## Children's Hospital and Health System Chorus Community Health Plans Policy and Procedure



# **Medical Utilization Management Policy**

## SUBJECT: INPATIENT APPROVAL FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY

#### **INCLUDED PRODUCT(S):**

Medicaid	Individual and Family
BadgerCare Plus	Commercial
🔀 Care4Kids Program	🛛 Marketplace

### **PURPOSE OR DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline when an inpatient admission for an elective surgery is considered medically necessary.

### POLICY:

Indications: This policy applies to surgical procedures that have an applicable MCG guideline showing a goal length of stay of at least 2 days postoperative acute care. These guidelines typically also include a hospitalization for an optimal course of recovery.

#### 1. Elective surgeries that require authorization:

- a. If the submitted clinical documentation shows that the surgery meets the criteria of the appropriate MCG guideline's "Clinical Indications for Procedure," the associated inpatient admission is considered medically necessary, and therefore can be approved.
- b. It is not necessary to meet the criteria for inpatient admission of any other MCG guideline.
- 2. Elective surgeries that do not require authorization:
  - a. The inpatient admission can be approved.
  - b. The only clinical documentation required is validation that the surgery is being performed at an in-network facility by in-network providers.
  - c. It is not necessary to meet the criteria for inpatient admission of any other MCG guideline.

### **REFERENCES**

1. MCG Health: Inpatient & Surgical Care