

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: February 26, 2025

Subject: Provider Manual Updates

Dear Provider:

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) has updated the Provider Manual available at <u>www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com</u>. The following language has been updated on page 75 of the Provider Manual to clarify specific exclusions from the AmeriHealth Caritas DC hospital readmission policy:

## Specific Policy Exclusions

- Transfers from one acute IP facility to another acute IP facility.
- Readmissions that are planned for repetitive or staged treatments, such as cancer chemotherapy or staged surgical procedures or burns.
- Readmissions associated with cancer, transplants, and sickle cell anemia.
- Admissions to Skilled Nursing Facilities, Long Term Acute Care facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Critical Access Hospitals (SNF, LTAC, IRF, and CAH).
- Readmissions where the first admission had a discharge status of "left against medical advice".
- Obstetrical readmissions, prior to and up to delivery.
- Newborn to 1 year of age.
- Admissions for psychiatric disease and substance abuse.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our enrollees. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or call Provider Services at 202-408-2237.

Sincerely, AmeriHealth Caritas DC