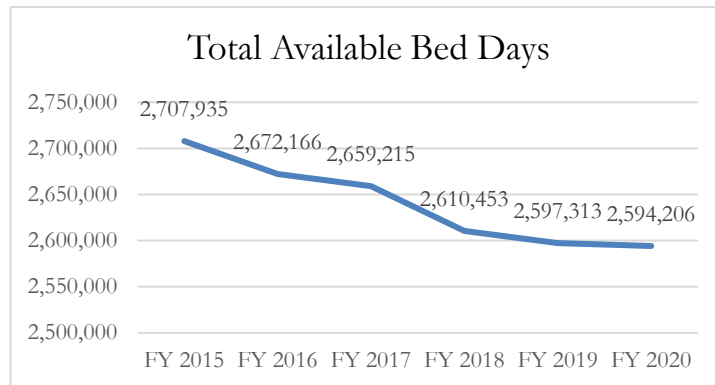
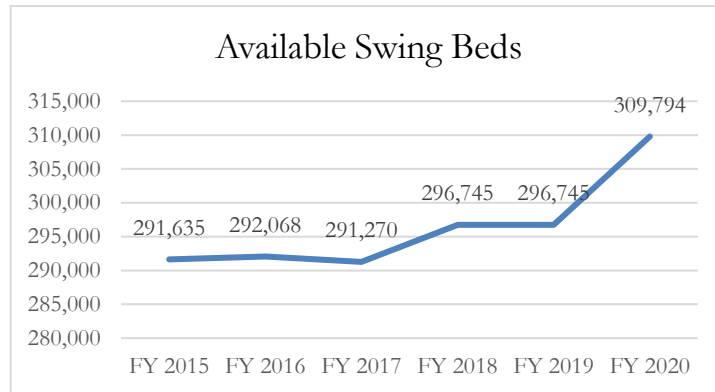
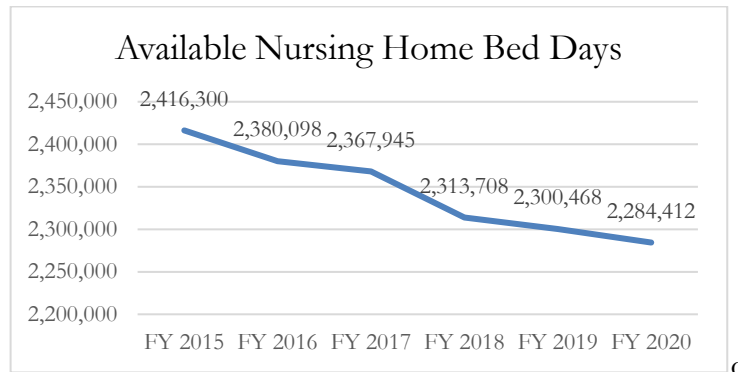


# HJR 50: SENIOR/LONG-TERM CARE

## AVAILABILITY AND USE OF NURSING HOME BEDS

Data from the Department of Public Health and Human Services shows that the number of nursing home beds in Montana has declined in recent years. Some facilities have converted nursing home beds to what are known as "swing beds," which can be used by smaller, critical access hospitals for either nursing home care or limited inpatient medical care. Although the number of swing beds has increased, the total number of available nursing care beds has decreased.



# NURSING HOME OCCUPANCY

Despite the decrease in licensed nursing home beds, DPHHS data shows nearly 40% of the beds are unoccupied. In addition, Medicaid is the largest payer for nursing home care. The charts provide a snapshot of nursing home occupancy and payers in June 2019.

