

MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT
Ohio Medicaid

Policy Name & Number	Date Effective
Non-Emergency Facility to Facility Transfers-OH MCD-MM-1473	05/01/2024
Policy Type	
MEDICAL	



A. Subject

Non-Emergency Facility to Facility Transfers

B. Background

This policy addresses the necessity of transferring a patient to a second acute care facility (receiving facility) when the individual requires care not available at the original facility. The goal of any transfer is to maintain the optimal health of the patient. This is accomplished by transferring the patient to the nearest facility that provides the highest specialized care needed.

Inter-hospital patient transfer is an important aspect of patient care, most often to improve patient management. During such transfers, there must be continuity of medical care. Key elements include the decision to transfer and communication, pre-transfer stabilization and preparation, choosing the appropriate mode of transfer, personnel accompanying the patient, equipment and monitoring required during the transfer, and documentation and handover of the patient at the receiving facility.

Transfer, admission, and subsequent care to the receiving facility is not medically necessary when the needed care is available at the originating facility.

C. Definitions

- < **Non-Emergency** A situation for which immediate response is not needed for the provision of medical treatment.
- < **Inter-Facility Transfer** The transfer of patients between two healthcare facilities.
- < **Intra-Facility Transfer** The transfer of patients within the same facility.
- < **Originating Facility** The current facility to which an individual has been admitted for care and from which a transfer is planned.
- < **Participating (In-Network) Facility** WBT42792 reWBT/F4 11.00000912 n1/F4 11.00000912 rocar

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

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