LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT

UTILIZATION REVIEW

Purpose:

The Utilization Management Program is to assure appropriate allocation of hospital resources to achieve optimal patient care in the most cost effective manner.

Policy:

1. Federal and State regulations and Hospital Policy establish criteria used to perform preadmission (when applicable), admission, concurrent and retrospective reviews.

2. Reviews are also performed for insurance companies to certify admissions as well as continued stays.

3. Cases not meeting established criteria are referred to a designated physician advisor from the Utilization Review Committee. Potential quality of care issues, are referred to the Quality Management Department.

4. Utilization Management is a dynamic process that involves incorporation of changes from governing bodies and regulatory agencies and is an integral part of the Quality Improvement program. The Utilization Committee meets every other month and on an as needed basis, to review cases deemed inappropriate for admission to the acute care setting, determine appropriate billing status, and make recommendations for taking corrective actions geared towards optimizing the use of facility resources.

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Administrator

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Date

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