

# HSCRC / Post-Acute Collaborative / LTC Workgroup

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# LifeBridge Health: Providing a Full Continuum of Care

## ACUTE CARE



## POST-ACUTE CARE



## AMBULATORY SERVICES



### Additional Partners:

- Carroll County Digestive Disease Center
- Davita Carroll County Dialysis
- Ellicott City Ambulatory Surgery Center



## URGENT CARE & TRANSPORTATION



## SENIOR LIVING



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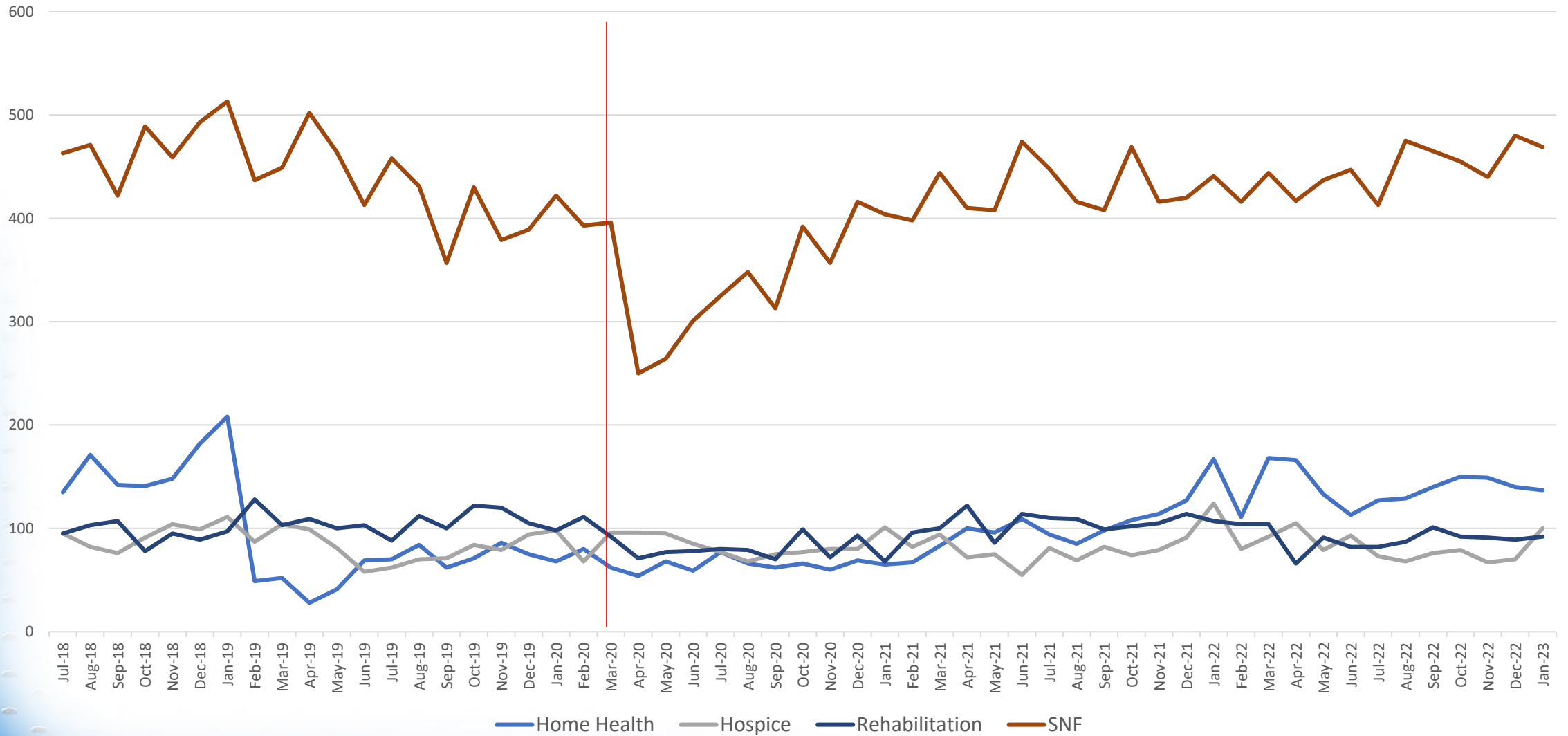


