

Administrative Policy Statement ARKANSAS PASSE

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Against Medical Advice (AMA)		AD-0990	01/01/2022-06/30/2022		
Policy Type					
Medical	ADMINISTRATIVE	Pharmacy	Reimbursement		

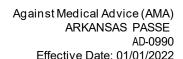
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According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than the limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy.

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A. Subject

Against Medical Advice (AMA)

B. Background

Studies show that patients who are discharged AMA are at higher risk for readmissions and negative health outcomes when compared to a planned discharge. Reasons why people leave AMA may include lack of satisfaction with stay, finances, and being away from home or children.

C. Definitions

 Against Medical Advice (AMA) - When a member chooses to leave the hospital or acute care setting before a practitioner writes the order for discharge.

D. Policy

- I. CareSource will only pay for services, procedures, and supplies rendered.
- II. The discharge status code on the submitted claim must indicate that the member left against medical advice.
- III. If a member leaves AMA in the emergency room and the facility has submitted a medical necessity review for inpatient services, only the emergency room will be considered for payment.
- IV. Claims are subject to retrospective review and CareSource reserves the right to adjust reimbursement in accordance with the policies above.

E. Conditions of Coverage

Member must be eligible at the time of the service, procedure or supply was provided.

Service, procedure, or supply must be a covered benefit.

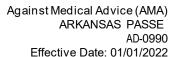
Reimbursement is dependent on, but not limited to, submitting approved HCPCS and CPT codes along with appropriate modifiers, if applicable; and appropriate ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes. Please refer to the individual fee schedule for appropriate codes.

Medical necessity reviews dos not guarantee reimbursement.

All services, procedures, and supplies are subject to review for medical necessity.

F. Related Policies/Rules





G. Review/Revision History

	DATES	ACTION
Date Issued	12/16/2020	
Date Revised		
Date Effective	01/01/2022	
Date Archived	06/30/2022	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy.

H. References

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The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

