



Network Notification

Notice Date: February 28, 2019
To: CareSource MyCare Ohio Providers
From: CareSource®
Subject: Authorization Requirements for Skilled Nursing Facility Stays
Effective Date: February 11, 2019

Summary:

Effective Feb. 11, 2019, CareSource standardized the number of days authorized for admissions and continued stay reviews (CSRs) for treatment in skilled nursing facilities (SNF). The new authorization requirements are based on the following three conditions and Milliman Care Guidelines Medicare benchmarking data for MyCare admissions:

- Pneumonia
- Knee arthroplasty
- Hip arthroplasty

What You Should Know:

To support best utilization management practices, CareSource will standardize the number of days authorized for:

- Initial admission and CSRs
- Treatment in a skilled nursing facility
- Treatment of pneumonia, knee arthroplasty and hip arthroplasty

CareSource will authorize medically necessary stays in a skilled nursing facility in alignment with the timeframes outlined below.

Admission:

- Pneumonia: CareSource will authorize up to six days
- Post-operative total hip: CareSource will authorize up to six days
- Post-operative total knee: CareSource will authorize up to six days

Continued stay reviews (CSR):

- Pneumonia: CareSource will authorize up to three to five days, for each CSR
- Post-operative total hip: CareSource will authorize up to three to five days, for each CSR
- Post-operative total knee: CareSource will authorize up to three to five days, for each CSR

Next Steps:

Please ensure your authorization requests are received timely by CareSource. For CSRs, please ensure CareSource receives the request by the next review date. For those CSRs that are not received timely, CareSource will make up to three attempts to obtain information from the SNF to show the need for additional coverage of days. If a response is not provided in a timely manner to CareSource, CareSource will render a decision for the CSR, based on the most recent information received by the SNF, which may be outdated and fail to show medical necessity.

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