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PURPOSE:

The intent of this clinical policy is to ensure services are medically necessary.

Please refer to the member's benefit document for specific information. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this policy and the terms of the member's benefit plan or certificate of coverage, the terms of the member's benefit plan document will govern.

POLICY:

Benefits must be available for health care services. Health care services must be ordered by a provider. Health care services must be medically necessary, applicable conservative treatments must have been tried, and the most cost-effective alternative must be requested for coverage consideration.

GUIDELINES:

Medical necessity indications are established using the most recent version of the Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG). Copy available upon request.

EXCLUSIONS (not limited to):

Refer to member's Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description

DEFINITIONS:Acute Rehabilitation:

Programs that provide intensive rehabilitative services on a 24-hour basis for patients who are severely disabled as a result of injury or disease. Services must include a thorough evaluation of the person's abilities and disabilities and the development and implementation of a rehabilitation plan which may incorporate physical, occupational, speech and/or other types of therapies; education about modifications in lifestyle which may be necessary including information about diet, exercise and stress reduction; guidance in using adaptive devices which maximize the person's functional abilities; and counseling for the person and/or significant others to facilitate a positive adjustment to the person's current condition. Inpatient rehabilitation services may be provided by general acute care hospitals or skilled nursing facilities

Activities of Daily Living:

Activities related to personal self-care and independent living, which include eating, bathing, dressing, transferring, walking/mobility, and toileting/continence

Custodial Care:

Services to assist in activities of daily living and personal care that do not seek to cure or do not need to be provided or directed by a skilled medical professional, such as assistance in walking, bathing and feeding.

Habilitative Therapy:

Therapy provided to develop initial functional levels of movement, strength, activities of daily living, or speech.

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Maintenance Care:

Care that is not *habilitative* or *rehabilitative* therapy and there is a lack of documented significant progress in functional status over a reasonable period of time

Rehabilitative Therapy:

Therapy provided to restore functional levels of movement, strength, daily activity, or speech after a sickness or injury.

Skilled Care:

Nursing or *rehabilitative* services requiring the skills of technical or professional medical personnel to provide care or to assess the member's changing condition. Long term dependence on respiratory support equipment does not in and of itself define a need for skilled care.

Swing-bed:

A service that rural hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) with a Medicare provider agreement provide that allows a patient to transition from acute care to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) care without leaving the hospital. This allows a patient to continue receiving services in the hospital even though acute care is no longer required

Transitional Care Unit:

A skilled nursing facility (SNF) with a shorter length of stay (LOS) than the average SNF LOS; usually seven-day LOS or less

BACKGROUND:

For purposes of this document skilled nursing facilities include, but are not limited to, an acute rehabilitation facility, extended care facility, hospital swing-bed and transitional care unit.

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Precertification: Yes

REFERENCES:

1. Integrated Healthcare Services Process Manual: UR015 Use of Medical Policy and Criteria
2. Clinical Policy: Coverage Determination Guidelines (MP/C009)
3. Clinical Policy: Home Health Services, Intermittent (MC/N007)
4. Clinical Policy: Home Health Services, Private Duty/Extended Hours (MC/N008)

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