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## MCG Care Guidelines 26th Edition

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO D-SNP) offered by *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC)*.

Effective September 1, 2022, we will upgrade to the 26th edition of MCG care guidelines for the following modules: Inpatient/surgical care (ISC). The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes.

Updates marked with an asterisk (\*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive.

### Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) for ISC

Guideline	MCG Code	25th Edition GLOS	26th Edition GLOS
*Aortic Valve Replacement, Transcatheter	S-1320 [W0133]	2 days postoperative	1 day postoperative
*Apnea, Neonatal (Non-Preterm Infants)	P-15	3 days	2 days
*Renal Failure, Chronic	M-325	3 days	2 days
*Subarachnoid Hemorrhage, Nonsurgical Treatment	M-79	4 days	3 days
*Craniotomy, Supratentorial	S-410	3 days postoperative	2 days postoperative
*Ankle Fracture, Closed, Open Reduction, Internal Fixation (ORIF)	S-100	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip Arthroplasty	S-560 [W0105]	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Humerus Fracture, Closed or Open Reduction	S-632	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Knee Arthroplasty, Total	S-700 [W0081]	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Lumbar Laminectomy	S-830 [W0100]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Nephrectomy	S-870	3 days postoperative	2 days postoperative
*Prostatectomy, Radical	S-960	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative

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Guideline	MCG Code	25th Edition GLOS	26th Edition GLOS
Dehydration	[M-123	1 day	2 days
Esophageal Disease	M-550	1 day	2 days
Gastritis and Duodenitis	M-560	1 day	2 days
Pneumothorax, Neonatal	P-355	2 days	3 days
Seizure	M-327	1 day	2 days
Back Pain	M-63	1 day	2 days

**New Guidelines ISC**

Body System	Guideline Title	MCG Code
Hospital-at-Home	Cellulitis: Hospital-at-Home	M-70-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Hospital-at-Home	M-100-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Heart Failure: Hospital-at-Home	M-190-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Pneumonia: Hospital-at-Home	M-282-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Urinary Tract Infection (UTI): Hospital-at-Home	M-300-HaH
Observation Care	Pancreatitis: Observation Care	OC-065
Observation Care	Renal Failure, Acute: Observation Care	OC-066
Observation Care	Stroke: Ischemic: Observation Care	OC-067

**Blue Cross NC Customizations to MCG care guidelines 26th Edition**

To view a detailed summary of customizations, go to [Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> \(HMO D-SNP\)](#)