

SUSPENSION OF IN NETWORK SKILLED NURSING FACILITY TRANSFERS

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In-Network Transfers

Effective Dec. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022, PHP and PHP Medicare will temporarily suspend prior authorization requirements for admissions to in network skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). This change will help alleviate the administrative challenges Michigan hospitals are experiencing in transferring patients who no longer require acute care to the appropriate care setting.

The following guidelines must be followed:

- Notification is required upon transfer to the in network skilled nursing facility
- Skilled Nursing Facilities are required to submit clinical documentation on day 4, for medical necessity and ongoing concurrent review
- All facilities must notify PHP upon discharge

Please note, notification is required for all services outlined in the authorization/notification table on the PHP website.

As cases of COVID-19, RSV, and influenza continue to rise, so too are hospitalizations throughout Michigan at a time when our health systems continue to struggle with staffing shortages.

As a provider-owned health plan, Physicians Health Plan (PHP) is committed to making health care more accessible for the diverse communities we serve, while also helping to alleviate the strain on our healthcare system.

We are proud to heed the call of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA), alongside other Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) to help our extensive network of provider partners and hospitals navigate these unprecedented times.