautions



Comprehensive Discharge Planning



A written patient centered plan must include:

1. Reason for hospitalization, including information on disease in terms patient can understand
2. Medications to be taken post transition: Purpose, dosage, when and how to take, and how to obtain refills
3. Self-care activities
4. Durable medical equipment
5. Symptom recognition and management
6. Coordination and planning for follow-up appointments



Medication Management



1. Medication reconciliation at each patient transition with date
2. Medication list should contain purpose for each medication
3. Pre/post hospital medication changes should be made clear to the patient
4. Medication discrepancies must be evaluated and acted upon
5. Use Teach Back when instructing patients on medication use



Care Transition Support



1. Follow-up appointment within 5 business days
2. Available appointment slots
3. Follow-up arranged with ancillary services, such as PT, OT, RT
4. Within 72 hours a purpose contact is made with patient by a care team member



Follow-up visit should focus on:

1. Patient's goals for the visit
2. Patient's needs for medication adjustment, test results, advance directives
3. Instruction on self management
4. Explanation of warning signs and how to respond
5. Instructions for seeking emergency and non-emergency after hours care



Transition Communication



1. PCP notified when patient is admitted or discharged
2. Patients know who is responsible for care and how to contact them
3. Concise transfer forms with key elements must be sent with the patient in every transfer
4. Direct reports between nursing staff
5. Complete discharge summaries should be received by the accepting facilities within 3 business days



Supporting Work Groups

- Medication Management
- Mental Health
- Epic Users
- Measurement
- Long Term Care

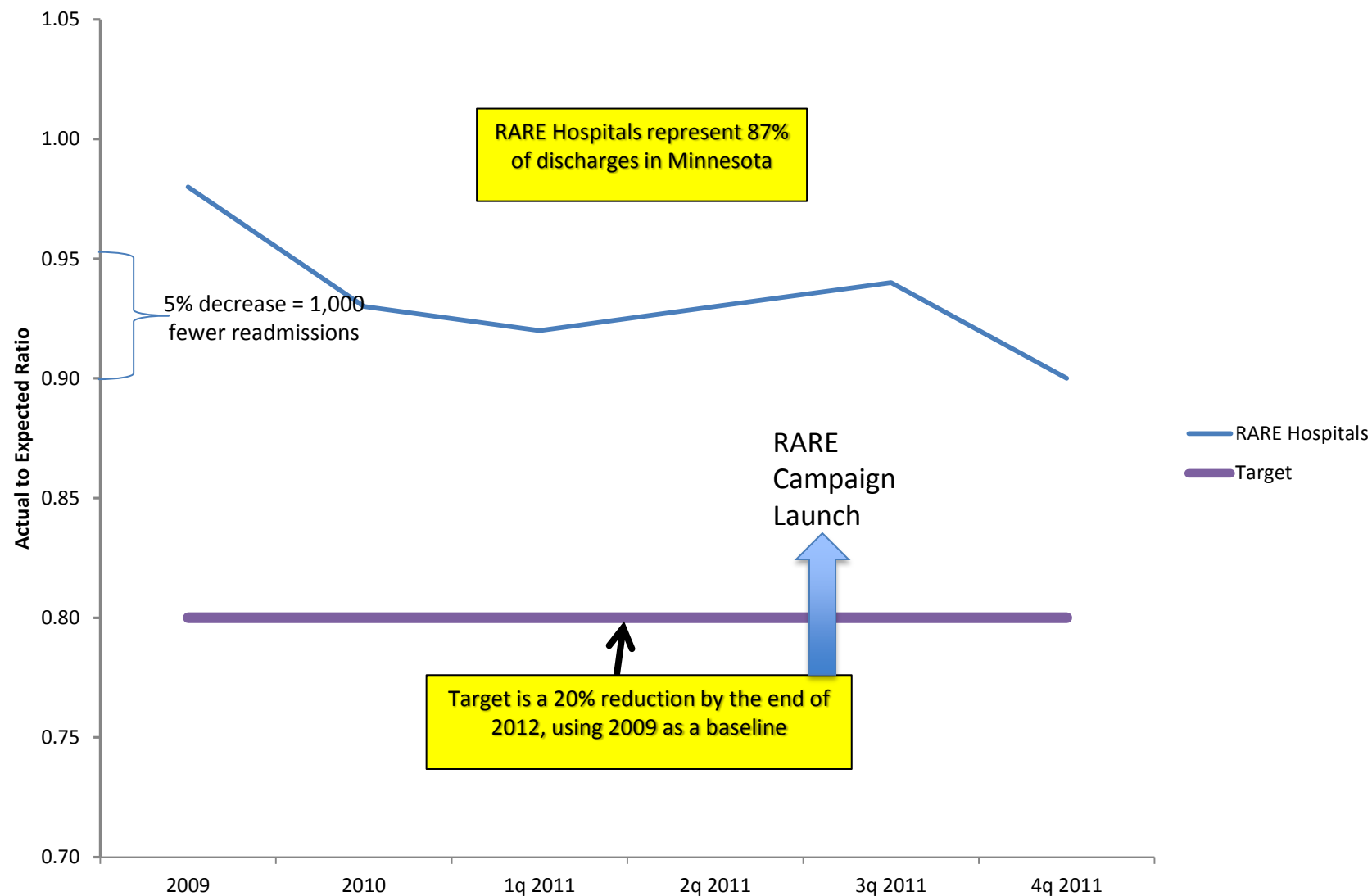


“Potentially Preventable Readmissions”

