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Non-emergent Hospital or Level of Care Transfers Require Authorization Prior to Transfer

All non-emergent hospital-to-hospital transfers, in-state or out-of-state, must have an authorization in place prior to the transfer. Please see [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 200 Hospital Services](#), Section 203(C). The attending physician who is transferring the recipient is responsible for requesting the authorization prior to the transfer. The receiving hospital is responsible for confirming an approved authorization for a non-emergent transfer is in place prior to accepting the recipient.

All non-emergent changes in Level of Care (LOC)/transfers between units within a hospital must have an authorization in place prior to the transfer. Please see MSM Chapter 200, Section 203(C).

Having the authorization in place prior to a non-emergent transfer is intended to assure the receiving hospital or unit that the transfer is authorized as meeting medical necessity criteria.