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TKA Medical Necessity

Did you know?

Total Knee Arthroplasty was removed from the inpatient-only list by Medicare.

This does **NOT** mean TKA **cannot** be an inpatient, but it does mean the patient will need **2 midnights** of hospital level services **plus medical necessity**.

Medical Necessity of inpatient status **may be** supported with the following risk factors:

- Age \geq 75 years
- BMI \geq 40 kg/m²
- Charlson score \geq 2
- American Society of Anesthesiologists Score \geq III
- Preoperative Hemoglobin $<$ 12g/dl
- Home social support RAPT score $<$ 9

High-risk patients include:

- Chronic opioid use
- Chronic cardiopulmonary disease
- DM type 1 or 2 w hyper/hypoglycemia
- Advanced cirrhosis
- Therapeutic anticoagulation
- Ambulatory status requiring walking aids
- Morbid Obesity +/- OSA
- CKD stage__
- Chronic Respiratory Failure
- Chronic Systolic/Diastolic HF

2 midnights of time plus medical necessity:

CMS reported that inpatient status is a complex medical judgment made by the physician based on the beneficiary's individual clinical needs and must be **clearly and completely documented** in the medical record.



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