

Skill-in-Place Criteria (Nursing Facility Level of Care in lieu of Acute Inpatient Admission)

Condition Type	CPT Code	Rev Code	Clinical Criteria	Intensity of Services	Max # Days Given for Initial Approvals
COPD/Asthma	G9681	0192	<p>Known diagnosis of COPD/Asthma or CXR showing COPD with hyper inflated lungs and no infiltrates, AND 2 or more of the following: Symptoms of wheezing, shortness of breath, or increased sputum production, Blood Oxygen saturation level below 90% on room air or on usual O2 settings in patients with chronic oxygen requirements. Acute reduction in Peak Flow or FEV1 on spirometry. Respiratory rate > 30 breaths/minute.</p>	Bronchodilators 4x/24hr, Corticosteroid (PO or Inhaled)	5 Days
CHF	G9680	0192	<p>Chest x-ray confirmation of a new pulmonary pleural effusion, interstitial edema, or pulmonary venous congestion; OR 2 or more of the following: Blood oxygen saturation level < 90% on room air or on usual O2 settings in patients with chronic O2 requirements, new pulmonary rales, difficulty breathing not resolved after at least one dose of diuretic, edema of extremities, Weight gain > 3 lbs (1.4 kg) over past 2 days.</p>	O2 SATs below 89%, persistent dyspnea, clinical risk factors Diuretics adjustment or doses x 2 times per day; Dialysis	5 Days
Fluid or Electrolyte Disorders or Acute Treatment of Dehydration	G9683	0192	<p>Reduced urine output in 24 hours OR Reduced oral intake by approximately 25% of average intake for 3 consecutive days AND One of the following: Urine specific gravity > 1.030, New onset of Systolic BP < 100 mm Hg (Lying, sitting or standing), 20% increase in Blood Urea nitrogen (e.g. 20 to 24), 20% increase in Serum Creatinine (e.g. 1.0 to 1.2), Sodium > 150 or < 130 Orthostatic drop in systolic BP of 20 mmHg or more going from supine to sitting or standing. Heart rate, sustained >100/min.</p>	IV fluids, K+ replacement, Calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, diuretic, Kayexalate	5 Days
Pneumonia	G9679	0192	<p>Chest x-ray confirmation of a new pulmonary infiltrate, OR 2 or more of the following: Fever > 100.4 (oral), Blood oxygen saturation level < 90% on room air or on usual O2 setting in patient with chronic oxygen requirements. Respiratory rate > 30 breaths/minute. Productive sputum, crackles. High risk for adverse event (e.g. Clinical risk factors like COPD, Heart Failure).</p>	Anti-infective, O2 therapy, oximetry or blood gases, DVT prophylaxis	7 Days
Skin Infection	G9682	0192	<p>New onset of painful, edema, red, indurated, skin infection requiring oral or parenteral antibiotic therapy If associated with a skin ulcer there is an acute change in condition with signs of infection such as purulence, exudate, fever, new onset of pain, and/or induration. Cellulitis and 1 or more of the following: Immunocompromised, located over a prosthesis or implanted device, or orbital cellulitis. Diabetic Foot ulcer: Deep tissue abscess or infection, Impaired vascularity suspected or critical limb ischemia. Herpes Zoster: Wound infection located over a prosthesis or implanted device, immunocompromised, or requires anti-viral therapy.</p>	Extensive wound care/debridement planned, pain management	7 Days
UTI	G9684	0192	<p>100,000 colonies of bacteria growing in the urine with no more than 2 species of microorganisms AND 2 or more of the following: Fever > 100.4° F (oral) New onset of SBP < 100 mm Hg (lying, sitting, or standing) Tachycardia > 100 BPM Peripheral WBC count > 12,000 Altered mental status, dysuria, decreased fluid intake, or malodorous/concentrated urine.</p>	Antibiotic therapy IV/IM, pain control, frequent assessments	7 Days