Payers and providers like you want to deliver the highest quality and most appropriate care while eliminating unnecessary cost. That’s value-based care. And for nearly 40 years, the industry has relied on InterQual—the leading evidence-based clinical criteria and utilization management technology—to support our quest for value. With rigorously developed and objective content, and an impressive track record of continuous innovation, InterQual is the one you can trust.
“Value” and “quality” have been associated with InterQual long before they became healthcare industry trends. InterQual’s mission is and has always been to promote evidence-based care, improve quality and value, and reduce unnecessary costs—the same goals that value-based care strives for today. To achieve this, InterQual aligns payers and providers with actionable, evidence-based clinical intelligence to support appropriate care and foster optimal utilization of resources.

Objective, Comprehensive Content
InterQual Criteria are objective and specific to better help you ensure the most appropriate care and more consistent, defensible decision-making. Our four content suites provide comprehensive content across the medical and behavioral health continuum of care.

Developed with Rigor & Integrity
Use InterQual with confidence as no other criteria provides a higher level of accuracy. InterQual’s content is updated annually, or more frequently as needed.

- Rigorous evidence-based development process
  Our highly trained clinical development team performs a systematic review and critical appraisal of the evidence, using elements of the GRADE approach, to help ensure InterQual Criteria are based on the best available evidence.

- Extensive peer review
  More than 800 independent multidisciplinary experts sit on our clinical review panel, providing multi-level peer review. For those cases that don’t lend themselves to clinical trials, our experts help ensure InterQual Criteria reflect the latest standard of care and best practice.

InterQual Level of Care Criteria
Assess the safest and most efficient care level for more than 95% of reasons for admission to any level of care. The Condition-Specific model presents evidence-based interventions that are specific to the condition, and help to cost-effectively improve outcomes. The unique Episode-Day structure helps you evaluate if the patient is responding as expected, and recommends interventions in the event of complications or a slower-than-expected response to treatment. Our novel approach, evaluating Severity of Illness along with Intensity of Service, provides a clinically-specific approach to stay determinations. And only InterQual has incorporated management of comorbid conditions upon admission, along with continued stay. InterQual’s Acute Care module also includes Transition Plans to help foster the movement of patients safely throughout the continuum of care and reduce readmissions.

“The changes [to the condition-specific model] were a very important factor in the decrease for our Medicaid population from over 500d/1000 to under 300d/1000...” - Robert Kritzler, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Johns Hopkins HealthCare

Prior to implementing InterQual, we would often see patients listed as having ‘respiratory distress’... but we didn’t have the evidence we needed to help steer that patient to the most appropriate care. By contrast, InterQual breaks out respiratory distress into age categories and associates those categories with specific respiration rates...that level of detail gives us the evidence we need to make an informed decision about whether to qualify that patient for an inpatient level of care or seek secondary review ...” - Community Health Solutions of America, Utilization Management Supervisor

1) 2014 CMS, 2014 AHA, Internal McKesson analysis, IMS Payer Solutions consulting on data sources and analytic methods
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### InterQual Care Planning Criteria
Identify the appropriateness of ambulatory interventions – including imaging studies, procedures, durable medical equipment, molecular diagnostic (MDx) tests, specialty pharmacy medications, and specialty referral consultations – and assure the appropriate sequencing of care alternatives according to the evidence. Clinical Evidence Summaries for MDx provide an overview of all aspects of test appropriateness.

### InterQual Behavioral Health Criteria
Manage the delivery of mental health and substance use care, including initial and continued stay level-of-care decisions, for all age groups—from children to geriatrics. The depth of criteria enables care managers to consider behaviors, symptoms, level of function, social risks and support systems, while the comprehensive range of level of care alternatives allows for movement across the continuum of care. The evidentiary content development process for InterQual Behavioral Health Criteria is the same as for our medical/surgical products, providing parity of development processes. Additionally, behavioral health procedures are included for such key interventions as ECT, TMS and Applied Behavioral Analysis among others.

### InterQual Coordinated Care Content
Generate a patient-specific, evidence-based care plan for complex cases and high-risk members using InterQual’s patented blended assessment. More than 40 assessments cover common barriers to care, case management, condition management, readmissions reduction, palliative care, and many industry validated screening tools. This content was designed to help meet NCQA Case, Disease, and SNP program requirements.

