

Billing and Reimbursement

Diagnosis related group (MS-DRG)



Geisinger Health Plan utilizes applicable MS-DRG software to calculate and assign the appropriate MS-DRG for inpatient acute care claims, regardless of payment terms.

To ensure the accuracy of payments to the facility, Geisinger Health Plan and/or its designated agent will conduct retrospective MS-DRG validation audits on the information reported by participating providers.

Medical records requested by Geisinger Health Plan must be promptly returned within the timeframe indicated on the request.

Geisinger Health Plan reimburses certain contracted hospital facilities on a MS-DRG/case payment basis. In cases when a member is discharged under any post-acute care discharge status code, the case will be considered a transfer.

Standard payment methodology will apply to that MS-DRG payment.

A select set of MS-DRG's that qualify for the transfer payment will be paid using a unique transfer payment methodology.

Geisinger Health Plan, Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company and Geisinger Quality Options, Inc. are collectively referred to as "GHP" in this summary.

All rights, duties and responsibilities of participating providers will be applied according to the following document order: 1) member's benefit document; 2) the participating provider's contract agreement, 3) the GHP Family Provider Guide; and 4) the Geisinger Health Plan Provider Guide.

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