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**POLICY:** Coordination of care for members admitted to a skilled nursing facility.

**PURPOSE:** To promote consistency in medical management and in defining coverage for members admitted to skilled nursing facilities.

**PROCEDURE:**

Members admitted to a skilled nursing facility will retain their primary care physician. If the primary care physician does not have privileges to the skilled facility, a referral will be made to the covering MD if in network and extended with the skilled facility length of stay. The covering physician is then responsible for coordination of care and referrals. Upon discharge, the member will return to the primary care physician for medical management.