



Global Commitment Register

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Interrupted Psychiatric Stays

Policy Summary:

This proposed policy aligns psychiatric billing requirements and reimbursement with the current Medicare Policy 190.7.1 regarding interrupted psychiatric inpatient stays. An interrupted stay occurs when an individual is discharged or transferred to a medical floor from an inpatient psychiatric facility and readmitted to the same or another inpatient psychiatric facility before midnight on the third consecutive day following the discharge from the original inpatient psychiatric facility.

For an interrupted stay where a patient is discharged and readmitted to the same facility, interrupted stays will be considered continuous for the purposes of applying the variable per diem adjustment. The interrupted stay is treated as one stay and one discharge for the purposes of payment. Facilities are expected to hold claims for 3 days to ensure a readmission does not occur.

For an interrupted stay where a patient is discharged and readmitted to a different inpatient psychiatric facility, the interrupted stay is also considered continuous for the purposes of applying the variable per diem.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

Global Commitment to Health 1115 Waiver. The 2015 GC approval documents are available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

Population Affected:

Medicaid population.

Total Fiscal Impact (gross):

	Current State Fiscal Year	Next State Fiscal Year
Federal Savings	(\$6,050)	(\$12,100)
State Savings	(\$4,950)	(\$9,900)