

Provider Bulletin

Subject:	Observation Services		
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This bulletin serves as notification to participating providers regarding updates to the Observation Services benefit for the District Cares (Option 1) Program.

Effective December 15, 2016 – Observation services will be reimbursed by the Health Care District for up to two (2) days per encounter.

Observation services should not span beyond two (2) days. A decision whether to discharge a patient from the hospital or to admit the patient as an inpatient may be made within two (2) days or less.

There is no pre-authorization requirement for observation services.

If you have questions regarding the bulletin, please contact Provider Services at (561) 659-1002.

Please insert the bulletin into your Provider Handbook. The policies and procedures in this bulletin supersede any related policies and procedures within the handbook.