

Information Regarding Change in Evidence-Based Guidelines, OIG Medicaid Program Integrity, Medical Services/Utilization Review

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Office of Inspector General, Utilization Review (HHSC OIG-UR) Unit has initiated a change in screening criteria used to determine medical necessity for inpatient hospital admissions, effective April 6, 2019.

Change Healthcare InterQual® is now the evidence-based guideline used for screening to determine medical necessity for inpatient hospital admissions.

The HHSC OIG-UR nurse reviewers assess the medical necessity of admissions by comparing documentation present in a client's medical record with elements in the evidence-based screening criteria.