

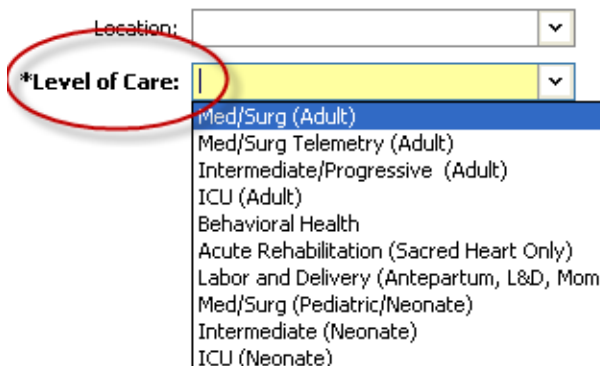
Level of Care – Admission and Transfer Order Changes, 10/1/14

CMS Quality Guidelines require admission and transfer orders specify a patient's "Level of Care." Our current orders specify "Location" but not "Level of Care." While usually the two are interchangeable, "Location" is not considered sufficiently clear for CMS compliance metrics. **In an effort to improve our compliance, the following two changes will be made on 10/1/14.** (These changes will NOT impact PowerPlan Favorites.)

1. **Level of Care** will be a **required field** for all admission and transfer orders.

Note - Despite the redundancy, we will not be removing the Location field from these orders because removal would have caused problems with personal favorites.

- If the **Location** field is populated, make sure it corresponds with **Level of Care** selected.
- Alternatively, the Location field can be left blank as it is not a required field.



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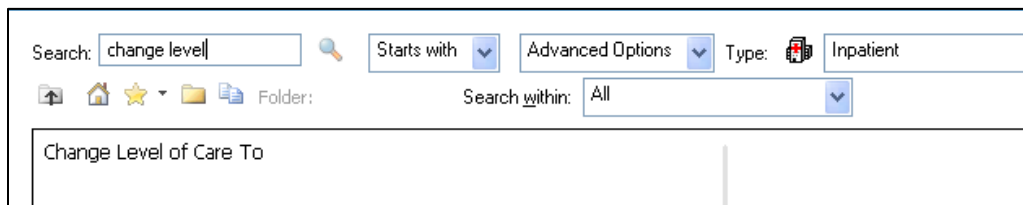
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- Med/Surg (Adult)
- Med/Surg Telemetry (Adult)
- Intermediate/Progressive (Adult)
- ICU (Adult)
- Behavioral Health
- Acute Rehabilitation (Sacred Heart Only)
- Labor and Delivery (Antepartum, L&D, Mom)
- Med/Surg (Pediatric/Neonate)
- Intermediate (Neonate)
- ICU (Neonate)

2. A new **Change Level of Care** order has been created to better reflect a patient's change in acuity **on units where level of care changes, but physical location does not** (for example, CSM-Ozaukee ICU/AAU).

You may be contacted by nursing during the patient stay for a Change Level of Care to order on these types of units.

Note - If a patient does have a physical change in location, the Transfer order is used and not the Change Level of Care order.

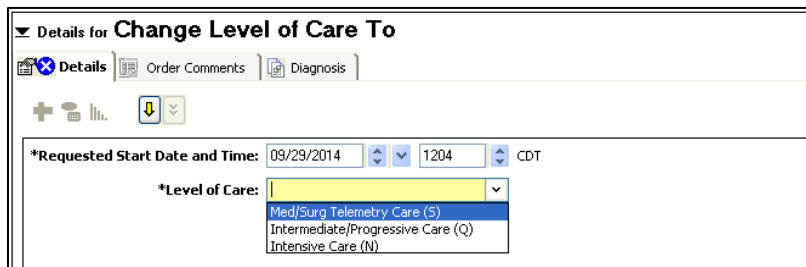


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Change Level of Care To



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*Requested Start Date and Time: 09/29/2014 1204 CDT

*Level of Care: [dropdown]

- Med/Surg Telemetry Care (S)
- Intermediate/Progressive Care (Q)
- Intensive Care (N)

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