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Inpatient Concurrent Care

Effective for dates on or after January 1, 2021, coverage of inpatient concurrent care is revised so that each provider from a different specialty/subspecialty can be reimbursed for one initial hospital visit per admission.

Inpatient concurrent care is the provision of services by more than one provider to the same beneficiary on the same day. Concurrent care is only covered when a beneficiary's condition requires the care of more than one provider and the services rendered by each individual provider are medically necessary and not duplicative.

As previously in policy, each provider from a different specialty/subspecialty can be reimbursed for a maximum of one subsequent hospital visit per day. In all cases, services rendered must meet Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) guidelines and be medically necessary to be eligible for reimbursement.

Within the same specialty/subspecialty, only one provider can be reimbursed for one initial hospital visit per admission and, subsequently, only one provider shall be reimbursed for a maximum of one subsequent hospital visit per day.

Only the provider responsible for discharging the beneficiary shall be reimbursed for hospital discharge services on the discharge day.

The global surgery period policy and pre- and post-operative procedure code edits supersede this policy, when applicable.

Information regarding this policy will be found on www.lamedicaid.com under the Provider Manuals link within the Professional Services manual, which is anticipated to be updated on or before the effective date.

Questions regarding this message and fee-for-service claims should be directed to Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040. Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.