

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates for Inpatient Hospital Care

Readmission Policy

When a patient is discharged/transferred from an acute care hospital, and is readmitted to the same acute care hospital within thirty (30) days for symptoms related to, or for evaluation and management of, the prior stay's medical condition, the original claim generated by the original stay will be adjusted by combining the original and subsequent stay onto a single claim.

The readmission policy does not apply to the following:

- Readmissions that are planned readmissions for repetitive or periodic treatments
- Critical access hospitals