



Two Midnight Rule Clarification

Per The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 2024 Final Rule, Medicare Advantage Plans may still use prior authorization or concurrent case management review of inpatient admissions based on whether the complex medical factors documented in the medical record support medical necessity of the inpatient admission, under either the two-midnight benchmark or the case-by-case exception. More information on the Final Rule can be found [here](#).

HAP will continue to follow its medical screening for hospital admissions policy. You can find this policy online. Simply log in at **hap.org**; select *Resources; Working With HAP; Policies and Procedures*, then *Medical Screening for Hospital Admissions* under the *Admissions & Transfers (Inpatient Services)* section.