

Acute Inpatient Rehab Facility (IRF)

Medical Policy

Utilization Management

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DEFINITION:

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) is a program of coordinated and integrated medical and rehabilitation services that is provided 24 hours a day. The acute intensive rehabilitation program assists members to become as independent as possible after experiencing a loss of function from an injury or illness. An acute inpatient rehabilitation program may be provided in a hospital or in a stand-alone facility.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS:

Precertification is required.

Submit request through the **MyAdvocate provider portal**.

[Prior Authorization Request form](#)

Providers can also call **1-800-991-8109** or fax request to **715-221-9215**.

MyAdvocate Medicare Advantage will be using InterQual criteria to determine medical necessity. Acute inpatient rehab initial and concurrent reviews are completed by MyAdvocate Medicare Advantage.

Section 3711 of the CARES Act Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) - Intensity of Therapy Requirement ("3-Hour Rule") - As required by Section 3711(a) of the CARES Act, during the COVID-19 PHE, the Secretary is waiving § 412.622(a)(3)(ii) relating to the criterion that Medicare Part A fee-for-service patients treated in IRFs receive at least 15 hours of therapy per week. This waiver supersedes the clarification of § 412.622(a)(3)(ii) provided in the interim final rule with comment titled, Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (CMS-1744-IFC)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf>

Medicare - Per CMS, this waiver will expire at the end of the COVID-19 PHE. The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ended at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/inpatient-rehabilitation-facilities-cms-flexibilities-fightcovid-19.pdf>