**Observation**: Hemodynamically stable patients who require at least 6 hours and, for

certain conditions, up to 48 hours of treatment or assessment pending a decision

regarding the need for additional care. Observation level of care services may be

provided in designated observation units or on a hospital floor.

– **Acute**: Hemodynamically stable patients who require treatment, assessment, or

intervention every 4-8 hours.

– **Intermediate**: Hemodynamically stable patients who require treatment, assessment, or

intervention every 2-4 hours.

– **Critical**: Hemodynamically unstable patients (or those with the potential to become

unstable) who require treatment, assessment, or intervention every 1-2 hours.