

**“Getting Paid for Inpatient Psychiatric Medicare Days:
Complying with Local Coverage Determinations”**

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(2pm-4pm Eastern)

BEFORE THE CALL:

Know your own fiscal intermediary (FI) and how to contact them. Through <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>, you can visit “Contact Your Carrier/Fiscal Intermediary (FI).” This site also provides links to toll-free call-center numbers.

If you have not already done so, keep informed of news from your FI by signing up for your FI’s email listserv (which you can do from their Web pages).

Check to see if your FI has a local coverage determination (LCD) for inpatient psychiatric services under development or in final form. You can best do this by visiting your FI’s own Web pages.

Familiarize yourself with existing LCDs for inpatient psychiatric services. Before the call, you may want to visit the following FI Web sites to review the major LCDs for inpatient psychiatric services that have been developed (and modified) through the efforts of local providers and national associations. These LCDs will be discussed in detail in the telephone training. Even if these are *not* your FIs, their policies can help you better understand the types of LCDs that are evolving.

Mutual of Omaha:

Go to www.mutualmedicare.com, then click on “LCD” in the top banner. [NOTE: You must then scroll down to “accept” the privacy policy before you can access the LCD page.] Go to LCDs, then “final” (which will take you to <http://www.mutualmedicare.com/lmrp/final.html>). Then scroll down to alphabetically find “inpatient psychiatric services” (at https://coverage.cms.fu.com/lcd/view_lcd_popup_front.asp?lcd_number=18183&lcd_version=15).

AdminaStar Federal:

Go to www.adminastarfederal.com. View the “Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization (R2)” LCD by clicking in the left-hand column on “Providers & Other Partners,” then “Medical Policy,” “Intermediary,” “Current LCDs.” Search under “P” for “Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization (R2).”

For “Results from Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization Services Complex Review Probe Case” (8/8/05), go to www.adminastarfederal.com/Providers/Intermediary/MedicalReview/files/InpatientPsychReviewResults.pdf.

AHS (Associated Hospital Service):

Go to www.ahsmedicare.com/. The “Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization” LCD is at http://www.ahsmedicare.com/files/documents/inpatient_psychiatric.pdf. (The LCD can also be accessed from the AHS home page by clicking on “Provider,” then “Review and Appeals.” Scroll down to “accept” the disclaimer, then click on “LCD” and “accept” the copyright statement. You can view LCD policies.)