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MCG Care Guidelines 27th Edition

Effective September 1, 2023, we will upgrade to the 27th edition of MCG Care Guidelines for the following modules:

- Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)
- General Recovery Care (GRG)
- Recovery Facility Care (RFC)
- Behavioral Health Care (BHG)
- Chronic Care (CCG)

The below tables highlight new guidelines and changes. Updates marked with an asterisk (*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive.

Goal length of stay (GLOS) for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Guideline	MCG Code	26th Edition GLOS	27th Edition GLOS
*Electrophysiologic Study and Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) Insertion	M157 [W0011]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Renal Failure, Acute	M-326	3 days	2 days
*Paraplegia, Acute	M-255	8 days	7 days
*Tetraplegia, Acute	M-305	9 days	7 days
*Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower Extremity	S-1310 [W0121]	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Splenectomy by Laparoscopy	S-1062	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Elbow Arthroplasty	S-420	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Elbow Fracture, Open Treatment	S-424	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Foot Fracture, Calcaneus or Talus, Open Reduction, Internal Fixation (ORIF)	S-490	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Foot: Surgical Wound Care	S-495	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip Resurfacing	S-565	2 days postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative

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Guideline	MCG Code	26th Edition GLOS	27th Edition GLOS
*Knee Dislocation, Closed or Open Reduction	S-675	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Shoulder Arthroplasty	S-634 [W0137]	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Appendectomy, without Abscess or Peritonitis, Pediatric	P-25	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Hip: Congenital Dislocation, Open Reduction	P-590	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative
*Renal Transplant, Pediatric	P-1015 [W0126]	6 days postoperative	5 days postoperative
*Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis, Closed Reduction	P-443	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Tibial Osteotomy, Child, or Adolescent	S-1131	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Bladder Incision: Cystotomy	S-200	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative	Ambulatory
*Ureterotomy, Nontransurethral for Stone	S-1150	1 day postoperative	Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative

New guidelines for Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC)

Body system	Guideline title	MCG - code
Hospital-at-Home	COVID-19: Hospital-at-Home	M-281-HaH
Hospital-at-Home	Viral Illness, Acute: Hospital-at-Home	M-280-HaH
Observation Care Guidelines	COVID-19: Observation Care	OC-068
Pediatrics	COVID-19, Pediatric	P-281
Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease	COVID-19	M-281

New guidelines for Recovery Facility Care (RFC)

Body System	Guideline title	MCG - Code
Cardiovascular Surgery	Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower Extremity	S-6310
Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease	COVID-19	M-5281

New guidelines for Chronic Care (CCG)

Body System	Guideline title	MCG - code
Social drivers of health	Food insecurity	C-1164
Social drivers of health	Housing insecurity	C-1165

Healthy Blue customizations to MCG care guidelines 27th edition

To view a detailed summary of customizations, go to [Search Medical Policies and Clinical Guidelines \(healthybluenc.com\)](#), scroll down to *Other Criteria* section and select **Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 27th Edition**.

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