

Update to ‘All Hospital Admissions for the CSHCN Services Program Will Require Prior Authorization Effective April 1, 2015’

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This is an update to the article titled “[All Hospital Admissions for the CSHCN Services Program Will Require Prior Authorization Effective April 1, 2015.](#)” which was published on this website on March 19, 2015.

The article correctly stated that all inpatient hospital admissions require prior authorization. Additional clarification is being provided regarding nonemergency and emergency hospital admissions.

All inpatient admissions must be prior authorized. The [CSHCN Services Program Prior Authorization Request for Inpatient Hospital Admissions-For Use by Facilities Only Form](#) must be submitted to the claims contractor for review and approval before the date of service, or the entire hospital stay will be denied. Partial approvals for a hospital stay will no longer be granted.

Requests for emergency hospital admissions must be authorized by the next working day after admission date for the coverage of the entire hospital stay. Requests for emergency admissions received after the next business day will be denied for the entire hospital stay.

Prior to April 1, 2015, emergency hospital admissions with stabilization services in the first 24 hours did not require prior authorization. Providers were only required to submit an authorization request by the next business day for approval of the subsequent hospital days.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.