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**MEDICAL NECESSITY**

ETHICS & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

**SCOPE:**

Applies to all Envision Physician Services and its subsidiaries and affiliates (the “Company”) teammates providing medical services. For purposes of this policy, all references to “teammate” or “teammates” include temporary, part-time and full-time employees, independent contractors, clinicians, officers and directors.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the medical necessity guidelines.


**POLICY:**

Any Company teammate providing medical service should only order tests they believe are medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of their patients. The teammate should also thoroughly document the patient visit, demonstrating medical necessity.

An item or service is considered "reasonable and necessary" if it is

1. safe and effective;
2. not experimental or investigational; and
3. appropriate, including the duration and frequency that is considered appropriate for the item or service, in terms of whether it is
  - o furnished in accordance with accepted standards of medical practice for the diagnosis or treatment of the patient's condition or to improve the function of a malformed body member;
  - o furnished in a setting appropriate to the patient's medical needs and condition;
  - o ordered and furnished by qualified personnel;
  - o one that meets, but does not exceed, the patient's medical need; and
  - o at least as beneficial as an existing and available medically appropriate alternative.

The Company’s coders will identify and submit for payment the most appropriate evaluation and management service(s) and procedural service(s) based on provider documentation. The Company’s provider documentation will identify only professionally recognized and sound medical service(s) that are accepted as necessary for the proper diagnosis and treatment of the patient.

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**POLICY REVIEW**

The Ethics & Compliance Department will review and update this Policy, as necessary, in the normal course of its review of the Company’s Ethics & Compliance Program.