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Special Rules for Inpatient Hospital Stay

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Abstract Purpose:

This reimbursement policy outlines Network Health's process, for all lines of business, regarding payment for an inpatient hospital stay when there is a change in insurance carriers.

Policy Detail:

- I. This policy applies to the following services:
 - A. Inpatient hospital
 - B. Long-term care hospital
 - C. Psychiatric hospital
 - D. Rehabilitation hospital

- II. Payment for an inpatient stay from admission date to discharge date is made by the insurance carrier effective on the admission date of the stay.

- III. Exceptions to this rule are for members receiving transplant services.
 - A. Transplant services are grouped into three time periods:
 1. Pre-transplant period
 2. Transplant surgery period
 3. Post-transplant period

 - B. For each of those three time periods, the insurance carrier effective at the start of each period is responsible for the costs of that entire period.
 1. **Example:** Insurance carrier A is effective at the start of the Pre-transplant period and a new insurance carrier B is effective before the end of the Pre-transplant period.
 - i. Insurance carrier A is responsible for all Pre-transplant period costs and insurance carrier B is responsible for costs during the transplant surgery period and post-transplant surgery period.

- IV. In the event of a payment dispute, Network Health and the prior carrier will mutually work together to resolve the dispute.

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