

InterQual® Acute Pediatric Criteria

Support Appropriate Acute Care for Pediatric Patients

InterQual® Acute Pediatric Criteria helps payers and providers support effective, efficient care management for pediatric patients. The criteria are organized by primary condition and include relevant complications and comorbidities within one view. By addressing the patient as an individual case, rather than taking a one-dimensional approach, the criteria facilitate the movement of patients through the care continuum. This integrated approach to utilization and case management is a powerful aide to decrease inappropriate admissions, avoidable days, and readmissions.

Inclusion of Comorbid Conditions—Support appropriate admission of medically complex patients with comorbid conditions who might not meet criteria for the primary condition alone, minimizing the administrative inefficiency of secondary reviews for those who qualify for inpatient care. The criteria include consideration of comorbid conditions for both admission and continued stay.

Responder Criteria—Help adjust patient care timeframes and incorporate clinical stability criteria relevant to the patient's condition, complications, or comorbidities to support determination of discharge readiness or a continued stay. Discharge Screens and the Transition Plan tool support conditions of participation (COP) requirements for discharge planning.

Utilization Benchmarks—Help guide patient placement and assist discharge planning. Benchmarks include proprietary InterQual Percent Paid as Observation and InterQual Length of Stay benchmarks, which are based on claims data from millions of patient discharges.

Proactive Care Management Guidance—Provides content, including expected progress and care facilitation, to facilitate a conversation between care managers and the care team. Content is designed to ensure that the patient is progressing along the expected trajectory and any barriers are addressed.

Nine Levels of Care—Includes the full range of pediatric levels of care: Observation, Acute, Intermediate, Critical, Newborn Nursery I, Special Care Nursery Level II, Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery III, Neonatal Intensive Care Level IV, and Transitional Care.






Subsets*

- Anemia Asthma
- Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE)
- Bronchiolitis
- Bowel Obstruction
- Cellulitis
- Croup
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Dehydration or Gastroenteritis
- Epilepsy
- Extended Stay
- Failure to Thrive
- Gastrointestinal (GI) Bleeding
- General Medical
- General Surgical
- General Trauma
- Hyperbilirubinemia
- Hypoglycemia
- Infection: Meningitis
- Infection: Pneumonia
- Infection: Pyelonephritis Infection
- Non-Traumatic Bleeding
- Sepsis Nursery
- Sickle Cell Crisis

* Not a complete list of subsets



Clinical Decision Support Across the Continuum of Care

InterQual® Criteria				
 Level of Care	 Behavioral Health	 Ambulatory Care Planning	 Powered by InterQual	 Care Coordination
Acute Adult	Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry	Procedures	Medicare Procedures	Coordinated Care
Acute Pediatric	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Imaging	Medicare Imaging	
Long-Term Acute Care	Substance Use Disorders	Durable Medical Equipment	Medicare Durable Medical Equipment	
Inpatient Rehabilitation	Behavioral Health Services	Molecular Diagnostics	Medicare Molecular Diagnostics and Lab	
Subacute and Skilled Nursing		Specialty Rx Oncology	Medicare Pharmacy	
Home Care		Specialty Rx Non-Oncology	Medicare Behavioral Health	
Outpatient Rehab and Chiropractic		Specialty Referral	Proprietary Third-Party Content	
		Retrospective Monitoring		

Objective, Specific, and Comprehensive Clinical Content

InterQual Criteria are objective and specific, helping guide consistent, defensible decisions that ensure appropriate, quality care. The portfolio of five content suites offers comprehensive content that spans the continuum of care for medical and behavioral health.

Rigorous, Evidence-Based Development Process

Our highly trained clinical development team performs an unbiased, systematic review and critical appraisal of the evidence using elements of the GRADE approach to help ensure InterQual Criteria reflect the best available clinical evidence. No other criteria provide a higher level of accuracy and timeliness than InterQual. Developed with rigor and objectivity, InterQual Criteria is updated frequently to remain current with the latest evidence.

Extensive Peer Review

Our clinical review panel of more than 1,000 independent, multidisciplinary experts provides extensive, multi-level peer review. For situations that do not lend themselves to accepted research methods, larger and more geographically dispersed groups of clinical experts are used to establish best practices which reflect the current standard of care.

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4,400+ Hospitals and Facilities*



280+ Managed Care Organizations*



100% RACs, MACs, CMS



Both BFCC-QIOs Conducting Two-Midnight Reviews

* Change Healthcare Internal Statistics