



# Reducing COPD hospital readmissions

Continuity of care from hospital to home

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has begun to penalize hospitals if their 30-day readmission rates for heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia are higher than expected. In 2014, COPD will be added to those diagnoses. Philips Respironics can help you develop a customized program to better manage your patients at discharge – a program designed to help reduce hospital readmissions and the subsequent healthcare dollars spent on COPD management.

We'll connect your facility and its specific treatment needs with aerosol therapy delivery technology options provided by an independent durable medical equipment (DME) provider of your choice. Philips Respironics will work with you and the DME to develop a discharge plan that will allow your COPD patients to go home with the same high-quality technology they used in the hospital and the educational tools to make sure they use that technology correctly.

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### Consider the following:

- In 2012, over one million COPD patients were admitted to US hospitals for acute exacerbation.<sup>1</sup>
- Hospital readmissions for COPD within 30 days occur in 23% of cases.<sup>2</sup>
- The estimated cost of these readmissions to the US healthcare system is over \$49 billion.<sup>3</sup>
- Hospitalizations are among the most expensive forms of healthcare, and inpatient stays increase the risk of acquiring healthcare-associated infections.<sup>4</sup>

### Why are COPD patients ending up back in the hospital?

They exacerbate for any number of reasons:

- Deterioration of patient's clinical condition<sup>5</sup>
- Inadequate relay of information by hospital discharge planners to patients, caregivers, and post-acute care providers<sup>5</sup>
- Poor patient compliance with care instructions<sup>5</sup>
- Inadequate follow-up care from post-acute and long-term care providers<sup>5</sup>

Philips Respironics' hospital to home program is focused on helping you reduce COPD hospital readmissions and providing comfortable, effective treatment that allows patients to easily transition from hospital to home.



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At Philips Respironics we're listening carefully to you and working toward solutions that contribute to healthy patients and healthy businesses.

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