Reviewer's report

Title: Effectiveness of a transitional home care program in reducing acute hospital utilization: A retrospective study

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A well written and interesting paper.

Major revisions
1. The authors state that the need for informed consent was waived by a Review Board. Given the interventional nature of the program, I believe that a reference of some sort for this decision is necessary
2. lines 299-303. I believe that the authors should elaborate on a greater extent the consistency or differences of their work compared to findings from the literature
3. a limitation of the analysis is that it is very specific for the setting that was carried out. This should be mentioned in the limitations section

Minor comments:
1. line 264: "cardiovascular accident": is the term correct?
2. optional comment. Authors state that they do no have data on costs. A possibility of an estimate (even a rough one) would be interesting, if feasible

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests