



San Francisco
Department of Public Health

Skilled Nursing and Subacute Care Transfer Reporting

Ordinance 077-22 | Calendar Year 2025 Report

Presentation to the Health Commission

August 3, 2026

Today's Agenda

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Ordinance Background

Ordinance 077-22 requires general acute care hospitals and hospital-based skilled nursing facilities in San Francisco to annually report to DPH:

-  **Patients Transferred:** patients who were transferred by the hospital for the purpose of receiving skilled nursing or subacute skilled nursing care.
-  **Patients Not Transferred:** patients who qualify for skilled nursing or subacute skilled nursing care while admitted but were not transferred by the hospital to a facility for skilled nursing or subacute skilled nursing care.
-  **Aggregate demographic information for each category of patient:** age, race/ethnicity, gender, patient insurance provider, housing status.



Calendar Year 2025 Summary Findings

Skilled Nursing Transfers

- Hospitals reported **more than 8,000 discharges** to skilled nursing facilities in- and out-of-county.
 - Over 5,400 (66%) were San Francisco residents.

Subacute Transfers

- Hospitals reported **fewer than 50 discharges** to out-of-county facilities for subacute care.
 - Majority (55%) are non-San Francisco residents.



Calendar Year 2025 Summary Findings

Continued

Data findings over the last three years are consistent.

This year's report also includes new findings due to improved data collection.



- **81%** of all SF resident transfers were **placed in SNFs located in the city** (a **6% increase** from 2024)
- **About 97%** of SF residents transferred to a SNF were **placed within 30 miles** of the reporting health facility (a **2% increase** from 2024).
- **More than 80%** of SF residents transferred to an out-of-county subacute skilled nursing facility were **placed within 30 miles**.



- Population transferred to SNFs are primarily **over the age of 65**, are **racially and ethnically diverse**, and most have **permanent housing**.
- **Medicare** is the most common payor amongst transfers to SNFs and to subacute facilities.
- Hospital encounters with **dual eligibility (Medi-Medi)** accounted for a larger share of transfers to in-county skilled nursing facilities (19.6% of transfers) compared to out-of-county transfers (8.7% of transfers).



Skilled Nursing Transfers Summary

Transfers to Skilled Nursing Facilities by Residency – Calendar Year 2025

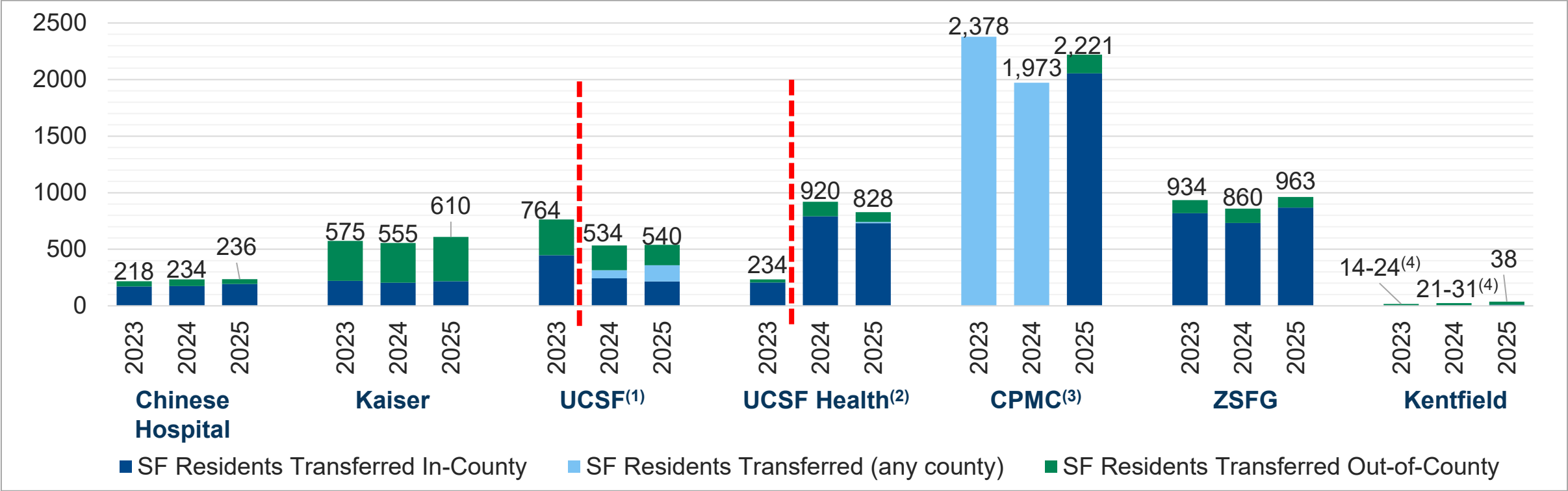
Reporting Health Facility	SF Residents Transfers		Non-SF Residents Transfers	
	In-County	Out-of-County	In-County	Out-of-County
CPMC (Van Ness, Mission Bernal, Davies)	2,055	166	150	254
Chinese Hospital	194	42	11	<10
Kaiser San Francisco	217	393	<10	64
Kentfield	10	28	<10	89
UCSF (Mount Zion, Mission Bay, Parnassus) ⁽¹⁾	216	181	765	554
UCSF Health (Hyde, Stanyan) ⁽²⁾	730	86	214	73
ZSFG	868	95	35	72
LHH	<10	0	0	0
Jewish Home and Rehab ⁽³⁾	<10	0	0	0
Total ⁽⁴⁾	4,290 (81%)	991 (19%)	1,175 (52%)	1,106 (48%)

