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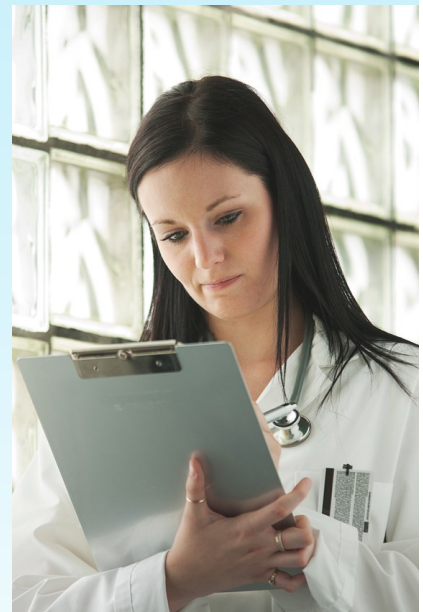
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IHCP clarifies coverage of inpatient services for eligible inmates

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) clarifies coverage information for inmates found eligible through the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Inmates process with responses to frequently asked questions.

What services can be reimbursed for inmates?

- Only inpatient services are covered. Services can be reimbursed only if they are provided between inpatient admission and discharge. The following are examples of services that may be covered for inmates hospitalized for at least 24 hours:
 - Medically necessary physician services provided during the inpatient stay
 - Medically necessary hospital services provided during the inpatient stay
 - Medically necessary medications provided during the inpatient stay
 - Medically necessary durable medical equipment provided during the inpatient stay
- If an inmate's admission results from an emergency department (ED) visit, the physician services performed in the emergency department prior to admission can be reimbursed.



What services cannot be reimbursed for inmates?

Any service provided on an outpatient basis, before inpatient admission or after discharge, will not be reimbursed. The following are examples of services that will not be covered:

- Transportation that occurs before admission or after discharge
- Services provided in the emergency department if the visit does not result in an inpatient admission
- Medications or durable medical equipment that are provided before inpatient admission or after discharge

Is prior authorization (PA) required for inpatient admission of inmates?

PA is not required for an inmate's inpatient admission.

What provider specialties are allowed to bill for inpatient or qualifying ED services for inmates?

- Hospitals with the following provider specialties may bill for inpatient services for inmates:
 - 010 – Acute Care
 - 012 – Rehabilitation
 - 013 – Long-Term Acute Care
- Provider specialties appropriate to bill for services rendered during an inpatient stay or qualifying ED visit may bill for services rendered to inmates on a *CMS-1500* claim form.

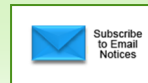
Note: *Reimbursement is available only to facilities that are not primarily operated by law enforcement authorities. Facilities primarily operated by law enforcement authorities would be considered correctional facilities.*

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