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## Transport in Crisis: Safety issues in the transport of Mental Health Clients

Finding # 2:

***“Many Crisis Services Clients are indigent, Medi-cal ineligible, and have no insurance or financial resources, making the County responsible for costs incurred by the client.”***

Ukiah Valley Medical Center has written off the majority of the psychiatric transfers associated with UVMC.

2004			
County paid	\$5025	UVMC Write off	\$50,303
2005			
County paid	\$5788	UVMC Write off	\$38,009
2006			
County paid	\$6,025	UVMC Write off	\$28,755

Finding #11:

***“Many clients have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and addiction problems”***

Most of the transfers from Ukiah Valley Medical Center were single diagnosed patients

2004			
Single Dx	180	Dual Dx	32
2005			
Single Dx	187	Dual Dx	35
2006			
Single Dx	153	Dual Dx	17

Finding # 12

***“Many clients have chronic conditions and have been repeatedly hospitalized”***

The query on this question was based on a “chronic condition” of being a mental health diagnosis and based on how many times a patient was transferred from UVMC to another hospital for psychiatric treatment. From 2004 until 2006 there were 89 patients who have been transferred more than once.

Finding #23:

***“If either the driver of client requires the use of a restroom, depending on the escape risk of the client, drivers must locate a police station, a hospital, or provide a portable urinal.”***

Ukiah Valley Medical Center has not had any patients brought to the hospital specifically for the use of the bathroom. They are taken to the Mental Health Crisis on Low Gap Road.