



## Medicaid

Length of Stay	Member Inpatient or Discharged	Outcome
Observation period with no admission order written	N/A	No authorization is required
(<24) Less than 24 hours following admission order being written (waiting period)	Inpatient or Discharged	Admission request not accepted. Requests can be accepted after 24 hour period from admit. ( <b>See exceptions below.</b> )
Admissions greater than 24 hours from the admit order being written. and not to exceed 3 business day from the end of the 24-hour waiting period	Inpatient or Discharged	Admission reviewed. <b>NOTE: notification of admission must be sent to Gateway by 2:30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> business day following the date of admission.</b>
Greater than 2:30pm on 3 <sup>rd</sup> business day following the date of admission.	Inpatient or Discharged	Admission request not accepted. Provider to submit records to Retro Exception Review.

Exceptions: If a member signed out AMA, had a delivery (live, fetal/neonatal demise, or spontaneous ab), patient expired, or transfer to another facility, stay can be reviewed.



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### Examples:

<b>Admission Date and Time</b>	<b>End of 24 Hour Waiting Period-Admission Request Can be Made Beginning</b>	<b>End Date/Time for Submission of Notification &amp; Clinical Admission Request</b>	<b>Gateway Final Decision Timeframe</b>
Tuesday 5/17/16 10AM	Wednesday 5/18/16 10AM	Friday 5/20/16 at 2:30pm	Friday 5/20/16 at 4:30pm
Friday 5/20/16 10AM	Saturday 5/21/16 10 AM	Wednesday 5/25/16 at 2:30PM	Thursday 5/26/16 at 4:30pm

### Definitions:

- 24 Hour Waiting Period - the 24 hour period from the date and time of the admission order being written until an admission request can be made by the hospital and reviewed by Gateway. Once this period ends the admission request can be made.
- End date and time to submit notification and clinical information for admission request – until 2:30pm on third business day after the date of admission.
- Final decision timeframe for Gateway – until close of business on the next calendar day after the date the admission request is received.
- Admission requests made outside of the above timeframes must be submitted via retro exception review. This information can be submitted via the following:
  - Gateway Health  
444 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Attn: Retro Review Process