

# Physician MEMO

To | All Active Medical Staff

From | Pat Healy, MD VP Clinical Improvement

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Re | Correct Verbiage for Proper Bed Status

In order to clearly identify the appropriate bed status of a patient entering the hospital, a physician must clearly designate the bed status with one of the following orders: (*See the admission order template below*)

- Inpatient Bed
- Observation Bed
- Outpatient

By checking one of the patient status box, which have been highlighted below, you will meet the necessary requirements. Please note, "Admit to Dr. Healy's service," or "Admit to 2<sup>nd</sup> GI," is not acceptable according to CMS. There is a separate space to identify the attending physician. Our utilization review nurses must monitor these orders and are required to contact the attending physician if clarification is needed. This process is necessary to prevent denial of payment by insurance plans.

## ISSUE

<b>Generic substitution and therapeutic interchange are authorized unless prohibited by the prescriber according to hospital policy</b>			
<b>PATIENT STATUS:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observation Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient
<b>BED TYPE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Telemetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Telemetry	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> ICU
		<input type="checkbox"/> CICU	<input type="checkbox"/> CIU
		<input type="checkbox"/> CDU	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>ISOLATION STATUS:</b>	_____		
<b>ATTENDING PHYSICIAN:</b>	_____ <b>M.D.</b>		
<b>DIAGNOSIS:</b>	_____		
<b>CODE STATUS:</b>	_____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OLD CHART TO FLOOR			

We apologize in advance for any interruptions created by these necessary communications. Please feel free to contact me at 718-2892 or Angela Alley, Utilization Review Supervisor, at 718-5542 with any questions/concerns.