THIRD-PARTY FORMS (Update 2017)

RATIONAL

The use of third-party forms for physicians' personal or professional obligations should be limited. These forms are often mandatory and may not reflect the physician's own standards of care or his clinical judgment. Third-party forms are not voluntary and are typically required by the payer. This practice is not consistent with the concept of informed consent. The physician should not be required to approve, sign or use third-party forms.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to physicians and their organizations who support third-party forms and their use. It does not apply to those organizations that provide third-party forms for use by their own physicians and support staff.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principles include:

1. The physician's views on the medical benefits of third-party forms should be respected.
2. Third-party forms should not be used to promote or approve the use of any particular procedure.
3. Third-party forms should not be used to promote or approve the use of any particular drug.
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