

IRF: 36-Hour Requirement

36h



All required therapy treatments and/or therapy evaluations ordered at admission must begin no later than 36 hours from midnight on the day of admission to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF).

Example:



IMPORTANT

Don't start counting from the time of admission.

The 36-hour window includes weekends and holidays.

Each therapy ordered at admission must begin by the deadline.



TIMING SHORTCUT

The deadline is noon on the second calendar day after admission.

Example:

Tuesday admission →
Thursday at 12 pm (Noon)



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