Notes: (1) UCSF reported an additional 143 SF residents and 400 non-SF residents transferred to SNFs (destination counties not reported). (2) UCSF Health reported 12 SF residents, and 50 non-SF residents transferred to SNFs (destination counties not reported). (3) Laguna Honda reported fewer than 10 in-county discharges, these represent encounters discharged from Acute Rehab at LHH to SNF services at LHH. (4) Totals displayed do not include values that have been suppressed.



SF Resident Skilled Nursing Transfers

2023 - 2025



Notes: (1) UCSF discovered an issue with its data query and revised the data methodology for 2024 and 2025. These two years should not be compared to 2023 calendar year data (indicated by the vertical red line). (2) In 2024, Dignity St. Mary's and Saint Francis hospitals became part of UCSF Health and beginning with the 2024 calendar year report, changed its methodology to more closely match UCSF's analysis methodology (indicated by the vertical red line). The 2024 and 2025 data should not be compared to 2023 calendar year data. (3) Prior to 2025, CPMC reported transfers to both in-county and out-of-county together. (4) Ranges are shown to mask values of less than 10.



Subacute Skilled Nursing Transfers Summary

Transfers to Subacute Skilled Nursing Facilities by Residency

Reporting Health Facility	SF Residents Transfers		Non-SF Resident Transfers	Methodology
	In-County	Out-of-County	Out-of-County	
CPMC (Van Ness, Mission Bernal, Davies)	<10 ⁽¹⁾	<10	0	Manual tracking of subacute SNF discharges
Chinese Hospital	0	0	0	Manual review of medical charts
Kaiser	0	<10	<10	Subacute SNF discharge data
Kentfield ⁽²⁾	0	<10	15	See note (2) below
UCSF (Mount Zion, Mission Bay, Parnassus)	0	<10	<10	Subacute SNF discharge data
UCSF Health (Hyde, Stanyan)	0	<10	<10	SNF discharge to Subacute provider
ZSFG	0	<10	0	SNF discharge to Subacute provider and manual review of medical chart
Total	<10⁽¹⁾	21	25	

Notes: (1) CPMC reported fewer than 10 in-county subacute transfers for calendar year 2025. These transfers represent current patients of CPMC Davies subacute unit transferring to an acute care hospital for acute hospitalization and back to Davies subacute unit. (2) To estimate Kentfield's number of transfers to subacute, records of "discharge to other facility" were counted if the other facility was on DHCS's Subacute Certified providers list. "Discharge to other facility" does not include discharges to other acute care facilities, home, or records if the patient expired.



Distance Data Findings



Distance data does not examine nor provide insight to why a patient was placed in a particular facility.

Approximately 97% of SF residents were transferred to a SNF located in SF or within 30 miles.

- 81% of all SF resident discharges were to a SNF located in SF.
- Of San Francisco residents who were discharged out-of-county:
 - 47% of encounters were transferred less than 15 miles
 - 81% were placed within 30 miles
- 92% of out-of-county transfers were placed in SNFs located in Bay Area counties. San Mateo was the most common county where SF residents were placed.

Over 80% of SF resident subacute skilled nursing discharges were placed in a subacute SNF within 30 miles of the reporting health facility.

- Alameda was the most common county where SF residents were placed.

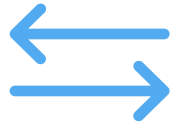
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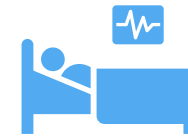
**Electronic Health
Record Variations**



**Patient Discharge
Records May be
Incomplete or Inaccurate**



**No Standard Coding for
Transfers/Discharges
for Subacute Skilled
Nursing Care**



**Patient Clinical Status
May Change During the
Course of Admission**





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Thank you

Thank you, Reporting Health Facilities:

California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) – *Van Ness, Mission Bernal, Davies*

Chinese Hospital

Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Francisco

Kentfield Hospital San Francisco

University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) – *Mount Zion, Mission Bay, Parnassus*

UCSF Health – *Hyde, Stanyan*

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG)

Jewish Home and Rehab Center

Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (LHH)