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# Inpatient Trends

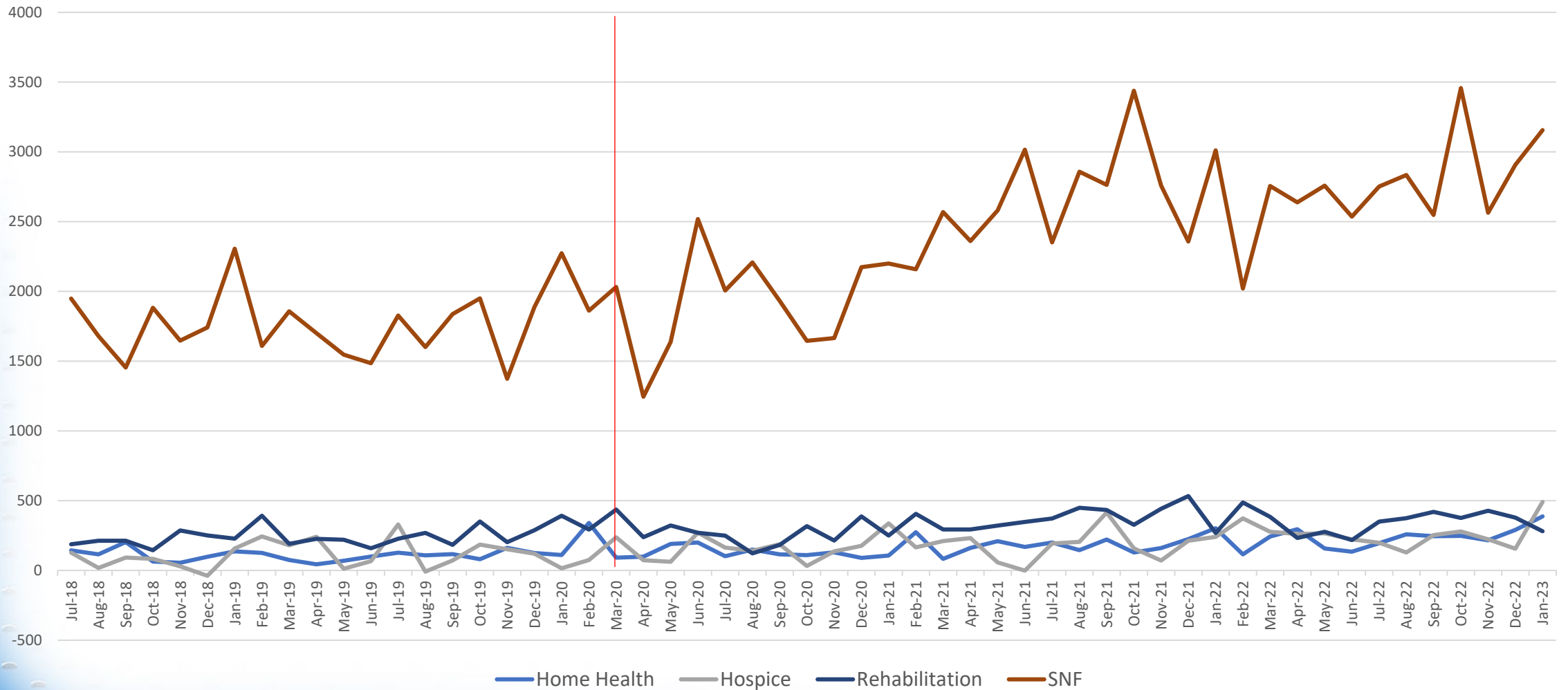
# Inpatient Discharge Volume to Post-Acute Care - Carroll, NW, Sinai



