

Provider Billing Alert

Three Rivers Health Plans
Three Rivers Children's Health Plan

Inpatient Readmissions

The Plan is changing its payment policy for readmissions to the same inpatient facility. Effective for first admissions on or after 11/15/05, the Plan will no longer bundle readmissions to the same facility within 31 days of discharge. For inpatient admissions paid based upon the DRG, any readmission to the same facility within 7 days of discharge will be deemed related and bundled into the first admission for payment purposes.

Payment will be made based upon the DRG for the first admission and will represent total payment for all services rendered during the original admission and readmission(s). Separate payment will not be made for services rendered during the readmission(s). Medical records will no longer be reviewed in connection with readmission payment determinations. All health plan payment decisions are dependent upon the hospital's compliance with health plan's UM/QI program including medical necessity and authorization requirements.

Disputes regarding readmission payment decisions should be directed to the Plan's Appeals Department.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.