

## MCG Care Guidelines update and customizations

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The upgrade to the 23rd edition of the MCG Care Guidelines for HealthKeepers, Inc. has changed from May 24, 2019, to **September 5, 2019**. In addition, HealthKeepers, Inc. has customized some of the MCG Criteria for members enrolled in Anthem HealthKeepers Plus.

### 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, guidance and/or examples for the following:

- Clinical indications for admission:
  - o Aggressive hydration needs that cannot be managed in an infusion center
  - o Prolonged marrow suppression

- Regimens that cannot be managed outpatient

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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