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TO: Hospital Providers

RE: Hospital Inpatient Care Criteria

Effective October 1, 2024, the document titled *Inpatient Care Criteria* has been updated. Alabama Medicaid utilizes the Adult and Pediatric Inpatient Care Criteria, Severity of Illness (SI) / Intensity of Service (IS), for utilization review, billing, and reimbursement purposes for inpatient hospital admissions and concurrent stays. This document may be accessed here:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.4_Medical_Facilities/4.4.1_Hospital_Services.aspx.

Additional information regarding inpatient admissions is in Chapter 19 of the Provider Billing Manual. Providers with policy questions may contact Medical Services at medicalservices@medicaid.alabama.gov.