



**Inpatient Readmission Updates
Physicians/Specialists
Facilities/Hospitals
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In alignment with CMS and the National Quality Forum (NQF), beginning May 15, 2023, Troy Medicare will not allow separate reimbursement for claims identified as an inpatient readmission.

Inpatient readmissions are defined as inpatient stays at the same hospital within 30 days that represent treatment for the same, similar, or related condition.

Inpatient readmission criteria may include, but are not limited to:

- The same or closely related condition or procedure as the prior discharge.
- An infection or other complication of care.
- A condition or procedure indicative of a failed surgical intervention.
- An acute decompensation of a coexisting chronic disease.
- A need that could have reasonably been prevented by the provision of appropriate care consistent with accepted standards in the prior discharge or during the post discharge follow-up period.
- An issue caused by a premature discharge from the same facility.

Troy Medicare may request medical records for the initial and subsequent inpatient stays to review the clinical conditions, treatment and management and determine if the readmission criteria for the subsequent admission exists.

This change is applicable to facilities reimbursed for inpatient services regardless of payment methodology for Commercial business and Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) for Medicare business. Custom/specific contractual language and exceptions will supersede this policy criteria.