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MEDICAL NECESSITY
ETHICS & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

SCOPE:

All AMSURG teammates providing medical services. For purposes of this policy, all references to “teammate” or “teammates” include temporary, part-time and full-time associates, independent contractors, clinicians, officers and directors.

PURPOSE:

To outline the medical necessity guidance to be followed by each of AMSURG’S (the “Company”) teammates providing medical service.

POLICY:

The National Coverage Determination and Local Coverage Determination guidelines identify medical necessity as services or items reasonable and necessary for the documented diagnosis, treatment of an illness or injury or to improve the function of a malformed body member.

Teammates providing medical service should thoroughly document the patient visit, demonstrating medical necessity.

Each Center’s coders/providers will identify and submit for payment the most appropriate codes based on provider documentation. 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.

POLICY REVIEW:

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