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The December 2012 online issue of *Health Reports*, released today, contains two articles.

The first article, "Seniors' use of and unmet needs for home care, 2009," uses data from the 2009 Canadian Community Health Survey—Healthy Aging to provide a profile of community-dwelling seniors receiving home care and describe the types of care they receive from formal and informal sources. Seniors' unmet needs for professional home care are also examined.

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The second article, "Acute care hospital days and mental diagnoses," examines hospitalizations with a most responsible or comorbid mental diagnosis using administrative data for acute care hospitals. Rather than the number of hospitalizations, the analysis is based on the number of days and the average length of stay. The total number of days provides a proxy measure of resource use in the acute care hospital system, and the average length of stay is an indication of the intensity of hospital service use.

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