

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
County Medical Services (CMS) Program Guide**

Applicant in Facility Outside San Diego County

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Background

CMS pays for medical care only when it is provided in San Diego County.

Policy:

A: Out-of-County Services

CMS does not pay for medical care when it is provided outside of San Diego County. A CMS beneficiary admitted to a hospital while in another county or state must identify himself as a San Diego County CMS patient and ask the hospital staff to call CMS at (800) 587-8118 to arrange for follow-up care in San Diego County.

B: County Resident

A key person or county representative may initiate a CMS application for a County resident hospitalized outside of the County. The key person or county representative calls the CMS Patient/Provider Relations Manager at (800) 587-8118. The Manager will coordinate the completion of the application with HCA.

C: Not a County of San Diego Resident

CMS does **not** coordinate the transfer of care or provide coverage for anyone who was not a County resident at the time of admission to the out-of-county facility, even if the individual intends to live in San Diego County after discharge from the facility.

Other Program Impact:

None

Reference(s):

None

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 04/30/2019.

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