

Subject

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Acute Hospital Care at Home OH MCD AD-1213	09/01/2022-01/31/2024	
Policy Type		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

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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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C. Definitions

- Health Care Facilities Code (HCFC) A set of requirements intended to provide minimum requirements for the installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, performance and safe practices for facilities, material, equipment, and appliances.
- Life Safety Code (LSC) A set of fire protection requirements designed to provide a reasonable degree of safety from fire.
- **Remote Monitoring** Monitoring of physiologic parameters, including weight, blood pressure, heart monitoring, pulse oximetry and respiratory flow rate.

D. Policy

- I. CareSource considers acute hospital care at home medically necessary when ALL of the criteria in this policy are met. A prior authorization will be required for the approval of acute hospital care at home services. Appropriate and complete documentation to support medical necessity must be presented at the time of the review. Participating hospitals should submit appropriate screening protocols for medical necessity review before care at home begins. Acute hospital care at home services are subject to subsequent reviews following initial approval. Reviews will be based on clinical status of the member, and additional documentation may be requested.
 - A. CMS-Approved Requirements for Participating Hospitals
 - 1. The hospital must be CMS-certified.
 - 2. Participating hospitals are required to have appropriate screening protocols in place before care at home begins, including:
 - a. Verification that the member's home meets their needs for safety, shelter and basic working utilities, including completion of a HCFC and LSC form;
 - b. Assessment of physical barriers; and
 - c. Screenings for domestic violence concerns and completion of form.
 - 3. The member's broadband service must meet 4G/5G requirements.
 - 4. The member needs inpatient-level of hospital care.
 - 5. The member must be identified and assessed by hospital staff as meeting the qualifying criteria for home admission and treatment.
 - 6. The member must sign a consent agreeing to receive care at home under the program.
 - 7. The member must meet one of the following acute conditions including, but not limited to:
 - a. Exacerbations of Congestive Heart Failure;
 - b. Community-Acquired Pneumonia:
 - c. Exacerbations of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD);
 - d. Exacerbations of Asthma;
 - e. Cellulitis;
 - f. Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) or
 - g. Volume depletions / dehydration.













