



BlueCross BlueShield
of Texas

**OPTIONAL RECOMMENDED CLINICAL REVIEW
FOR ELECTIVE INPATIENT SERVICES FOR FULLY INSURED &
CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY (ASO) GROUPS¹
EFFECTIVE 01/01/2024**

- A **Recommended Clinical Review** is an optional review for medical necessity which occurs before services are completed for a Covered Service and helps limit the situations where a service may be denied based upon medical necessity retrospectively.
- **Recommended Clinical Reviews** for elective inpatient services can be submitted using the [Availity® Authorizations and Referrals](#) tool or calling the number on the back of the member ID card.
- For more information on **Recommended Clinical Review**, refer to [Utilization Management](#) on the provider website.

Providers can submit an optional Recommended Clinical Review for the following elective inpatient services:

Elective Inpatient Medical/Surgical Facility Admissions Including Transfers:

- Acute Care / Hospital Hospice, Maternity, Medical, Surgical, Transplant)
- Hospice Care
- Long Term Acute Care / Sub-acute
- Rehabilitation Facility
- Skilled Nursing Facility

Elective Behavioral Health and Chemical Dependency Facility Admissions:

- Inpatient
- Residential Treatment Center (RTC)

**RECOMMENDED CLINICAL REVIEW SCREENING CRITERIA
FOR FULLY INSURED CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (ASO) GROUPS¹
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MEDICAL/SURGICAL SCREENING CRITERIA	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENING CRITERIA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCG Care Guidelines (MCG) • BCBSTX Medical Policies (MP) • American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria • Texas Department of Insurance Standards for Reasonable Cost Control and Utilization Review for Chemical Dependency (CD) Treatment Centers for CD service provided in Texas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCG Care Guidelines (MCG) • BCBSTX Medical Policies (MP) • Texas Department of Insurance (DOI) Standards for Reasonable Cost Control and Utilization Review for Chemical Dependency Treatment Centers <p><u>Magellan Health (vendor solution for certain plans):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magellan Healthcare Guidelines • American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria

¹Applicable Administrative Services Only Accounts
-BCS - Tegna, Inc - Supplemental Plans
-Speaking Rock Entertainment Center
-Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Effective March 1, 2024

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