

### ***Inpatient Preoperative Day(s) Certification Review***

**Objective:**

Establish a consistent process for reviewing preoperative days for scheduled surgical admissions that ensures access to medically necessary care for Mississippi Medicaid Beneficiaries, while meeting appropriateness and quality of care standards.

**Performed By:**

Inpatient Review Supervisor, Utilization Review Coordinators (URC), Physician Advisors (PA)

**Policy:**

Certification of preoperative day(s) for scheduled surgical admissions is based on the criteria established for certification of any inpatient hospital day. Certification is limited to:

1. Medical conditions requiring observation by skilled persons, and/or
2. Necessary preoperative treatment which can only be accomplished in an inpatient setting

Timeframes and request submission methods described in HSM's *Inpatient Acute Care Admissions - Precertification Review Policy and Procedure* apply. Denials of preoperative day(s) may be reconsidered.

**Procedure:**

1. If the facility and/or physician request certification for one (or more) preoperative day(s), the URC will document all available pertinent clinical information based on screening criteria.
2. If additional information is required, the process as outlined in the *Inpatient Acute Care Admission Precertification Review Policy and Procedure* is followed with the same three (3) business day timeframe for submission of additional information. If the additional information is not received within the three (3) business day timeframe, a Notice of Incomplete Information – Certification Review Suspended is sent to the facility/attending physician informing each party that the case has been closed. . If the information is received while the beneficiary remains in the hospital, the case will be reopened. Review of days not certified (if any) and review required for continued stay will be performed.
2. The URC always refers requests for certification of preoperative days to the Physician Advisor (PA) for final review determination. If additional information is required by the PA, the same process is followed as outlined in the *Inpatient Acute Care Admission Precertification Review Policy and Procedure*.
3. If the preoperative day and the admission are certified after physician review, the URC will proceed with the preadmission certification as described in HSM's *Inpatient Acute Care Admission Precertification Review Policy and Procedure*.
4. If the preoperative day and/or the admission is denied, the URC will proceed with the preadmission certification as described in HSM's *Inpatient Acute Care Admissions - Precertification Review Policy and Procedure*.