- Data source – Minnesota Hospital Association database
 - All-payer inpatient claims for all Minnesota hospitals
 - But, can only look at readmit to same facility
 - 22% readmits to different facility
- Software – 3M Potentially Preventable Readmissions
 - 3M’s clinical experts developed methodology
 - Each record designated as admission or readmission
 - Calculates severity-adjusted PPR rates by condition and by hospital

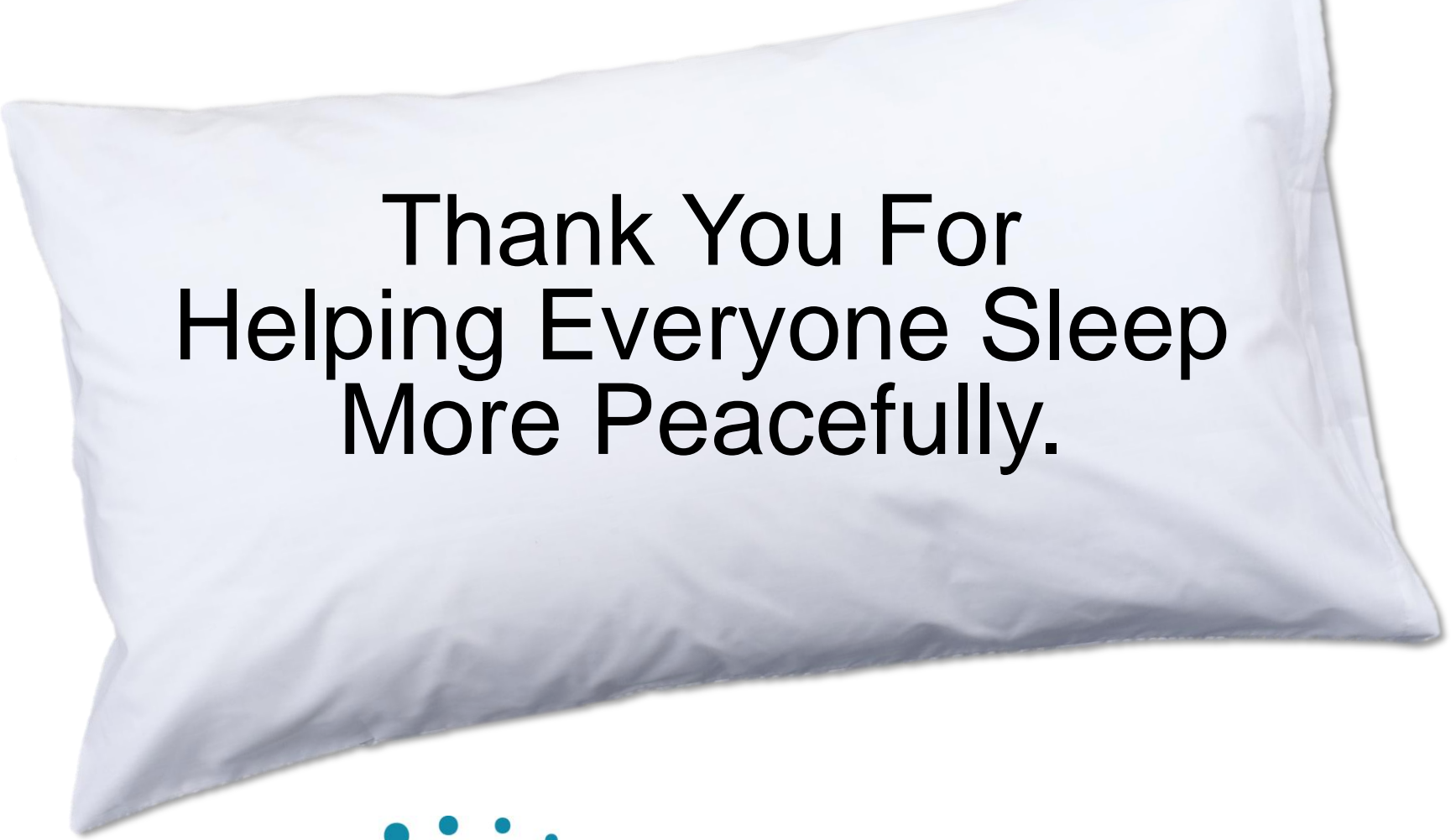


Potentially Preventable Readmissions in Minnesota, 2009 - 2011



16,000 Nights At Home Will Make Our Day.





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