

SMSO Policy Manual

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING -COMMERCIAL PLANS

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

Enforcement:	All members of the workforce are responsible for compliance with this policy. Failure to abide by the requirements of this policy may result in corrective action, up to and including termination. Workforce members are responsible for reporting any observed violations of this policy.
Review Schedule:	This policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary and no less than every two years.
Monitoring and Auditing:	The Issuing/Collaborating Department(s) is responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy.
Documentation:	Documentation related to this policy must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years.

Applies to:

- ☒ SummaCare ☒ Apex
☒ Summa Management Services Organization (SMSO) ☒ Summa Insurance Company

Line of Business:

- ☒ Commercial Groups ☐ Medicare
☐ Medicare Supplemental ☒ On-Exchange
☒ Off-Exchange ☒ Self-Funded

1.0 Purpose:

- 1.1 To outline the established method for processing services related to a patient's inpatient admission or same day surgery performed on the day of, or prior to the day of, patient's planned inpatient admission or same day surgery services are considered Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) services are not considered for separate reimbursement.

2.0 Policy:

- 2.1 Pre-Admission Testing not considered for separate reimbursement for Commercial plans. Pre-admission services are subject to retrospective post-payment audits and retractions in accordance with this and other policies as applicable.

3.0 Procedure:

- 3.1 Process for denial of PAT effective with dates of services as of 12/1/2025.
 - 3.1.1 Diagnostic services that are provided prior to inpatient or same day surgery procedures are to be included in the reimbursement for inpatient or same day surgery stay.
 - 3.1.2 Non-diagnostic services, related to the principal diagnosis, that are provided prior to an inpatient admission are included in the inpatient reimbursement.
 - 3.1.3 Any ambulatory day care, radiology or laboratory procedures that result in an inpatient admission are included in the inpatient DRG reimbursement.
 - 3.1.3.1 These services will deny with no member liability.

4.0 The following applies to all claim submissions:

- 4.1 All coding and reimbursement is subject to all terms of the Provider Service Agreement and subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only codes valid for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.
- 4.2 Reimbursement for all Health Services is subject to current Summa Care Policy criteria, policies found in the Provider Policy and Procedure Manual sections, Reimbursement Policies, and all other provisions of the Provider Service Agreement (Agreement).

5.0 References:

- 5.1 Source of the policy
 - 5.1.1 Internal Standard
- 5.2 Are there any references to other documents, regulations, or intranet locations?
 - 5.2.1 None

Uncontrolled if Printed

5.3 Are there other policies that work in conjunction with this policy?

5.3.1 None

5.4 Replaces (if applicable):

5.4.1 None

6.0 Definitions:

6.1 Diagnostic service: "A service is "diagnostic" if it is an examination or procedure to which the patient is subjected, or which is performed on materials derived from a hospital outpatient, to obtain information to aid in the assessment of a medical condition or the identification of a disease. Among these examinations and tests are diagnostic laboratory services such as hematology and chemistry, diagnostic x-rays, isotope studies, EKGs, pulmonary function studies, thyroid function tests, psychological tests, and other tests given to determine the nature and severity of an ailment or injury."

6.2 Non-diagnostic outpatient service: A service not identified by a diagnostic service revenue code or CPT code.

6.3 PAT – Pre-Admission Testing

ORIGINAL *EFFECTIVE DATE*: 12/1/2025

REVIEWED: