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General Comment

Medicare Advantage plans should NOT be allowed to deny Long Term Acute Care Hospital admissions for ANY newly vent dependent person. Medicare advantage plans routinely deny this specialized level of care to newly vent dependent patients, leaving the patients in acute care hospitals, where a patient may remain for a longer period of time and also unduly increase the Medicare length of stay

It is in the best interest of ANY NEWLY VENT DEPENDENT patient to be placed in an LTACH for vent weaning as they have the expertise and resources to wean a person from a ventilator in a shorter period of time. Allowing these patient to remain in an acute care hospital is costly and does not serve a patients best interest, it only serves to enrich the insurance company denying the service.

This is just one example of mismanagement of care by Medicare Advantage plans