

## Services Incidental to Admission

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### Policy

Services rendered prior to a related inpatient admission are considered incidental to such admission and are not separately reimbursable from the inpatient reimbursement rate.

Services that are incidental to an admission include, but are not limited to:

- Surgical day care;
- Observation stay;
- Emergency room care; and
- Diagnostic and/or testing services, including pre-admission testing.

Pre-admission services may be subject to post-payment audits and retractions.

### Reimbursement

#### Inpatient Stays Reimbursed Per Diem

Oscar includes incidental services in the inpatient per diem reimbursement rate when they occur within one day prior to an inpatient admission. For example, an observation stay that converts to an inpatient admission before midnight of the same day is included in the inpatient per diem rate and is not separately reimbursed. On the other hand, an observation stay that converts to an inpatient admission after midnight of the observation day is not included in the per diem rate and is separately reimbursed.

#### Inpatient Stays Reimbursed via Case Rate or Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG)

Oscar includes incidental services in the inpatient case rate or DRG reimbursement rate when they occur within three days prior to an inpatient admission.

### Publication History

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