Source: BRG Drive Analytics

# Inpatient Total Excess Days per Month by DC Disposition

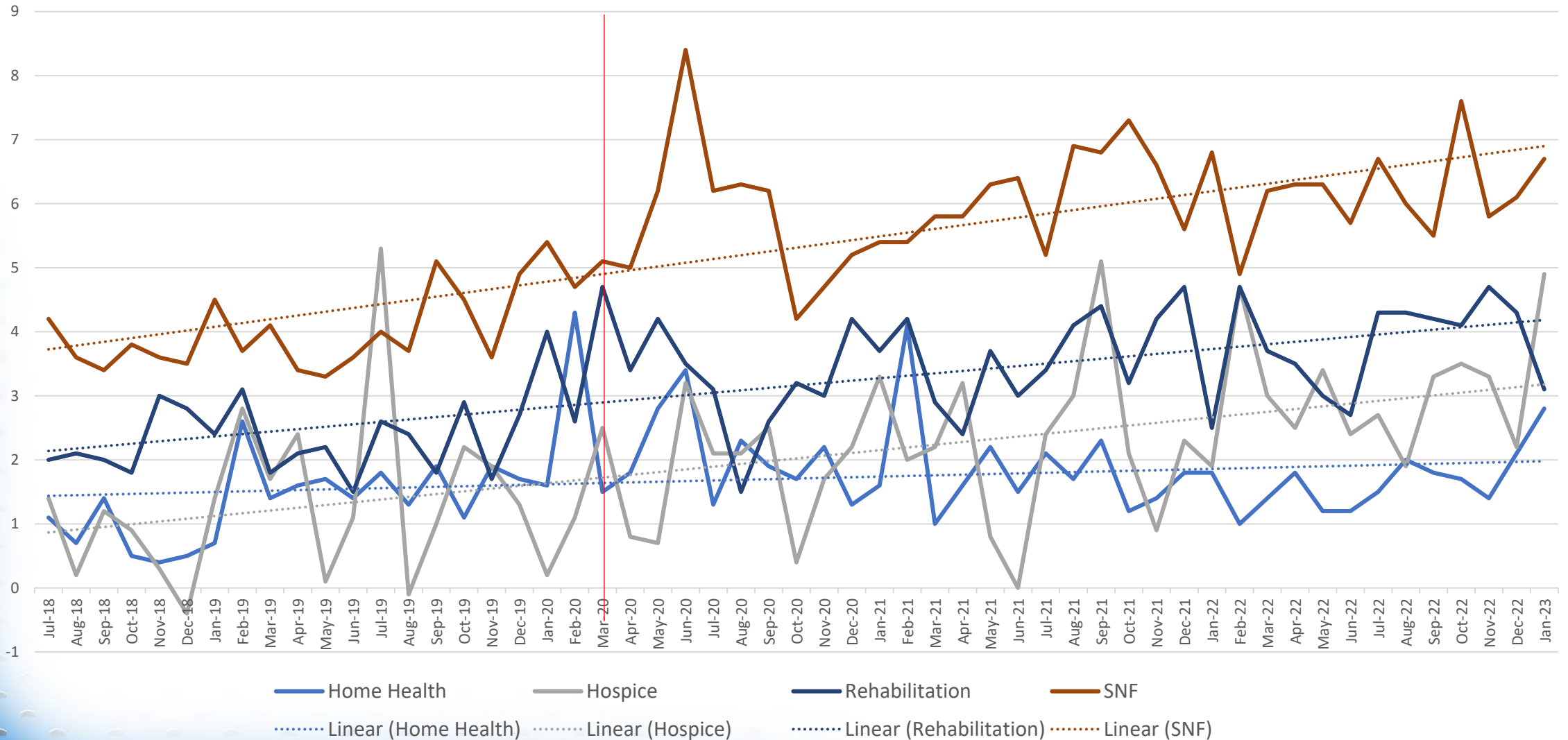
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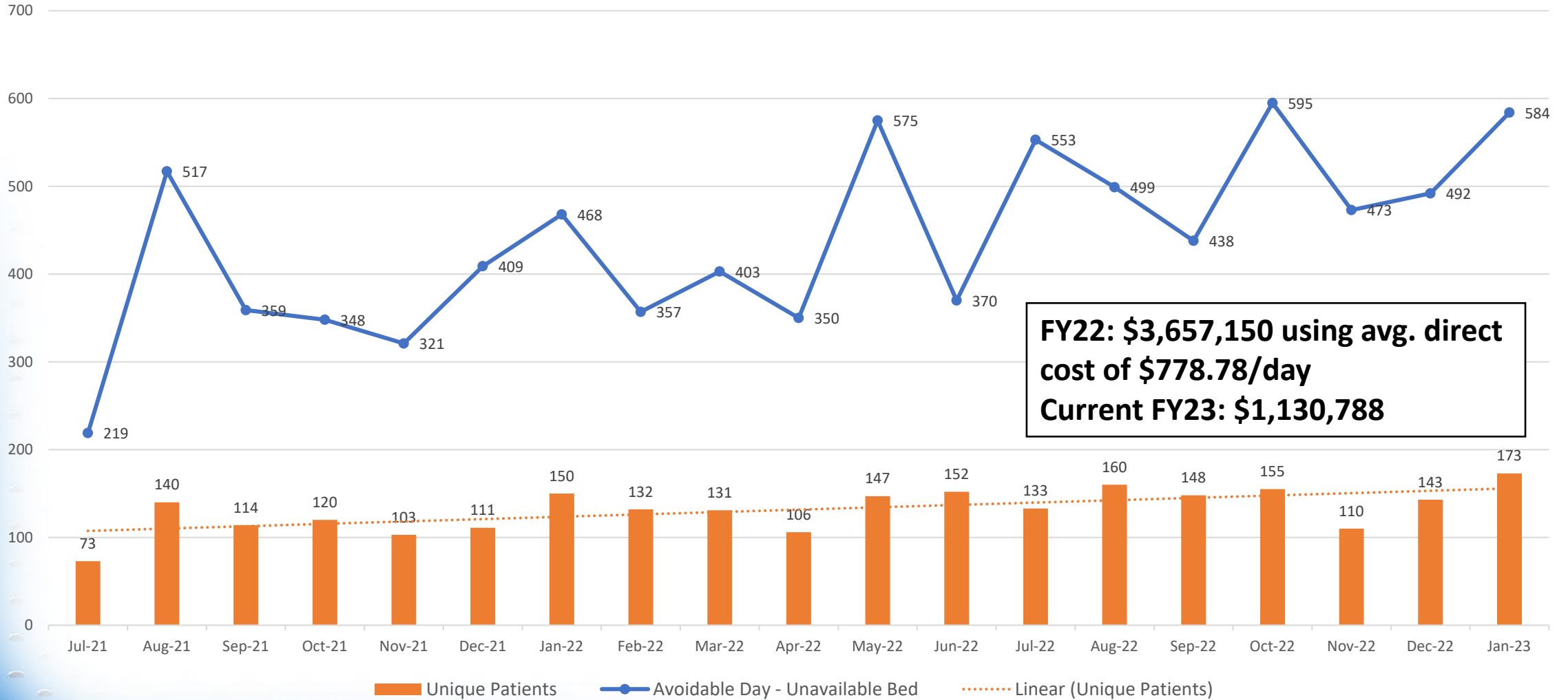


