



## New and Updated Content in the 28th Edition

New guidance, enhancements, and improved analytics to support appropriate, evidence-based care delivery for your members



### Inpatient & Surgical Care

- New *Supplemental Medicare Criteria* section added to Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care section of medical Optimal Recovery Guidelines (ORGs) and General Recovery Guidelines (GRGs) (excluding pediatric and neonatal guidelines). These criteria identify Medicare rules that may apply over and above the existing MCG clinical indications. In addition, the evidence summaries of these guidelines have been updated to include *Rationale* and *Related CMS Coverage Guidance* sections to further support the Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F).
- Goal length of stay (GLOS) metrics for 36 medical guidelines have been adjusted to make clearer the definition of an ambulatory procedure and the duration of observation care
- New Observation Care Guidelines added for pediatric immune thrombocytopenia, apparent life-threatening event, delirium, substance-related disorders, and hemophilia



### Ambulatory Care

- Evidence summaries of Ambulatory Care and Referral Management Guidelines have been updated to include *Criteria*, *Rationale*, and *Related CMS Coverage Guidance* sections to further support compliance with the Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F)
- Genetic Medicine guidelines for inheritable disorders include new guidance for genetic counseling for genetic testing that is used as universal screening as well as revised guidance for overall genetic counseling
- Guideline for Lecanemab, a new treatment for Alzheimer disease, added to Specialty Medications

### Emerging Guideline Previews



As an MCG customer, you have access to our **MCG Community**, where new guidelines are released throughout the year. This provides your organization with the most current evidence more quickly. These guidelines will also be incorporated into the subsequent annual edition.



### Recovery Facility Care

- To support alignment with the Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F), the evidence summaries of Subacute/Skilled Nursing Facility guidelines have been updated to include a new *Criteria* section. In addition, the evidence summaries for both Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility and Subacute/Skilled Nursing Facility guidelines have been updated with *Rationale* and *Related CMS Coverage Guidance* sections.
- The statistical companion to Recovery Facility Care includes Medicare claims data for each SNF Optimal Recovery Guideline and categorizes the CMS Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) to provide more granular details (e.g., functional score, restorative nursing services) which align with an average length of stay

### Support for the Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F)



To assist in your organization's alignment with the Final Rule, MCG has added *Criteria*, *Rationale*, and *Related CMS Coverage Guidance* sections to many care guidelines.

In addition, guidance on goal length of stay (GLOS) for 36 medical guidelines has been made clearer in support of CMS' clarification that the Two-Midnight Rule applies to all Medicare patients (Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage).



### Behavioral Health Care

- Substance use disorder content has been updated to align with the recently released ASAM Criteria (Fourth Edition) for content related to adults
- Language has been added to the level of care guidelines to emphasize the use of a "whole person care" approach for care coordination



### Benchmarks and Data

- Benchmarking has been added to identify the number of rehabilitation visits of Applied Behavioral Analysis (per year) for specific diagnoses based on the commercially insured and Medicaid populations
- The statistical companion for subacute/skilled nursing facility guideline length of stay statistics are now available by Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) codes
- Social vulnerability data has been added for Puerto Rico by the various Centers for Disease Control and Prevention themes. This is in addition to the *Social Vulnerability Index Dashboard* added to support the identification of social determinant of health (SDOH) needs (made available in July 2023).