

May 1, 2019

RE: MCG care guidelines 23rd Edition and Anthem customizations

Dear Provider:

Effective August 1, 2019, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will upgrade to the 23rd edition of MCG care guidelines for the following modules: Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC), General Recovery Care (GRC), Chronic Care (CC), Recovery Facility Care (RFC), Behavioral Health Care (BHC).

Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) changes for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Guideline	MCG Number	23 rd Edition GLOS	22 nd Edition GLOS
Neurology- Traumatic Brain Injury, Nonsurgical Treatment	M-78	Ambulatory or 2 days	2 days
Orthopedics-Lumbar Fusion	S-820	2 days postoperative	3 days postoperative

New Optimal Recovery Guidelines (ORGs), Common Complications and Conditions (CCC) and Level of Care (LOC) Guidelines

Module	Guideline	Title	MCG Number
ISC	ORG	Anorexia Nervosa, Child or Adolescent	P-585
ISC	ORG	Substance-Related Disorders, Child or Adolescent	P-596
ISC	ORG	Left Atrial Appendage Closure, Percutaneous	M-333
ISC	ORG	Abdominal Pain, Undiagnosed, Pediatric	P-05
ISC	ORG	Craniotomy for Traumatic Brain Injury or Intracerebral Hemorrhage, Pediatric	P-414
ISC	ORG	Craniotomy, Supratentorial, Pediatric	P-411
ISC	ORG	Headaches, Pediatric	P-185
ISC	ORG	Hernia Repair (Non-Hiatal), Pediatric	P-1305
ISC	ORG	Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Pediatric	P-565
ISC	ORG	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), Acute, Pediatric	P-260
ISC	ORG	Spine, Scoliosis, Posterior Instrumentation, Pediatric	P-1056
ISC	ORG	Supraventricular Arrhythmias, Pediatric	P-510
ISC	CCC	Pain: Common Complications and Conditions	CCC-050
RFC	ORG	Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD)	M-7030
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders, Adult: Inpatient Care	B-030-IP
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders, Child or Adolescent: Inpatient Care	B-029-IP
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders: Residential Care	B-030-RES
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders: Partial Hospital Program	B-030-PHP
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders: Intensive Outpatient Program	B-030-IOP
BHC	LOC	Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders: Acute Outpatient Care	B-030-AOP

Anthem Customizations to MCG care guideline 23rd Edition

Effective August 1, 2019, the following MCG care guideline 23rd edition customizations will be implemented:

- Left Atrial Appendage Closure, Percutaneous (W0157) - customized to refer to SURG.00032 Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention

- Spine, Scoliosis, Posterior Instrumentation, Pediatric (W0156) - customized to refer to Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines

View a more detailed [summary of customizations](#).

For questions, please contact the provider service number on the back of the member's ID card.

Sincerely,



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