

LTACH Levels of Care

Level V: Long-Term Acute Care, Intensive Post-Acute Nursing/Rehab

- Health Services, including nursing and therapy services (1) provided to a Member who is medically stable, requires intensive monitoring with medical practitioner assessment or intervention daily, intensive nursing care, at least six and a half (6.5) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period, and/or frequent rehabilitation therapy (such as physical, occupational and/or speech) interventions to improve functional outcomes and (2) which are delivered by licensed personnel to assure the safety of the Member and to achieve the medically desired result. Such services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and must be provided or supervised by professional nursing personnel and/or the attending physician.
- Criteria for admission must include the following: physician assessment/intervention daily; skilled nursing services at least six and a half (6.5) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period. Criteria for admit of vent patients must include ventilator use for at least six (6) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period and either of the following: ventilator dependent for at least one (1) week and failed vent weaning in acute care; or no prior attempt at weaning prior to admission.

Examples of skilled services include but are not limited to:

- Care of ventilator patient
- Care of tracheostomy and tracheostomy weaning requiring suctioning less than hourly
- Oxygen therapy as ordered, greater than 40%
- IV medications, including multiple dose antibiotics.
- Parenteral therapy – TPN/Lipids
- IV anticoagulant
- Respiratory therapist intervention
- Care of complex wounds and surgical management: all types, includes dressing changes, supplies, wound VAC, and specialty beds
- Other skilled services upon approval of the PH case manager in collaboration with the provider

Level VI: Complex Post-Acute or Dialysis Care

- Health Services, including nursing and therapy services, (1) provided to a Member who is medically stable, requires intensive monitoring requires intensive monitoring with medical practitioner assessment or intervention daily, intensive nursing care, and/or frequent rehabilitation therapy (such as physical, occupational and/or speech) interventions to improve functional outcomes and (2) which are delivered by licensed personnel to assure the safety of the Member and to achieve the medically desired result. Such services rendered twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and must be provided or supervised by professional nursing personnel and/or the attending physician:

Level V criteria with the addition of one or more of the following:

- Care of weanable ventilator patients actively weaning
- Care of tracheostomy, tracheostomy weaning, or decannulation

- Renal Dialysis
- Other skilled services upon approval of the PH case manager in collaboration with the provider. (i.e., high-cost multi-dose medications or infusions, specialty high-cost equipment)

Level VII: Direct Admits from ICU on Vent and Dialysis

- Health Services, including nursing and therapy services, (1) provided to a Member who is medically stable, requires intensive monitoring requires intensive monitoring with medical practitioner assessment or intervention daily, intensive nursing care and/or frequent rehabilitation therapy (such as physical, occupational and/or speech) interventions to improve functional outcomes and (2) which are delivered by licensed personnel to assure the safety of the Member and to achieve the medically desired result. Such services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and must be provided or supervised by professional nursing personnel and/or the attending physician. When the patient is determined to be stable, they will be transferred to a lower level of care. Such services rendered twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and must be provided or supervised by professional nursing personnel and/or the attending physician:

Level V criteria with the addition of the following:

- Renal Dialysis and on Ventilator with frequent respiratory interventions
- Other skilled services upon approval of the PH case manager in collaboration with the provider.

**Priority Health and Facility will mutually agree on appropriate level upon placement of the member.