

MCG care guidelines 26th edition

This communication applies to the Medicaid and Dual Advantage programs for Healthy Blue.

Effective September 1, 2022, we will upgrade to the 26th edition of MCG care guidelines for the following modules: Inpatient/surgical care (ISC). The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes.

Updates marked with an asterisk (*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive.

Goal length of stay (GLOS) for ISC

Guideline	MCG code	25th edition GLOS	26th edition GLOS
*Aortic Valve Replacement, Transcatheter	S-1320 [W0133]	2 days postoperative	1 day postoperative
*Apnea, Neonatal (Non-Preterm Infants)	P-15	3 days	2 days
*Renal Failure, Chronic	M-325	3 days	2 days
*Subarachnoid Hemorrhage, Nonsurgical Treatment	M-79	4 days	3 days
*Craniotomy, Supratentorial	S-410	3 days postoperative	2 days postoperative
*Ankle Fracture, Closed, Open Reduction, Internal Fixation (ORIF)	S-100	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip Arthroplasty	S-560 [W0105]	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Humerus Fracture, Closed or Open Reduction	S-632	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Knee Arthroplasty, Total	S-700 [W0081]	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Lumbar Laminectomy	S-830 [W0100]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Nephrectomy	S-870	3 days postoperative	2 days postoperative
*Prostatectomy, Radical	S-960	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
Dehydration	M-123	1 day	2 days
Esophageal Disease	M-550	1 day	2 days
Gastritis and Duodenitis	M-560	1 day	2 days
Pneumothorax, Neonatal	P-355	2 days	3 days
Seizure	M-327	1 day	2 days

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Back Pain	M-63	1 day	2 days

New guidelines for ISC

Body system	Guideline title	MCG code
Hospital-at-Home	Cellulitis: Hospital-at-Home	M-70-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Hospital-at-Home	M-100-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Heart Failure: Hospital-at-Home	M-190-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Pneumonia: Hospital-at-Home	M-282-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Urinary Tract Infection (UTI): Hospital-at-Home	M-300-HaH
Observation Care	Pancreatitis: Observation Care	OC-065
Observation Care	Renal Failure, Acute: Observation Care	OC-066
Observation Care	Stroke: Ischemic: Observation Care	OC-067

Healthy Blue customizations to MCG care guidelines 26th edition

To view a detailed summary of customizations, go to <https://provider.healthybluela.com/louisiana-provider/medical-policies-and-clinical-guidelines>, select *Other Criteria*, and then select **Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 26th Edition**.

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