POLICY

Any patient who has been discharged from High Peaks Hospice (HPH) care may be readmitted under the following criteria:
1. Patient/family requests readmission
2. Patient meets the stated admission criteria at the time of readmission

PROCEDURE

1. All admission forms must be signed for readmission.

2. New assessments must be performed by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT).

3. A new plan of care must be developed.

4. If the patient is a Medicare benefit patient, they must be admitted in the next benefit period following the one in which they were discharged.
   A. A patient is eligible for re-election of hospice Medicare benefit if prior discharge was a revocation in accordance with Conditions of Participation Section 418.28.
   B. A Face-to-Face Visit must be completed if entering the third or subsequent benefit period before readmission.

See Clinical Policy: “Determining Medicare Eligibility” CP218

5. Medicaid has unlimited benefit periods, so readmission will not affect the number of funded days.

6. A patient with private insurance, charity care, or private pay must be reapproved.

7. The patient will retain their original HPH patient identification number. The patient medical chart will be combined with the prior admission when the patient is no longer on service.

8. The admission will be counted as a duplicate admission.