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The Hospital Readmission Reduction Program has brought about financial concerns when its purpose was to improve quality measures. Hospitals are usually targeted with these value-based programs. This leads to safety net hospitals having lower compliance issues. Therefore, it is important to not withhold payments due. There are socioeconomic factors within the community that play into the poor development of the programs. They are targeting uninsured populations and other ethnic minorities that do not help support payment plans. They cosign these patients with knowledge that they will have a harder time to administer better care and makes it harder to improve their health. This class that is provided care has greater risk for issues with health, bringing about worse care for safety net hospitals. Risk adjustments have been used as a helpful source to help these programs, but the argument is it accepts substandard quality care. The affordable care act is aiming to help tax exempt hospitals support their communities.

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