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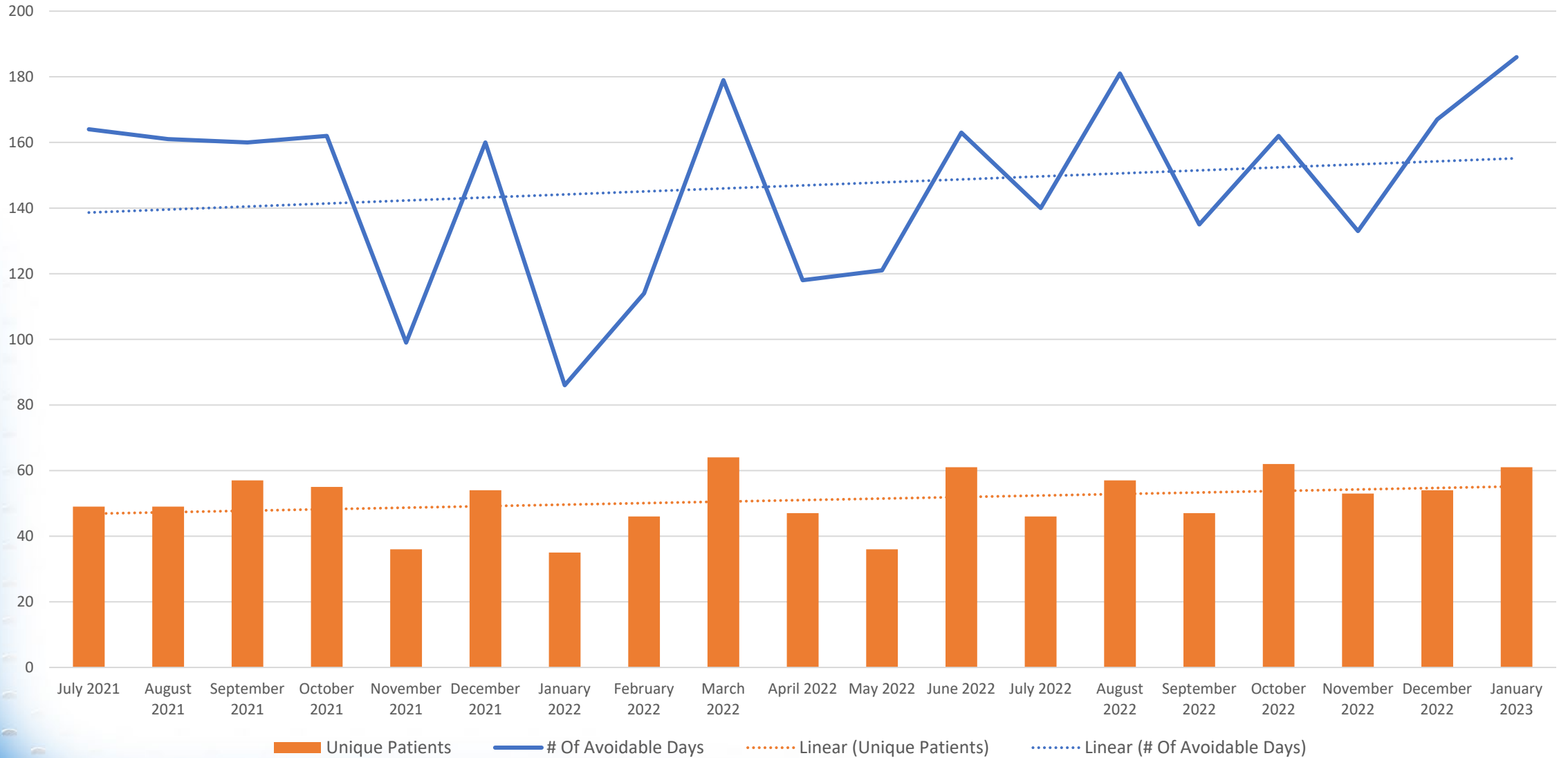
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## Avoidable Days - Unavailable Bed Carroll, Northwest, Sinai



