

MCG Care Guidelines 25th Edition available*

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Effective July 1, 2021, we will upgrade to the 25th edition of MCG care guidelines for the following modules: Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC), General Recovery Care (GRC), Chronic Care (CC), Recovery Facility Care (RFC), and Behavioral Health Care (BHC). The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes that may be considered more restrictive.

Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

MCG Code	Guideline	24th Edition GLOS	25th Edition GLOS
S-152	Aortic Coarctation, Angioplasty	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
W0016	Cardiac Septal Defect: Atrial, Transcatheter Closure	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
S-445	Esophageal Diverticulectomy, Endoscopic	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
S-510	Gastrectomy, Partial - Billroth I or II	4 or 6 days postoperative	5 days postoperative
S-1305	Hernia Repair (Non-Hiatal)	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
S-1200	Pancreatectomy	5 or 7 days postoperative	6 days postoperative
S-990	Pyloroplasty and Vagotomy	4 or 6 days postoperative	4 days postoperative
W0097	Cervical Laminectomy	2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative
W0091	Lumbar Discectomy, Foraminotomy, or Laminotomy	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
S-530	Removal of Posterior Spinal Instrumentation	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
W0138	Shoulder Hemiarthroplasty	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
W0156	Spine, Scoliosis, Posterior Instrumentation, Pediatric	4 days postoperative	3 days postoperative
S-190	Bladder Resection: Cystectomy with Urinary Diversion, Conduit or Continent	5 or 6 days postoperative	5 days postoperative

MCG Code	Guideline	24th Edition GLOS	25th Edition GLOS
S-970	Prostatectomy, Transurethral Resection (TURP)	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
S-1172	Urethroplasty	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory

New Guidelines for Behavioral Health Care (BHC) and Recovery Facility Care (RFC)

MCG Code	Body System	Guideline Title
B-031-IP	Withdrawal Management	Withdrawal Management, Adult: Inpatient Care
B-031-IOP	Withdrawal Management	Withdrawal Management, Adult: Intensive Outpatient Program
B-031-AOP	Withdrawal Management	Withdrawal Management, Adult: Outpatient Care
B-031-PHP	Withdrawal Management	Withdrawal Management, Adult: Partial Hospital Program
B-031-RES	Withdrawal Management	Withdrawal Management, Adult: Residential Care
M-5197	Cardiology	Hypertension
M-7087	Cardiology	Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)
M-7095	Nephrology	Rhabdomyolysis
M-7100	Nephrology	Encephalopathy
M-5545	Thoracic Surgery	Rib Fracture

Anthem Customizations to MCG care guideline 25th Edition

Effective July 1, 2021, the following MCG care guideline 25th edition customizations will be implemented:

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, W0174 (previously ORG: B-801-T) - Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure and added the following:

- Need for acute TMS treatment, up to 6 weeks
- Acute treatment course needed as indicated by (a) Initial course of treatment for major depressive disorder (severe), or (b) Relapse of symptoms after remission
- Continuation of acute treatment, up to 6 months

- TMS is considered not medically necessary for all other indications not listed above, including but not limited to, the following:
 - Maintenance TMS treatment
 - Continuation of acute TMS treatment for longer than 6 months
 - TMS treatment of conditions other than major depressive disorder (severe), including but not limited to, the following: Alzheimer's disease, Anxiety disorders, Bipolar depression, Neurodevelopmental disorders, Obsessive-compulsive disorder, Peripartum depression, Post-traumatic stress disorder, Substance use disorders, Tourette's syndrome.

To view a detailed summary of customizations, visit the [Clinical Guidelines page](#), scroll down to other criteria section and select Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 25th Edition.

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