### Need to customize your content?
Just use InterQual’s Content Customization Tool to easily incorporate custom content based on your organization’s unique policies.

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"By using InterQual for specialty referrals as well as for acute care, imaging and procedures, our medical costs have decreased from close to a $1 billion to a little over $300 million in four years.”

- Ricki Barnett, MD, Deputy Medical Executive, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Innovative and Flexible Technology Solutions
There have never been more ways to deploy InterQual Criteria. From innovative SaaS (software as a service) and smartphone options, to traditional view capabilities and everything in between, InterQual gives you a range of flexible delivery solutions that can fit most any need. With InterQual, you can help ensure timely, appropriate, and consistent care no matter what technology your organization uses or is moving to.

CareEnhance® Review Manager
Help improve accuracy and efficiency with our interactive, browser-based access to InterQual Criteria, which automates the medical review and provides workflow functionality.

Auto-Auth Solutions for Payers
Lower administrative costs, speed authorizations, and reduce authorization hassle for you and your providers with InterQual Connect™ or Clear Coverage™. InterQual Connect is a unique, integrated solution that automates medical reviews and provides authorization connectivity enabling full auto-authorization within existing utilization and care management workflows. Clear Coverage is an innovative standalone solution that automates medical review and authorization along with payer business rules, network steering, notifications, and eligibility verification. It also includes a provider interface to conduct the medical review and request the authorization.

InterQual Alliance Partner Integration
Access InterQual within your care management workflow. We work with many alliance partners to provide InterQual content and functionality within the applications you already use.

Support for Your Success
Education & Services
Accelerate your team’s proficiency and help improve outcomes. We provide a variety of education and consulting services to help your team make the most of the InterQual Criteria and technology solutions you use.

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Measure how well and how consistently your staff applies InterQual Criteria with this web-based tool to help improve usage and quality within your organization.

InterQual is Trusted by:

- 3,700+ hospitals
- 300+ Payers
- 100% RACs, MACs, CMS

5% Shorter Hospital Stays in InterQual Hospitals
A nationwide retrospective market study comparing 826 hospitals with InterQual to 826 non-InterQual hospitals observed that the average length of inpatient stay was 5% shorter in hospitals with InterQual.¹

McKesson Diagnostics Exchange™ for Payers
Easily manage molecular diagnostics (MDx) to help reduce costs and ensure test appropriateness. This test identification and policy management solution connects payers and labs to drive appropriate MDx coverage and payment.
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- **InterQual Connect™**
  - Comorbidity in Admissions Assessment
  - Home Care to Q&A format
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

- **InterQual Mobile**
  - ABA Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders Treatment
  - Partner Content Powered by InterQual
  - Acute Pediatric Level IV Nursery
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

- **Care Planning to Q&A Format**
  - InterQual Content Customization Tool
  - Review Manager CriteriaView
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

- **McKesson Diagnostics Exchange™**
  - Specialty Pharmacy Oncology Criteria with NCCN
  - Review Manager Review Transmission
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

- **Condition-Specific Model: LOC Transformation**
  - Specialty Pharmacy Non-Oncology Criteria
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

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- **InterQual Coordinated Care Content**
  - Transition Planning Tool
  - Quality Indicators Checklist
  - Content Updates and Enhancements

- **Clear Coverage™**: Auto-Authorization Solution

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- **InterQual®**: 1st Medical Appropriateness Criteria

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Leadership, Innovation, and Integrity... for Better Health

In an industry undergoing rapid change, it’s crucial to choose a partner you can trust—one with a shared vision for your business who can help you achieve your strategic objectives.

For nearly four decades, the InterQual team has upheld the singular vision of improving patient outcomes by advocating and supporting evidence-based care. Our innovative clinical content, technologies, solutions, and services have helped reduce the administrative burden, enhance payer-provider relations, and improve care quality for our customers. As healthcare continues to evolve, so will InterQual, with annual releases that support those committed to the passionate pursuit of quality outcomes without unnecessary cost.

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