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AMERICAN MEDICAL REHABILITATION PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

IRF Boot Camp

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FY 2027 Operational Strategies

- DISCUSSION: Operationalizing the FY 2027 IRF changes:
- Preadmission Screen (PAS) as a stand-alone document
- 36-hour initiation of therapy
- Day 4 initial IDT Team Conference

110.1.1 – Required Preadmission Screening

- A comprehensive preadmission screening process is the key factor in initially identifying appropriate candidates for IRF care.
 - Conducted by a licensed or certified clinician, in person or through a review of the patient's referring hospital medical record and includes a detailed and comprehensive review of pts condition/medical history
 - Key Information:
 - prior level of function,
 - expected level of improvement,
 - expected length of time to achieve level of improvement,
 - risk for clinical complications,
 - condition that caused need for rehabilitation,
 - combination of treatments,
 - anticipated discharge destination
 - Must be conducted or updated within 48 hours immediately preceding the IRF admission, and must be signed, dated and timed by a rehab MD.

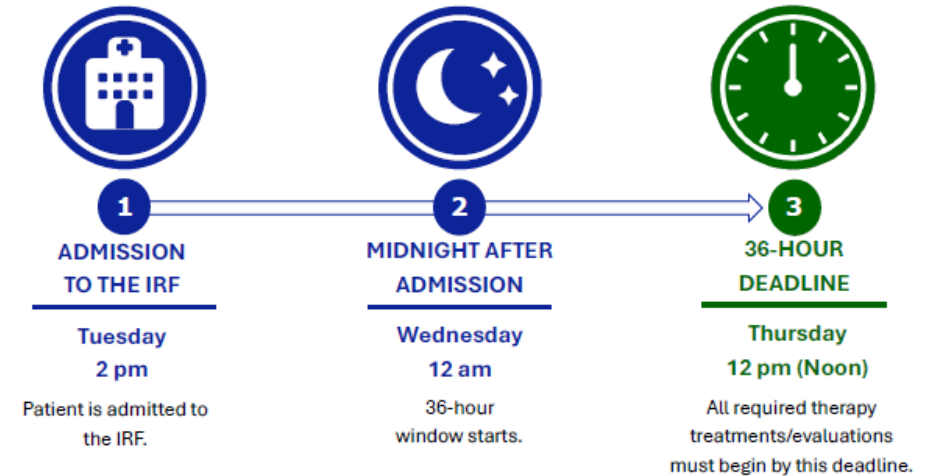
36-Hour Requirement:

IRF: 36-Hour Requirement



All required therapy treatments and/or therapy evaluations ordered at admission must begin no later than 36 hours from midnight on the day of admission to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF).

Example:



ⓘ IMPORTANT

Don't start counting from the time of admission.
The 36-hour window includes weekends and holidays.
Each therapy ordered at admission must begin by the deadline.

🕒 TIMING SHORTCUT

The deadline is noon on the second calendar day after admission.

Example:
Tuesday admission →
Thursday at 12 pm (Noon)



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IRF: Initial IDT Meeting:

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The initial interdisciplinary team (IDT) meeting must occur on or before the end of Day 4.

Day Count Examples

Example 1	1	2	3	4	
Admission: Wednesday, 2 pm 	Day 1 Day of Admission Wednesday	Day 2 Thursday	Day 3 Friday	Day 4 Saturday	 Initial IDT meeting due by end of day Saturday
Example 2	1	2	3	4	
Admission: Friday, 11 am 	Day 1 Day of Admission Friday	Day 2 Saturday	Day 3 Sunday	Day 4 Monday	 Initial IDT meeting due by end of day Monday

IMPORTANT

- ☒ Day 1 is the day the patient is admitted.
- ☒ Include weekends and holidays in the day count.
- ☒ Initial IDT meeting documentation should be separate from the plan of care.
- ☒ Document treatment services, stated rehabilitation goals, barriers, results, findings, and rehabilitation physician concurrence.



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