



PRICING GUIDELINES

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## SAME DAY READMISSION:

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Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Pricing Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

The section identified as "Description" defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as "Pricing Criteria" defines criteria on reimbursement.

The section identified as "Billing Criteria" defines criteria to assist in billing.

Pricing Guidelines are subject to change as new information becomes available.

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### Description:

A same day readmission is an event which occurs when a patient is admitted to the same inpatient facility within the same day the patient had been previously discharged.

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### Pricing Criteria:

Effective April 1, 2015, whenever a patient is discharged from a facility setting and later readmitted to the same facility on the same day for symptoms related to, or for evaluation and management of, the prior stay's medical condition, the facility will adjust the original claim to combine both the original and subsequent services onto one single claim. *BCBSAZ will only reimburse for one stay/one claim. If two separate claims are billed, BCBSAZ will deny the second claim instructing the facility to resubmit the original claim with the subsequent services.*

Services billed on a same day readmission claim will not be reviewed for medical necessity nor will the services be evaluated to determine if such services were inappropriate for the treatment of a disease, condition, illness or injury of the readmitting patient.

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## **SAME DAY READMISSION: (cont.)**

### **Billing Criteria:**

- An adjustment of the initial inpatient claim is required when an inpatient readmission claim displays an immediate readmission (i.e. same day as discharge date) of a patient to the same facility on the same day they were initially discharged. Facility is required to adjust the initial claim to combine both the initial and readmission services onto one single claim.
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