

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The policy of Island Hospital is to provide access to medically indicated healthcare to patients seeking services within the scope of services provided at Island Hospital. Patients will be accepted for care without regard to race, creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, political affiliation or payment source.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the community and staff regarding admissions to Island Hospital.

**SCOPE**

Organization wide

**DEFINITIONS**

None

**EQUIPMENT**

None

**QUALITY CONTROL**

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis. **If the policy is revised, a copy of the revised policy must be submitted to the Washington State Department of Health within 30 days after revisions are approved. This policy will be posted on Island Hospital's website where it is readily accessible to the public.**

**PROCEDURE**

1. Patients are admitted for care by a physician who is a member of Island Hospital's Medical Staff or has temporary privileges in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws.
2. The admitting healthcare provider determines medical necessity for admission.
3. Patients have the right to refuse admission and/or treatment and the refusal will be documented in the patient's medical record.
4. If the hospital is unable to provide the required treatment or accommodation, the patient may be transferred to another facility when medically appropriate. This transfer must be acceptable to the receiving facility.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

[Transfer to Another Facility](#)

[Scope and Care of Services](#)

**REFERENCES**

WAC 246-320-141