

MCG Care Guidelines 24th edition customization

This communication applies to the Medicare Advantage and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) programs for Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem).

Effective June 1, 2021, the following new customizations will be implemented:

- Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Upper (W0170, previously ORG M-180) – Customized the Clinical Indications for admission to inpatient care by revising the hemoglobin; systolic blood pressure; pulse; melena; orthostatic hypotension; and BUN criteria.
- Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Upper Observation Care (W0171, previously OCG OC-021) – Customized the Clinical Indications for observation care by revising the systolic blood pressure and hemoglobin criteria and adding melena or hematochezia and suspected history of bleeding.

To view a detailed summary of customizations, select: [Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 24th Edition](https://www.anthem.com/ca/provider/policies/clinical-guidelines) (path: <https://www.anthem.com/ca/provider/policies/clinical-guidelines>. Scroll down to Other Criteria > MCG > Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 24th Edition.)

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