

Nursing facility admissions and LTSS screenings

Please note, this communication applies to Anthem HealthKeepers Plus, Medallion and Anthem HealthKeepers Plus, Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (Anthem CCC Plus) offered by HealthKeepers, Inc.

HealthKeepers, Inc. would like to remind Anthem HealthKeepers Plus nursing facility providers of the requirements for admission of a Medicaid member as defined by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), according to the Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Screening in Nursing Facilities (NFs), Screening Restoration after COVID-19 Flexibilities bulletin dated June 14, 2022.

The Code of Virginia § 32.1-330 requires that all persons requesting or applying for Medicaid LTSS be screened prior to the initiation of services and *12VAC30-60-308* requires nursing facilities review the completed LTSS screening forms to ensure that applicable nursing facility admission criteria have been met, documented, and submitted via the DMAS electronic screening record system prior to admission. COVID-19 flexibilities allowed NFs to admit Medicaid individuals directly from a hospital without a LTSS screening only between March 13, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and between January 10, 2022, and March 21, 2022.

DMAS will allow **90 days** as of June 14, 2022, to conduct LTSS screenings for any individual residing in a nursing facility without a LTSS screening. During this 90-day period, trained and certified nursing facility LTSS screeners should complete a LTSS screening for any individual who is or may be Medicaid-eligible who resides in a nursing facility skilled, rehab, or long-term care/intermediate care, but does not have a valid, authorizing, LTSS screening. Providers should see the above DMAS bulletin for additional specific details about the screening requirements and guidelines.

For all new admissions, nursing facilities should continue to follow all laws and regulations regarding the Medicaid LTSS screenings by reviewing and verifying each Medicaid LTSS screening packet **prior** to admitting a member already enrolled in Medicaid, those persons with pending Medicaid, and for persons anticipating initiating the Medicaid financial application process.

It is imperative that the above process is reviewed and adhered to, as it impacts the level of care assignment for the members. In addition, a valid and correctly processed Medicaid LTSS Screening must exist for nursing facility enrollment payments to be made. The health plan will continue to educate and remind the nursing facility of this requirement to ensure that there is no delay or impact to services for our mutual members.

If you have any questions about this communication, call Anthem HealthKeepers Plus, Medallion Provider Services at **800-901-0020** or Anthem CCC Plus Provider Services at **855-323-4687**.



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