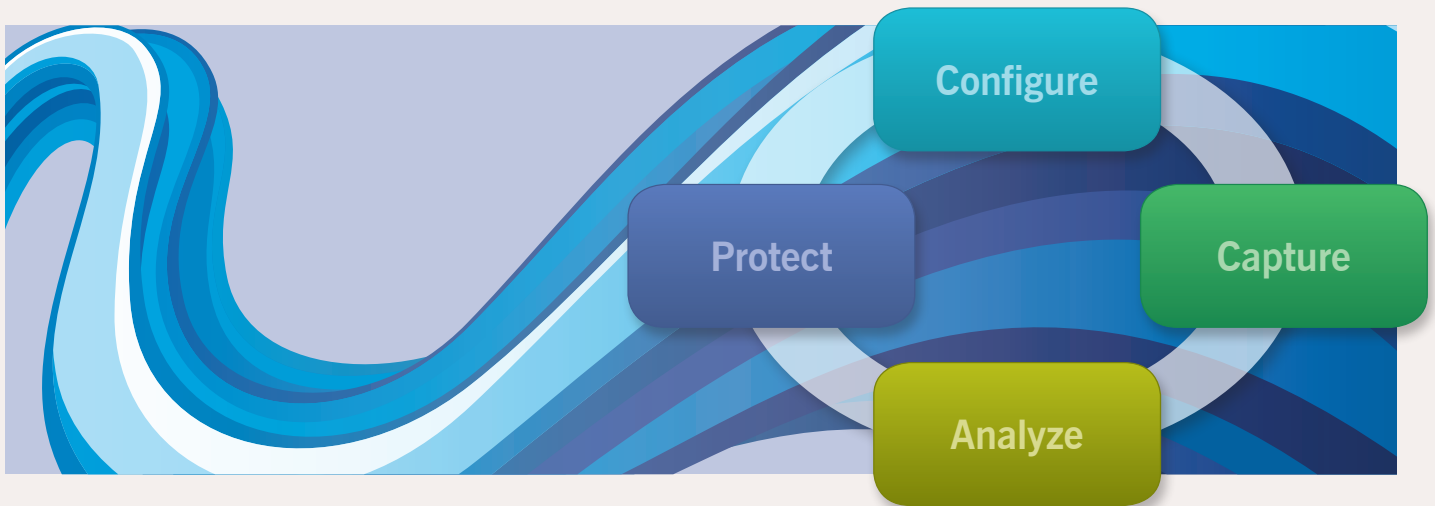


Picis LYNX CareBridge

Retain revenue and strengthen compliance by improving the documentation of medical necessity on hospital admissions



Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC), now active in every community, demand payback of Medicare reimbursement when medical necessity is incompletely documented. To protect against audit-related paybacks and associated Office of Inspector General (OIG) enforcement activities, hospitals are using an overly conservative approach to the admission/observation decision. The result is fewer inpatient admissions and ultimately, decreased hospital revenue. Inconsistent documentation of observation/inpatient decisions does not meet the true clinical intent of the physician and needs to be improved. A documentation aid is needed at the point of care that conforms to specific hospital policies and ensures that each admission or observation decision is consistent with the admitting physician's intent. These documentation improvements will result in strengthened audit defense, improved compliance and consistency of admitting decisions and appropriate reimbursement retention.

Overview

Picis LYNX CareBridge® is a software application that supports appropriate documentation of medical admissions, observation services, medical necessity and physician intent by improving the capture of:

- Detailed admit diagnoses
- Comprehensive medical risk factors
- Objective clinical data
- Present on admission conditions
- Patient safety factors
- Physician plan of care

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The CareBridge Process – Configure, Capture, Analyze, and Protect

- **Configure admission policy** – Hospitals configure CareBridge to apply their specific policies for determining appropriate admissions and observation services by adjusting the weights associated with the CareBridge medical necessity parameters.
- **Capture medical necessity documentation** – CareBridge users capture medical necessity and physician intent including:
 - Detailed admit diagnoses
 - Objective clinical data
 - Patient safety factors
 - Comprehensive medical risk factors
 - Present on admission conditions
 - Physician plan of care
- **Analyze medical necessity documentation against configured admission policy** – Clinicians receive near real time messages noting when documentation supports the admission or observation decision (or not) and identifies any inconsistencies between recorded patient risk factors and the plan of care.
- **Protect with audit defensible documentation** – A documented summary of medical necessity and physician intent is generated for use as the first line of defense in the event of payer audits and is useful as a communication instrument for clinical hand-off.

Key Benefits & Features

- Provides flexibility allowing hospitals to define criteria and hospital specific policies
- Supports documentation process without infringing on physician decision making or compromising regulations
- Assists clinicians in capturing medical necessity documentation to support admission and observation decisions
- Increases documentation of diagnostic specificity at the point of care when the patient is usually the most acutely ill
- Supports the documentation of medical admissions and observation service decisions wherever they are being made throughout the health system
- Evaluates documentation adequacy in near real time, noting discrepancies between individual patient risk factors and plan of care
- Generates a PDF document ensuring a first line of defense for audits while providing a communication tool enhancing the clinical hand-off
- Allows for early identification of patients at medical risk or with safety/social issues that require follow-up by case management and/or documentation improvement teams

About LYNX Medical Systems

LYNX Medical Systems, a Picis company, provides software and services that help healthcare organizations obtain accurate and optimal reimbursement for their services across the entire care spectrum. LYNX revenue management solutions help improve outpatient and inpatient clinical documentation, reduce compliance risk, and promote accurate and consistent code assignment for appropriate reimbursement. LYNX revenue management solutions currently help more than 600 hospitals manage more than 21.5 million patient encounters in the U.S. annually.



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