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SCOPE: To ensure Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire (the Cooperative) consistently and correctly administers skilled nursing facility (SNF) benefits to all members according to their policy benefits.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Cooperative to review requests for SNF admissions according to member policy and evidence-based medical criteria through the prior authorization process.

PROCEDURE: Prior Authorization Required: YES


Coverage Criteria

To be eligible for SNF coverage services must be medically necessary as defined by the following:

1. Member must be 21 years of age or older; **AND**
2. Member (commercial members only) must have a qualifying hospital stay (defined as a 3 night inpatient stay. Observation status is considered outpatient and does not meet criteria for a qualifying hospital stay.), **AND**
3. Member must have a daily skilled need (defined as at least 5-6 days out of the week), **AND**
4. Member’s needs cannot be met with a lower level of care, **AND**
5. Days must be left in the member’s benefit period
 - a. Commercial: check the respective commercial policy
 - b. Medicare Advantage: 100 day limit
 - c. Medicaid:
 - i. BadgerCare: 30 days per SNF admission
 - ii. SSI: 90 days per SNF admission

Exclusions:

Commercial and Medicare Advantage Members: Custodial care where there is no skilled need is considered a contract exclusion.

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