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**ABSTRACT**

Preventable readmissions represent a considerable economic burden on the healthcare system in the United States, and have emerged as targets in value-based initiatives in recent legislation.

The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP) was established as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to provide a financial incentive for hospitals to engage in quality

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