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### CMA POLICY

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PHYSICIANS RECOMMENDING MOBILE HEALTH APPLICATIONS TO PATIENTS

The document is designed to guide physicians on how to provide mobile health applications for recommendations related to the management of the patient’s health, health care, and health information.

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<td>- Mobile health applications, devices, and related software, may be inferred to be used or to have been used to download or access electronic health records or health information, or to provide assistance in the management of the patient’s health, health care, and health information.</td>
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**POLICY:**

- Physicians shall be knowledgeable of the potential benefits and risks of mobile health applications and related software and shall provide patients with information on how to use mobile health applications in a safe and effective manner.
- Physicians shall be mindful of patients’ privacy and confidentiality when recommending mobile health applications and related software.
- Physicians shall ensure that patients are aware of the purpose, intended use, and limitations of mobile health applications and related software before recommending their use.
- Physicians shall consider the potential for mobile health applications and related software to falsely report information, including information that is not accurate, complete, or timely.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Physicians shall consult with their patients to ensure that they are aware of the potential benefits and risks of mobile health applications and related software and that they are comfortable with the use of such applications.
- Physicians shall consider the potential for mobile health applications and related software to falsely report information, including information that is not accurate, complete, or timely.

**DISCLOSURE:**

- Physicians shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest related to the use of mobile health applications and related software.
- Physicians shall ensure that patients are aware of the potential benefits and risks of mobile health applications and related software before recommending their use.

**MONITORING:**

- Physicians shall monitor the use of mobile health applications and related software by their patients and shall provide patients with information on how to use mobile health applications in a safe and effective manner.

**AUDITING:**

- Physicians shall ensure that patients are aware of the potential benefits and risks of mobile health applications and related software and that they are comfortable with the use of such applications.

**REVIEW:**

- Physicians shall review the use of mobile health applications and related software by their patients and shall provide patients with information on how to use mobile health applications in a safe and effective manner.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

- Physicians shall consult with their patients to ensure that they are aware of the potential benefits and risks of mobile health applications and related software and that they are comfortable with the use of such applications.
- Physicians shall consider the potential for mobile health applications and related software to falsely report information, including information that is not accurate, complete, or timely.

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