

51335.5 Subacute Care Services

(a)

Subacute care services are a type of skilled nursing facility service which is provided by a subacute care unit which meets the requirements of Sections 51215.5 and 51215.6.

(b)

Subacute care services provided in the subacute care unit are covered pursuant to the requirements specified in Sections 51124.5 and 51335(a) through (e) except for (b)(1) and (c)(1).

(c)

A Treatment Authorization Request shall be required for each admission to a subacute unit caring for adult patients, and may be granted for a period of up to six months and reauthorized for a period of up to six months.

(d)

Medi-Cal beneficiaries at the subacute level of care in the facility shall be visited by their attending physician as provided for in the Manual of Criteria for Medi-Cal Authorization--Subacute Level of Care Criteria, referenced in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51003(e).

(e)

Services to subacute patients shall be covered only on the signed order of the physician responsible for the care of the patient.

(f)

Subacute bedhold will be authorized during acute hospitalization of a Medi-Cal beneficiary in accordance with Section 51535.1.

(g)

Leave of absence for a Medi-Cal beneficiary at the subacute level of care will be authorized in accordance with Section 51535.

(h)

A medical review of all beneficiaries receiving subacute care services shall be performed by a medical review team.