

State of Mississippi

DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATION AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

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Inpatient Hospital Services

Prior authorization (PA) by the Utilization Management and Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO) is required on all hospital admissions except newborns at birth. Upon approval of a hospital admission, a treatment authorization number (TAN) is issued for an inpatient stay up to nineteen (19) consecutive days. If a beneficiary is discharged during these nineteen (19) days and requires another inpatient stay, a new PA request must be submitted to the UM/QIO for a new TAN.

Continued stay authorizations by the UM/QIO are required when the beneficiary remains hospitalized more than nineteen (19) days.

All hospital admissions for deliveries must be reported to the UM/QIO to receive an automatic TAN for an inpatient stay up to nineteen (19) consecutive days.

Newborns do not require a PA for admission at birth. Well or sick newborns hospitalized more than five (5) days from the date of delivery require a PA with the begin date of the hospital stay as the newborn's date of birth. If a newborn is discharged and requires another inpatient stay, a PA by the UM/QIO must be obtained on admission.

The Division of Medicaid covers all medically necessary services for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries without regard to service limitations and with prior authorization.

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