
CHAPTER 25: HOSPITAL SERVICES

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This chapter applies to services provided to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries in an inpatient and/or outpatient hospital setting unless otherwise stated. Hospital providers are to ensure that the services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries are medically necessary, appropriate and within the scope of current medical practice and Medicaid guidelines.

This chapter consists of several sections that will address issues such as provider requirements, prior authorization, covered services and limitations, and reimbursement.

A hospital is defined as any institution, place, building, or agency, public or private, whether for profit or not, maintaining and operating facilities, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, having 10 licensed beds or more. The hospital must be properly staffed and equipped for the diagnosis, treatment and care of persons admitted for overnight stay or longer who are suffering from illness, injury, infirmity or deformity or other physical or mental conditions for which medical, surgical and/or obstetrical services would be available and appropriate. Such hospitals must meet the Louisiana Department of Health's licensing requirements.