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Changes to our gold carding program for inpatient stays

We're changing our evaluation process for the gold carding of facilities for inpatient stays.

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will occasionally request clinical documentation when facilities submit prior requests for inpatient stays. This change will allow us to continuously monitor submissions and provide feedback to facilities, which will help facilities to address gaps in processes and retain their gold card status.

We'll publish communications with more detailed information about this change soon. Watch for a provider alert and articles in *The Record* and *BCN Provider News*.

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