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MEMORANDUM

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TO: QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans
Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers

FROM: *for* Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD 
Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY PAYMENTS TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR WAITLIST-ONLY STAYS

Wahiawa General Hospital has received a limited waiver from the Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA), Hawaii State Department of Health, for a period of six (6) months effective May 15, 2023, in order to accept and admit patients at post-acute levels of care from other acute care hospitals. In alignment with the approved waiver, Med-QUEST Division (MQD) authorizes per-diem payments to Wahiawa General Hospital for waitlisted patients who are discharged or transferred from acute care settings and who meet the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) level of care.

MQD understands that Wahiawa General Hospital has been instructed to work in conjunction with QI Health Plans and MQD's FFS program to coordinate the discharges and transfers of patients admitted under the auspices of this waiver; such coordination will be essential to support timely authorizations, as well as accurate billing and payment for services.

The following billing guidance applies to claims submitted to QI Health Plans and MQD's FFS program by Wahiawa General Hospital for waitlisted patients meeting SNF or ICF levels of care:

1. Level of Care determinations must continue to be processed via the HILOC system and standard approval requirements apply without change.
2. Wahiawa General Hospital may bill the Medicaid FFS program or QI Health Plans for waitlist (ICF or SNF) only stays.
3. Waitlist stays must be identified using occurrence span codes 74 (ICF waitlist) or 75 (SNF waitlist) with the appropriate dates spent at the level of care.
4. Appropriate bill types must be used by Wahiawa General Hospital to identify and distinguish SNF and ICF waitlist stays.
 - a. The bill type of 11X shall be used to bill for the room and board portion of waitlist stays for both SNF and ICF levels of care.
 - b. The bill types of 63X (ICF waitlist ancillaries), 22X (SNF waitlist ancillaries where Medicare is primary), and 23X (SNF waitlist ancillaries where Medicaid is primary) may be used to bill for ancillary services provided during the stay.
5. Waitlist stays at the SNF or ICF level of care shall be paid using the standard waitlist per-diem rate for Wahiawa General Hospital (see memo QI-2225).
6. A facility claim that meets the following criteria shall be process as a per-diem rather than as an APR-DRG stay:
 - a. The claim must be for an admission to Wahiawa General Hospital
 - b. The date of admission must be on or after the first date that the waiver is effective
 - c. The date of admission does not exceed the date of expiration of the waiver
 - d. The patient must meet the SNF or ICF level of care
 - e. The claim must include waitlist occurrence span codes beginning on the date of admission
 - f. The bill type shall be 11X
7. Claims for waitlist-only stays meeting the requirements specified within this memo for members with Medicare as the primary source of coverage may be submitted directly to the QI Health Plan or Medicaid FFS Program without being submitted to Medicare first.
8. Wahiawa General Hospital may be eligible for interim payments for stays exceeding 30 days.
9. Payment for stays meeting the requirements specified within this memo shall continue until the patient is discharged or transferred, or if the patient's the level of care changes for all stays including those which extend beyond the expiration of the waiver. If the level of care change is between SNF and ICF waitlist types, a new claim shall begin corresponding to the change in the level of care.
10. If a waitlisted patient meeting criteria specified in this memo requires acute inpatient care, the acute care services shall be billed under a new claim that is subject to the APR-DRG payment methodology.

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11. Claims submitted by Wahiawa General Hospital for waitlist only stays not meeting the requirements specified within this memo shall be denied.

The provisions of this memo will remain in effect as long as the waiver from OHCA is active, including any renewals or extensions of the waiver provided to Wahiawa General Hospital. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jon Fujii at jfujii@dhs.hawaii.gov.

c: Wahiawa General Hospital