

MCG care guidelines 24th edition

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Effective July 1, 2020, we will upgrade to the 24th 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) Changes for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC) and Behavioral Health Care (BHC)

Guideline	MCG Code	24th Edition GLOS	23rd Edition GLOS
Aortic Valve Replacement, Transcatheter	S-1320	2 days postoperative	3 days postoperative
Appendectomy, with Abscess or Peritonitis, by Laparoscopy	S-185	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	2 days postoperative
Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis, by Laparoscopy	S-175	Ambulatory postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
Repair of Pelvic Organ Prolapse	S-1020	Ambulatory postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
Urethral Suspension Procedures	S-850	Ambulatory postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
Appendectomy, with Abscess or Peritonitis, by Laparoscopy, Pediatric	P-30	Ambulatory or 2 days postoperative	2 or 3 days postoperative
Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis, by Laparoscopy, Pediatric	P-20	Ambulatory postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
Tibial Osteotomy, Child or Adolescent	S-1131	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	1 day postoperative
Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders, Adult: Inpatient Care	B-014-IP	5 days	6 days
Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders, Child or Adolescent: Inpatient Care	B-027-IP	5 days	6 days

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation	B-801-T	Utilize B-801-T for Clinical Indications for procedure	Refer to BEH.00002 for Clinical Indications for procedure
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New Optimal Recovery Guidelines (ORGs) for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC) and New Behavioral Health Care (BHC) New Guidelines

Body System	Guideline Title	MCG - Code
Pediatrics	Appendectomy, with Abscess or Peritonitis, Pediatric	P-35
Pediatrics	Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis, Pediatric	P-25
Home Care Behavioral Health	Attention-Deficit and Disruptive Behavior Disorders	B-003-HC
Home Care Behavioral Health	Autism Spectrum Disorders	B-012-HC

Anthem Customizations to MCG care guideline 24th Edition

Effective July 1, 2020, the following MCG care guideline 24th edition customizations will be implemented.

- Carotid Artery Stenting (W0165) – Clinical Indications were customized to reference CG-SURG-76 Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Stent Placement with or without Angioplasty
- Deep Brain Stimulation (W0164) – Clinical Indications were customized to refer to SURG.00026 Deep Brain, Cortical, and Cerebellar Stimulation.
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation, Implantable (W0166) – Clinical Indications were customized to refer to SURG.00007 Vagus Nerve Stimulation.

View a detailed summary of customizations [here](#). Scroll down to other criteria section and select Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 24th Edition.

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