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Medical Necessity Documentation II

Did you know?

All health insurance carriers are increasingly scrutinizing your belief that the patient in front of you really requires *inpatient* admission to your hospital

Please be sure to use strong action words/phrases like:

- ACUTE
 - ACUTE ON CHRONIC
 - DECOMPENSATED
 - EXACERBATION
 - WORSENING
 - FAILED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT
 - PATIENT IS IMMUNOCOMPROMISED
 - The CURB-65 SCORE is . . .
 - The PNEUMONIA SEVERITY INDEX is. . .
 - The TIMI or HEART SCORE is . . .
 - The SOFA SCORE is . . .
- Please make sure your physical exam documentation supports the diagnoses you state the patient has
 - Ex:** Patient cannot have “acute respiratory failure” if your physical exam says the patient is in “no acute distress,” the “lungs are CTA,” and that there is “no increased work of breathing”
- *Please make sure you update the pre-populated physical exam template in your EMR at the time you see the patient!**