Source: Cerner UM Data

## Avoidable Days – SNF Insurance Authorization



Source: Cerner UM Data



# PAC Initiatives

## Previous

- Readmissions – Project RED, ED process, ED Handoff sheet
- Chronic Disease Pathways
- Data capture; Working toward narrowed network
- ECIP

## Current

- **Post Acute Collaborative**
  - Calls twice a week to discuss difficult discharges
    - Remove barriers to get patients accepted
  - Readmission calls weekly to review opportunities for improvement
  - Monthly data on referrals, timeliness, LOS, quality to collaborative
- **Transitional Care Team**
  - Nurse Care Coordinators following high risk patients to facilities
  - Collaborate with facility team
  - Support transitions of care to and from facility

# PAC Initiatives

- **Levindale**

- Patients transferred from Sinai inpatient due to lack of accepting facility/placement

- **Biofourmis**

- Remote patient monitoring platform; piloting with early discharge from hospital; PAC implications

- **Community Care Coordination Teams**

- 10 to 20% of case load are facility patients

- **HomeCare Maryland- Hospital requested visits**

- Single Case Agreements – other agencies refused
- Dr. Ravi – Providing PCP services to sign 485

- **BridgingLife**

- Palliative Care program development with FutureCare

- **Community Health Needs Assessment Support**

# Observations in Process Improvement Efforts/Challenging Discharges

- Data gaps
- Instability of ownership/leadership
- Staffing of all disciplines
- Lack of geri-psych/memory care beds and treatment
  - Facility perception: ED/Hospital = easier geri-psych placement
  - The facilities that do “step up” often have the lowest CMS star ratings
- Infection Control/Isolation practices
- Lack of weekend accepting practices/resources
- SNF readmission reviews
  - Large majority are at the end of life
- “The Undesirable” placements

# Future Engagement

# Engagement for Future Models

- **SNFs and ALFs engage in hospital efficiency measures**
  - Unnecessary ED utilization
  - Readmissions
  - Avoidable Days/Length of Stay
- **Be part of the same payor system or better align**
  - Same playing field
- **“Cherry Picking”**
  - CMI and social determinants of health should count for facilities willing to take higher acuity and complexity
- **Aging in Place/PACE**
  - Many families realize in the process HHC is not 24/7 and don't have the ability to care give, but would prefer the patient be home
- **Palliative Care services and Hospice in facilities**
  - Need to address palliative payment model and Hospice room and board charges
- **People caught in the financial “gap”**