

Anthem Blue Cross

Inpatient Readmissions Medicare Advantage Update

To identify clinically related readmissions to the same facility/network, licensed clinical staff with Anthem Blue Cross will review submitted clinical information regarding the medical treatment and management of an admission that occurred within two-to-30 days from a previous admission to the same facility/network. This review will occur at the time of the inpatient authorization. If the second admission is determined to be clinically related, we will not reimburse for an additional admission as this is considered a continuation of the episode of care. This process was implemented June 2017.

Policy Update

(Policy 13-001)

Based on the information above, Anthem's Inpatient Readmissions reimbursement policy has been updated. Anthem will use information indicating clinically related readmissions, clinical criteria and/or licensed clinical medical review for readmissions from day two to day 30 for the second admission determination. Please refer to the Inpatient Readmissions reimbursement policy at www.anthem.com/ca/medicareprovider for additional information.

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