



Louisiana Medicaid Updates Inpatient Criteria Guidelines and Length of Stay Data

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On an annual basis, McKesson Care Enhanced Review Management Criteria Guidelines are updated. In addition, the Department receives an update to the Length of Stay data from Thomson Reuters. Both of these enhancements are released in April of each year with a subsequent release of additional Length of Stay data from Thomson Reuters in the fall of each year. The Department, with the assistance of our Fiscal intermediary, will update the electronic criteria guidelines upon receipt of the information along with the Thomson Reuters Length of stay data. This will be an automatic annual update from this period forward and will occur in the second quarter of the calendar year. Subsequent length of stay update will occur during the fourth quarter of the calendar year. Providers should be aware acute inpatient extension requests will be reviewed utilizing the most recent criteria guidelines and length of stay data available at any given time.