

Inpatient Providers & Surgeons

BestPractice Advisory for Specific Medicare/Medicaid Inpatient Procedures

Admit Patient to Inpatient Order and Inpatient Patient Class **Required**



EPIC SYSTEM UPDATE

Overview of Feature / Changes

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **requires** certain procedures to be classified as Inpatient. The BestPractice Advisory triggers in the patient's chart if the patient has had a procedure required to be Inpatient, but was admitted under a Patient Class of something other than Inpatient/Surgical Admit. **If the patient does not have the Admit Patient to Inpatient order this can have negative implications at the time of billing resulting in zero reimbursement.** The BPA allows you to place the Admit Patient to Inpatient order immediately to correct the Patient Class.

The original BPA was in effect in March 2017. **Effective Monday November 25, 2019**, the BPA has been **redesigned** and **continues to instruct providers to place the Admit Patient to Inpatient order to correct the Patient Class.**

Address the BestPractice Advisory

The BPA defaults to an action of **Order**. Click **Accept** to launch the Orders Sidebar and complete the Admit Patient to Inpatient order details and required fields. Sign when finished, at which point the order is active and the Patient Class is correct.

The image shows a screenshot of the Epic BestPractice Advisory (BPA) and the Admit Patient to Inpatient order form. The BPA window is yellow and contains the following text: "The patient must have an Admit to Inpatient order to proceed. This patient had a procedure that Medicare or Medicaid has determined to be 'Inpatient Only' for billing purposes. Please place the following order to update the patient class to Inpatient. Contact the Utilization Review Medical Director via AmIOn if you have any questions." Below this text are three buttons: "Order" (highlighted in red), "Do Not Order", and "Admit Patient to Inpatient". A status bar indicates "The following actions have been applied: ✓ Sent This advisory has been sent via In Basket". At the bottom of the BPA window are "Accept" and "Dismiss" buttons. The "Admit Patient to Inpatient" form is open below it, showing fields for Service, Patient Class (set to "Inpatient"), Diagnosis/Primary Problem, Attending Provider, Expected Length of Stay (set to "Past midnight tomorrow"), Team Assignment (set to "IP-Procedure"), and Level of Care (set to "Acute"). The form also includes a "Comments" field, a "Frequency" dropdown set to "ONCE", and a "Starting" date/time field set to "11/15/2019 Today At: 1148". At the bottom of the form are "Next Required", "Link Order", "Accept", and "Cancel" buttons.