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Title: Dual use of VA and non-VA hospitals by veterans with multiple hospitalizations

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Thank you again for reviewing our paper, “Dual use of VA and non-VA hospitals by veterans with multiple hospitalizations.” In response to Dr. Chang’s comments, we have made the following changes:

1. Parentheses corrected at line 220, but did not find double parentheses at line 346 or double commas at line 236, or elsewhere. Checked the manuscript for other punctuation errors but did not find any.
2. Also changed the colon before “For example” to a period, as requested.
3. We refer to dual users’ greater reliance on other payers for their non-VA hospitalizations in the abstract (lines 60-61) and in the discussion at lines 391-392. The other lines that the reviewer referred to (312-313, 373, 385) don’t deal with this point at all. In fact, as Table 3 shows, in either age group (younger or older than 65), dual users have more of their non-VA admissions paid for by payers other than Medicare or insurance. So we believe our statements are accurate.
4. We changed lines 63-64 accordingly.

Please consider our paper one more time. Thank you.