

# n05644 Emergency, Observation, Inpatient Copayment Procedure

## Values

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### **Abstract Purpose:**

This procedure is to provide copayment coverage for patients that transfer levels of status within one episode of care.

#### **Procedure Detail:**

- 1. If a member presents to the emergency room and is discharged, the emergency room copayment will apply.
- 2. If a member presents to the emergency room and is admitted to an observation within 48 hours, the emergency room copayment will apply.
- 3. If a member presents to the emergency room, then is transferred to observation, and then transfers again to inpatient status, the inpatient hospital copayment will apply.
- 4. If a member presents to the emergency room and transferred to inpatient status, the inpatient hospital copayment will apply.

#### Next Review Date: 6/20

This policy is not a guarantee of coverage or payment. The claim(s) will be denied if all of the terms and provisions of member coverage documents are not met. Actual benefits will be determined when the claim(s) or bill(s) are submitted to NHP/NHIC/NHAS. NHP/NHIC/NHAS reserves the right to periodically review and update all claim guidelines.