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**SCOPE:** To ensure Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire (the Cooperative) consistently and correctly administers transfers from one acute care facility to another acute care facility according to the member's policy specifics and according to medical necessity criteria.

**DEFINITION:** Transfers from one facility to another for the same level of services are considered lateral.

**POLICY:** **Prior Authorization Required: YES**

**Medicaid/Commercial**

Interfacility transfers are considered medically necessary and therefore both hospital stays are eligible for coverage in the following situations:


1. When the diagnostic and/or therapeutic services are not available in the facility in which the member is admitted or registered, **AND**
2. The facility of the necessary diagnostic and /or therapeutic services is the nearest participating facility to the facility in which the patient is currently admitted and has the capability of providing the necessary services, **AND**
3. The necessary diagnostic or therapeutic services meet acute inpatient criteria, **AND**
4. The facility that the member is being transferred to is in network

When a non-medically necessary interfacility transfer is approved, transportation between facilities may not be approved.

APPROVED: Michelle Bauer MD. DATE: 04/13/2023

**REVISION HISTORY:**

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03/22/2013	Carol E. Ebel, RN HM Mgr	This is a continuation of the archived P & P.
02/15/2014	Lynne Komanec, RN HM Manager	Reviewed with no changes
01/23/2015	Betsy Kelly, RN	Removed reference to Benchmark Plan; reformatted.
04/28/2016	Betsy Kelly, RN	Reviewed with no changes.

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03/26/2018	Michele Bauer, MD	Updated
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04/13/2022	Michele Bauer, MD, CMO	Updated criteria and removed splitting the DRG during transfers
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