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We understand that many of our members and communities are concerned about the potential impacts of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). As part of an integrated system, we are fortunate to draw upon the skills and expertise of Intermountain Healthcare as they provide guidance for our communities and other clinical partners.

**Here’s important information** about interim measures for concurrent reviews for acute inpatient, skilled nursing facility, and acute inpatient rehab admissions. You will also find updates on CMS payments.

### Concurrent Review

With patients facing longer lengths of stays or having difficulty meeting the inpatient stay criteria due to social distancing guidelines, SelectHealth is temporarily accepting admission notification in lieu of preauthorization review and approval for admission to acute inpatient, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing facility stays.

**This interim measure is for SelectHealth in-network facilities only** and should help inpatient and transitional care facilities’ safely transition patients to a lower acuity setting or to home. Providers will be notified in advance when this interim measure will expire.

Note that LTAC preauthorization and single case agreement (where applicable) concurrent review processes will remain the same.

Send notifications within three days of admission using a [SelectHealth preauthorization form](mailto:selecthealth@selecthealth.com) via email (see information at the bottom of the form) or via fax (801-442-0825).

Although an authorization will not be required during this period, SelectHealth will review admissions:

- **For acute inpatient admissions:** Periodic review to coordinate transitions of care
- **For SNF admissions:**
  - Periodic review to assure progression and site of service appropriateness as well as to coordinate transitions of care
  - Evaluation of benefit exceptions on a case-by-case basis for plans with strict benefit limits
- **For acute inpatient rehab:**
  - Periodic review to assure progression and site of service appropriateness as well as to coordinate transitions of care
  - Evaluation of benefit exceptions on a case-by-case basis for plans with strict benefit limits

**Questions?** Contact SelectHealth Utilization Review at 801-442-5305.

### CMS Payment Updates

In line with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rulings as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, SelectHealth will support providers and members as follows:

- **For Medicare Advantage claims:** We will suspend the 2% sequestration payment adjustment for claims with dates of service May 1, 2020–December 31, 2020.
- **For members diagnosed with COVID-19:** We will apply a 20% increase to the Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) weight for discharges beginning on or after January 27, 2020.

**DISCLAIMER:**

The information and updates contained in this communication reflect current knowledge and policy for the date indicated. Information evolves on a day-to-day basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. SelectHealth will provide updates with additional information as it becomes available from providers, state officials, federal officials, etc.