

SHORT STAY / 2 MIDNIGHT RULE

This notification applies to the following networks: *Commercial HMO, POS, PPO, and Medicare Advantage.*

A listing of all networks can be found on the provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

Effective December 1, 2023, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will reimburse a provider for an inpatient admission if the medical records support inpatient admission and if, at the time of or before admission, the admitting physician reasonably expects the patient's hospital care would cross two midnights.

Short Stay / 2 Midnight Rule Payment Policy: <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/provider/billing-claims/short-stay.pdf>

Questions: Contact Provider Assistance Unit at 1-888-767-4670, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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