All cause readmission payment policy for circumvention of prospective payment system

As this has been communicated in the past, and as outlined in our Claims Processing Policies and Procedures and Utilization Management Sections in our Provider Manual, Security Health Plan reviews inpatient admissions that have been identified as a readmission within 30 days for the same or similar diagnosis, illness, injury to the same facility, or another facility that:

- Operates under the same facility agreement.
- Has the same tax identification number.
- Or is under common ownership.

You may have noticed Security Health Plan has been more actively monitoring inpatient readmissions in alignment with the above noted policy. This affects DRG reimbursed hospitals contracted with Security Health Plan for Commercial products, Medicaid Managed Care and Medicare Advantage/Ally Rx-DSNP.

A 30-day readmission will be considerate inappropriate or preventable under the following circumstances:

1. Readmission up to 30 days from discharge to the same facility for the same related condition, illness or injury.
2. The same or closely related condition or procedure as the prior discharge.
3. An infection or complication of care within 30 days of discharge.
4. A condition or procedure indicative of a failed surgical intervention.
5. An acute decompensation of a coexisting chronic disease
6. A complication or issues caused by a premature discharge from the same facility.

Exceptions would include:

1. Readmissions that are planned for repetitive or staged treatments (i.e., chemotherapy or surgical procedures).
2. Readmissions associated with specific complex conditions such as oncology, burns, cystic fibrosis or sickle cell anemia.
3. Readmissions where the anchor admission had a discharge status" left against medical advice."
4. Obstetrical readmissions
5. Transplant services, including organ and tissue transplantation from a live or cadaveric donor.

6. Readmissions for mental health or substance use disorders

For more information, please refer to the Security Health Plan Provider Manual.
If you need additional assistance, please email your Provider Relations Specialist at shpprd@securityhealth.org if you have any questions.