Clinical Policy: Administrative Days

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Coding Implications
Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Medical necessity criteria for administrative days.

Policy/Criteria
I. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., in accordance with the Health Care Authority, that administrative days may be approved when all the following conditions are met:
   A. An inpatient hospital, long term acute care (LTAC), inpatient rehabilitation (IPR), or inpatient psychiatric level of care is not medically necessary, and
   B. Appropriate non-hospital placement is not readily available and
   C. There is documentation of ongoing discharge planning by the inpatient facility and Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., discharge planning team.

II. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., in accordance with the Health Care Authority, that administrative days are not approved for the following:
   A. Member was not approved for at least one acute inpatient or observation hospital day immediately preceding the initial request for administrative days, unless admission is solely for the purpose of placement,
   B. Administrative days are only for the convenience of the recipient, recipient’s family or physician,
   C. Facility or physician refuse to cooperate with Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc. discharge planning efforts or refuse placement at lower level of care or other available alternative setting,
   D. Facility has not provided documented evidence of a comprehensive discharge plan,
   E. There is not an acceptable reason and timeframe for unavoidable delay of discharge, examples include:
      1. awaiting a court date for appointment of medical guardianship,
      2. awaiting out-of-state nursing facility placement or surgery date
   F. The member’s stay becomes primarily behavioral health related.

III. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., in accordance with the Health Care Authority, that behavioral health related administrative days may be approved when all the following conditions are met:
   A. Member is already in a psychiatric facility,
   B. Member has a legal status of “voluntary,
   C. Member no longer meets medical necessity criteria,
   D. No less restrictive alternative placement is available,
   E. Psychiatric facility and Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., agree to the appropriateness of the administrative day,
F. Psychiatric facility or provider actively work with Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., on discharge planning efforts,

G. Psychiatric facility provides documented evidence of a comprehensive discharge plan.

Billing
Facilities that have approval to bill for administrative days must billed approved inpatient and administrative days on separate claims. Status code on the inpatient acute bill must be “30” to indicate continuation of stay at the administrative day level. Facilities may bill for pharmacy services and pharmaceuticals provided during administrative days.

Payment for administrative days is based on the Health Care Authority Administrative Day payment methodology. When inpatient stay precedes administrative days, the administrative days are reimbursed only if the inpatient portion of the stay qualifies for outlier payment and only after the DRG average length of stay has elapsed. Retrospective audit of administrative day reimbursement may be conducted.

Coding Implications
The following codes are for informational purposes only. They are current at time of review of this policy. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

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<td>Room &amp; Board, Other (used by inpatient rehab and psych facilities and LTACs)</td>
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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals

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