

Authorization Guidance Community Post-Acute Care Admissions Medicare Advantage Members

eviCore recognizes that Medicare Advantage (MA) members may present in the Emergency Department (ED) or outpatient setting and require direct admission to a Skilled Nursing Facility for Post-Acute Care (PAC) services, based on clinical needs. eviCore defines **Community PAC Admission** as direct PAC admission from ED, or outpatient setting (i.e. home, physician office, and outpatient clinic). Skilled Nursing Facilities are allowed to accept members directly for Community PAC Admission. The Medicare 3 day inpatient stay requirement is waived for BCBSMN MA Members. All direct community PAC admissions, will require a physician's order along with medical clearance for the member.

Prior to accepting the MA member from the community, the Skilled Nursing Facility is responsible to conduct an evaluation of medical necessity based on clinical information to ensure the member meets medical criteria for admission. The SNF is required to submit the clinical details supporting the Community PAC Admission. For these cases, eviCore will authorize three (3) business days with the submission of clinical information.

Prior to the end of three (3) business days, the SNF has the responsibility to complete a full clinical review of the member and submit the necessary clinical documentation to support a concurrent review determination. Information required by the SNF for the concurrent review is standard documentation to support a PAC determination. Description of the process is highlighted below:

Community PAC Admission Process:

- Member is assessed in the ED or Outpatient Setting and determined to require SNF level of care
- Requesting Provider makes a referral to the SNF for direct PAC admission
- SNF collects supporting clinical and conducts initial medical necessity review
- **"Community PAC Admission"** is to be notated on Prior Authorization request to eviCore
- SNF submits all supporting medical necessity documentation for the Community PAC Admission to eviCore
- eviCore will provide a 3 business day approval for PAC Community Admission, based on clinical documentation received that supports medical necessity.
- Within 3 business days of admission, SNF is required to submit full clinical documents and follow process for concurrent review requests.

Methods to submit Community PAC Admission:

Availability Submissions: Indicate "Community PAC Admission" in the free text section

Fax Submissions: Indicate "Community PAC Admission" on the fax cover sheet or prior authorization form

Phone Submissions: Indicate "Community PAC Admission" during the clinical intake discussion

Mandatory Information for Community PAC Admission:

- SNF Facility Demographics
- Referring Provider demographics and circumstances for the Community Admission
- Member demographics
- Start of Care Date
- Admitting Diagnosis
- History & Physical
- Medication list
- Mobility and Functional Status
- Clinical Assessment within 24-48 hours (physician's order/medical clearance)