

Presentation to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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Objectives

- Describe the Montana State Hospital and Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center
- Criteria for Admission to each facility
- Statistics on dementia admissions to the Montana State Hospital

Montana State Hospital

- Publicly funded certified acute psychiatric hospital
- Also has licensed forensic facility and group home beds
- All patients are served based on care pathways and discharged to the least restrictive level of care
- Located on campus in Warm Springs, Montana

Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center

- Certified long-term care facility
- Often receives patients who have been stabilized at Montana State Hospital who require long-term care
- More than sixty-five percent (65%) of the residents at MMHNCC are over the age of 65.
- Located in Lewistown, Montana

Criteria for Acceptance into State Institutions for Mental Disease

	Montana State Hospital	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center
Criteria for Admission	<p>(a) a situation in which any person is in imminent danger of death or bodily harm from the activity of a person who appears to be suffering from a mental disorder and appears to require commitment; or</p> <p>(b) a situation in which any person who appears to be suffering from a mental disorder and appears to require commitment is substantially unable to provide for the person's own basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health, or safety. MCA 53-21-102</p>	<p>Criteria for acceptance includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia with behavioral disturbances or other cognitive impairment that creates nursing home eligibility • Diagnosis of severe and disabling mental illness (SDMI) • Be denied entrance to at least three other nursing home facilities in the state
Commitment order required	yes	usually
Can say "no"	no	yes

Dementia Admissions to Montana State Hospital as a Total and Percentage

	2019	2020	2021 (as of 9/13/21)
Total	718	803	567
Dementia as Primary Diagnosis (Percentage)	11 (1.5%)	9 (1.1%)	6 (1.1%)
Dementia as Secondary Diagnosis (Percentage)	9 (1.3%)	21 (2.6%)	4 (0.7%)

Length of stay for persons on Spratt with Primary Dementia Diagnosis

	2019	2020*	2021 (as of 9/13/21)*
Dementia as Primary Diagnosis (Percentage)	11 (1.5%)	9 (1.1%)	6 (1.1%)
Length of stay in days (median)	20-392 (94)	56-363 (221)	41-86 (64)**
Dementia as Secondary Diagnosis (Percentage)	9 (1.3%)	21 (2.6%)	4 (0.7%)
Length of stay in days (median)	79-836 (243)	5-248 (68)	43-101 (72)**

*COVID-19 significantly impacted discharges.

**Some patients have ongoing stays which are not reflected in the range or median.