

New Payment Policy for Hospital Readmission January 31, 2020

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) has created a [Hospital Readmission Payment Policy](#), effective April 1, 2020 applicable to all in-network facilities for readmissions that have occurred within thirty (30) calendar days of a previous discharge within the same hospital. Neighborhood shall conduct a medical records review to determine if the subsequent hospital admission is related to the previous hospital admission. Readmissions determined to be related to the previous admission will not be reimbursed.

The Hospital Readmission Payment Policy applies to all lines of business (Medicaid, Commercial, and INTEGRITY), and types of acute care admissions. In the instance of multiple readmissions, each admission will be reviewed against criteria relative to the immediate preceding admission.

All Neighborhood payment policies, including the [Hospital Readmission Payment Policy](#), can be found on the [Neighborhood website in the Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies section](#).