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MCG Care Guidelines 27th Edition

Please note, this communication applies to *Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO D-SNP)* offered by *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC)*.

Effective September 1, 2023, we will upgrade to the 27th edition of MCG Care Guidelines for the following modules:

- Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)
- General Recovery Care (GRG)

The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes.

Updates marked with an asterisk (*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive.

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

Guideline	MCG Code	26 th Edition GLOS	27 th Edition GLOS
*Electrophysiologic Study and Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) Insertion	M157 [W0011]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Renal Failure, Acute	M-326	3 days	2 days
*Paraplegia, Acute	M-255	8 days	7 days
*Tetraplegia, Acute	M-305	9 days	7 days
*Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower Extremity	S-1310 [W0121]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Splenoectomy by Laparoscopy	S-1062	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Elbow Arthroplasty	S-420	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Elbow Fracture, Open Treatment	S-424	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory

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Guideline	MCG Code	26 th Edition GLOS	27 th Edition GLOS
*Foot Fracture, Calcaneus or Talus, Open Reduction, Internal Fixation (ORIF)	S-490	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Foot: Surgical Wound Care	S-495	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip Resurfacing	S-565	2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Knee Dislocation, Closed or Open Reduction	S-675	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Shoulder Arthroplasty	S-634 [W0137]	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis, Pediatric	P-25	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip: Congenital Dislocation, Open Reduction	P-590	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Renal Transplant, Pediatric	P-1015 [W0126]	6 days postoperative	5 days postoperative
*Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis, Closed Reduction	P-443	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Tibial Osteotomy, Child or Adolescent	S-1131	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Bladder Incision: Cystotomy	S-200	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Ureterotomy, Nontransurethral for Stone	S-1150	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative

New Guidelines for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Body System	Guideline Title	MCG - Code
Hospital-at-Home	COVID-19: Hospital-at-Home	M-281-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Viral Illness, Acute: Hospital-at-Home	M-280-HaH
Observation Care Guidelines	COVID-19: Observation Care	OC-068
Pediatrics	COVID-19, Pediatric	P-281
Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease	COVID-19	M-281

Blue Cross NC Customizations to MCG Care Guideline 27th Edition

To view a detailed summary of customizations, go to [Medical Policies and Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines | HealthyBlueNC.com](#) scroll down to other criteria section and select Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 27th Edition.

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