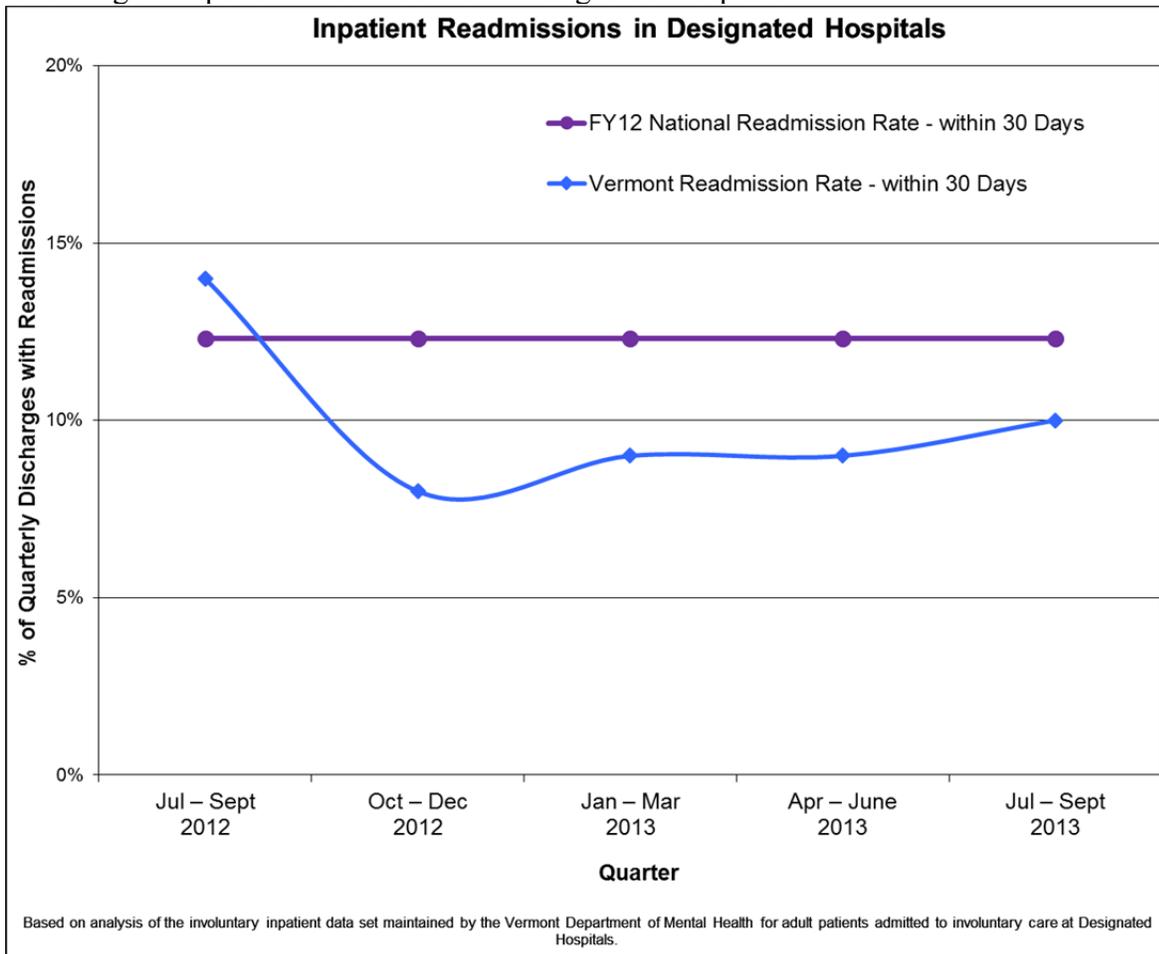


Chart Eight: Inpatient Readmissions in Designated Hospitals



Readmission rates within 30 days of discharge were calculated and compared to national benchmarks. This graph shows a steep downward trend for July through December 2012. Readmissions increased slightly in the third quarter of FY13, stabilized during the fourth quarter of FY 13, followed by a slight increase in readmissions during the first quarter of FY14. There can be multiple contributing factors to this trend, and it is of note that while the length of stay has decreased in general, the readmission rates for the periods reported have held steady, between 8% to 10%; two percent lower than the average national rate presented in the National Outcome Measures (NOMS). It may be that the increased readmission rates in part reflect the loss of VSH capacity to treat the Level 1 population: high-need/high-risk clients often require more intensive and more frequent hospital admissions to be stabilized. DMH care managers and the quality management unit are working with the DHs and the DAs to identify relevant factors contributing to readmission rates.