

## MCG Care Guidelines update and customizations

The upgrade to the 23rd edition of the MCG Care Guidelines for Amerigroup has changed from May 24, 2019, to September 5, 2019. In addition, Amerigroup has customized some of the MCG criteria.

### Customizations to the 23rd Edition of the MCG Care Guidelines

Effective September 5, 2019, the following customizations will be implemented:

- **Left Atrial Appendage Closure, Percutaneous (W0157)** — customized to refer to SURG.00032 Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention
- **Spine, Scoliosis, Posterior Instrumentation, Pediatric (W0156)** — customized to refer to Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines

Effective November 1, 2019, customizations will be implemented for Chemotherapy and Inpatient & Surgical Care (W0162) for adult patients. The customizations provide specific criteria and guidance on the following:

- Clinical indications for admission; examples will also be added for:
  - o Aggressive hydration needs that cannot be managed in an infusion center.
  - o Prolonged marrow suppression.
- Regimens that cannot be managed outpatient; examples will also be added.

Providers can view a summary of the 23rd edition of the MCG Care Guidelines customizations [online](#) by selecting **Customizations to MCG Care Guidelines 23rd Edition (Publish date November 1, 2019)**.

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