Emergency Department Utilization Quality Guide

ED Utilization Quality Guide

This Quality Guide is intended to be a reference guide to those who are looking to reduce avoidable emergency department (ED) utilization. Identifying patterns of use and guiding members to appropriate sites of care can help reduce costs and improve care.

The intent of this guide is to aid in driving appropriate emergency department utilization through the application of evidenced based materials and clinical experiences.

What's Included in the ED Utilization Quality Guide?

The guide provides information regarding:

- Practice Checklist
- Drivers of ED Utilization
- ED Utilization Objectives
- Proactive Initiatives
- Reactive Initiatives

More Information

If you have questions regarding the ED Utilization Quality Guide, please contact your Highmark representative.

The following entities, which serve the noted regions, are independent licensees of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association: Western and Northeastern PA: Highmark Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Highmark Choice Company, Highmark Health Insurance Company, Highmark Coverage Advantage Inc., Highmark Benefits Group Inc., First Priority Health, First Priority Life or Highmark Senior Health Company. Central and Southeastern PA: Highmark Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Shield, Highmark Benefits Group Inc., Highmark Health Insurance Company, Highmark Choice Company or Highmark Senior Health Company. Delaware: Highmark BCBD Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. West Virginia: Highmark West Virginia Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Highmark Health Insurance Company or Highmark Senior Solutions Company. Western NY: Highmark Western and Northeastern New York Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. Northeastern NY: Highmark Western and Northeastern New York Inc. d/b/a Highmark Blue Shield. All references to "Highmark" in this document are references to the Highmark company that is providing the member's health benefits or health benefit administration and/or to one or more of its affiliated Blue companies.

