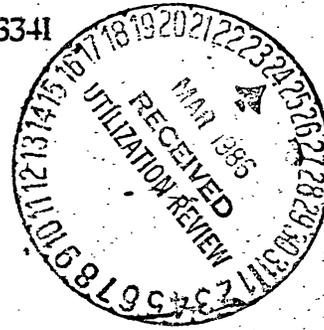




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Mr. Wheeler B. Lipps
President
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Dear Mr. Lipps:

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) Physician Advisor (PA) has completed a review of the following case(s) referred to the Foundation by the National Heritage Insurance Company (NHIC). A determination has been rendered by the TMF PA as to the medical necessity of the admission and/or continued stay for each case (Attachment I).

Days of stay found not to be medically necessary by the TMF physician review will be reported to the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) for possible recoupment. Should the Utilization Review Committee (URC) wish to appeal any TMF decision, the hospital has a maximum of 15 days plus five days for mailing to submit medical appeal rationale to TMF. This total of 20 days is calculated from the date the hospital receives this correspondence. Please send appeal rationale to the attention of:

Cyndie Murray, RN
Level of Care Appeals
Program Quality Department
Texas Medical Foundation
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The failure of TMF to receive the URC's medical rationale and notice of appeal within twenty (20) days will result in the denied days being forwarded to TDHS. TMF cannot consider an appeal from the hospital after the twenty

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(20) day deadline. Appeals must then be addressed to the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) as directed in the attached correspondence from TDHS dated June 13, 1985.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

cc: Blake O'Lavin, MD, Chairman, Utilization Review Committee
Wallace Bladuell-Ramos, Chief, Performance Monitoring Bureau,
Texas Department Human Services

MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

<u>MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER</u>	<u>ADMISSION/DISCHARGE DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS REVIEWED</u>	<u>DAYS DENIED BY TMF PA</u>	<u>REASONS FOR DECISIONS</u>
6055794 <i>Olga Ruiz</i>	08/02/85-08/10/85	9	0	Entire hospitalization approved. Forty-one year old obese female admitted through the ER with complaints of difficulty breathing and uncontrolled diabetes mellitus. Patient's blood glucose level was 408 at the time of admission and remained elevated through the hospital stay. Insulin dosage was adjusted through 08/09/85. Treatment and length of stay appropriate for this patient.
6075126	09/11/85-09/23/85	13	5	Deny 09/19/85-09/23/85. Forty-two year old female admitted through the ER after having set fire to her mattress and car. Review of this record indicated oral medications were regulated by 09/12/85. Progress notes documented that the patient remained depressed and uncooperative throughout her hospital stay. No clear reason why the patient could not have been treated on an out-patient basis after her medications were regulated.
6078182	09/18/85-09/27/85	10	0	Entire hospitalization approved. Fifty-two year old male admitted through the ER with commitment papers after threatening to cut his wrists. Patient had previously been hospitalized after inflicting lacerations on his legs. Blood alcohol level was noted to be 364 mg% at the time of admission. Detoxification orders were written and the patient remained on Librium through 09/26/85. Based on this patient's documented history and treatment, the entire hospitalization was justified

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06/21/85-06/28/85

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Entire hospitalization approved. Fifty-three year old female admitted under warrant through the ER from jail. The patient had been deemed incompetent to stand trial for theft and destruction of property and was placed in a locked psychiatric ward because of "explosive and combative behavior." According to the record, the patient had command hallucinations telling her to kill herself and hurt others. The patient received Elavil and Thorazine. After seven days she was transferred to San Antonio State Hospital.

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07/22/85-07/25/85

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Entire hospitalization approved. Thirty year old female with gestational diabetes and abnormal GTT admitted for evaluation and insulin therapy. Patient was 30 weeks pregnant at the time of admission. Patient was started on insulin and received intensive teaching and monitoring of blood sugar levels.

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08/26/85-09/03/85

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Yolanda Garcia

Deny 08/31/85-09/03/85. Twenty-four year old female admitted through the ER with complaints of severe pain and tenderness in the right renal area, hematuria, and burning on urination. Patient was treated with IM Demerol through 09/03/85. Record did not document any attempts to control pain with oral analgesics. If the patient had been able to tolerate oral pain-relief medications, she could have been discharged after the cystoscopy on 08/30/85. Further diagnostic tests and treatment could have been provided on an out-patient basis.

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6038637	06/28/85-07/27/85	30	1	Deny 07/27/85. Fifty-nine year old female admitted through the ER in a manic state, yelling, and screaming. Patient was hostile, combative, actively hallucinating, and suicidal. She was placed on a locked ward and continued to exhibit the same behavior. On 07/18/85, patient tried to strangle herself. The patient was sufficiently controlled to be transferred to an open unit on 07/25/85. After one day of observation, she could have been discharged to a non-acute care setting.
6045341	07/11/85-07/26/85	16	3	Deny 07/24/85-07/26/85. Twenty-one year old male admitted through the ER with suicidal thoughts and hallucinations. After tying a sheet around his neck on 07/14/85, the patient was transferred to a closed unit. Medications were regulated through 07/22/85. No clear reason why patient could not have been discharged by 07/23/85.
6074691	09/10/85-09/22/85	13	6	Deny 09/17/85-09/22/85. Twenty-four year old female with history of schizophrenia admitted through ER in depressed state with hallucinations. Patient had stopped taking her medications. According to the nurses' notes, patient was behaving normally by 09/12/85-09/13/85. Medications had been regulated to largest dose by 09/12/85 (the dose was later reduced on 09/20/85). The physician's notes described few symptoms on 09/12/85-09/14/85. By 09/16/85, the patient was eating and sleeping well. No clear reason why she could not have been treated on an out-patient basis after 09/16/85.

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08/31/85-09/12/85

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Deny 09/07/85-09/12/85. Fifty year old male admitted through the ER for self-inflicted lacerations and history of putting a cloth around his neck and inflicting multiple lacerations on his chest, abdomen, and leg, one of which required sutures. Patient also had chronic alcoholism. His blood alcohol level was 341 at the time of admission. Record documented that the patient exhibited violent behavior in the hospital. He struck an orderly on 09/03/85 and required seclusion several times through 09/04/85. The review indicated that the patient had stabilized by 09/06/85. He had no more violent outbursts nor medicine changes after that time. Patient could have been treated on an out-patient basis after 09/06/85.