

Provider Bulletin

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MCG Care Guidelines 27th edition

This communication applies to the Medicaid programs for Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (Simply) and Clear Health Alliance (CHA) as well as the Florida Healthy Kids (FHK) program for Simply.

Effective September 1, 2023, we will upgrade to the 27th edition of MCG Care Guidelines for the following modules:

- Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)
- General Recovery Care (GRG)
- Recovery Facility Care (RFC)
- Behavioral Health Care (BHG)
- Chronic Care (CCG)

The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes. Updates marked with an asterisk (*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive.

Goal length of stay (GLOS) for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Guideline	MCG code	26th edition GLOS	27th Edition GLOS
*Electrophysiologic Study and Implantable	M157	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) Insertion	[W0011]	postoperative	
*Renal Failure, Acute	M-326	3 days	2 days
*Paraplegia, Acute	M-255	8 days	7 days
*Tetraplegia, Acute	M-305	9 days	7 days
*Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower	S-1310	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
Extremity	[W0121]	postoperative	
*Splenectomy by Laparoscopy	S-1062	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Elbow Arthroplasty	S-420	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	
*Elbow Fracture, Open Treatment	S-424	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	
*Foot Fracture, Calcaneus or Talus, Open	S-490	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
Reduction, Internal Fixation (ORIF)		postoperative	
*Foot: Surgical Wound Care	S-495	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	
*Hip Resurfacing	S-565	2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day
			postoperative
*Knee Dislocation, Closed or Open Reduction	S-675	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	

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Guideline	MCG code	26th edition GLOS	27th Edition GLOS
*Shoulder Arthroplasty	S-634	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day
	[W0137]		postoperative
*Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis,	P-25	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
Pediatric		postoperative	
*Hip: Congenital Dislocation, Open Reduction	P-590	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day
			postoperative
*Renal Transplant, Pediatric	P-1015	6 days postoperative	5 days postoperative
	[W0126]		
*Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis, Closed	P-443	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
Reduction		postoperative	
*Tibial Osteotomy, Child or Adolescent	S-1131	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	
*Bladder Incision: Cystotomy	S-200	Ambulatory or 1 day	Ambulatory
		postoperative	
*Ureterotomy, Nontransurethral for Stone	S-1150	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day
			postoperative

New guidelines for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Body system	Guideline title	MCG - code
Hospital-at-Home	COVID-19: Hospital-at-Home	M-281-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Viral Illness, Acute: Hospital-at-Home	M-280-HaH
Observation Care Guidelines	COVID-19: Observation Care	OC-068
Pediatrics	COVID-19, Pediatric	P-281
Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease	COVID-19	M-281

New guidelines for Recovery Facility Care (RFC)

Body System	Guideline title	MCG - Code
Cardiovascular Surgery	Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower Extremity	S-6310
Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease	COVID-19	M-5281

New guidelines for Chronic Care (CCG)

Body System	Guideline title	MCG - code
Social drivers of health	Food insecurity	C-1164
Social drivers of health	Housing insecurity	C-1165

Simply and CHA customizations to MCG care guideline 27th edition

To view a detailed summary of customizations, visit Medical Policies and Clinical Guidelines (simplyhealthcareplans.com), scroll down to *Other Criteria* section and select Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 27th edition.

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