

Flash Alert Notification

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IT Alert Number: Alert-2020-1029

Subject: *New COVID-19 Attestation AutoText Available*

Impact: **Provider EHR Documentation: Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures**

Summary: 2 new COVID-19 AutoText attestations are now available within Cerner PowerChart documentation for outpatient surgeries and procedures

Solution Category: Cerner PowerChart – Electronic Provider Documentation

Event Time / Date:
Start: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:00
End: n/a

Role(s) Targeted: All medical staff personnel

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Description:

This notification is for all members of the medical staff performing outpatient surgeries and procedures.

The following 2 AutoText attestations are now available within Cerner PowerChart documentation:

Medically Necessary

[type a semicolon and the wording below- no space between semicolon and phrase]

;surg_medical_necessity

"This surgery or procedure is deemed medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition, or to preserve the life of a patient who without timely care would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences."

Elective Cases

[type a semicolon and the wording below- no space between semicolon and phrase]

;surg_elective cases

"This surgery (or procedure) is being performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, and will not deplete any hospital capacity to cope with the COVID-19 disaster."

The above provider documentation attestations are meant to provide efficiency in producing documentation consistent with the requirements outlined in Executive Order GA 31 by The Governor of The State of Texas:

"Every hospital that is licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and is also located in an area with high hospitalizations as defined below, shall postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient's physician; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any surgery or procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete any hospital capacity needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster"

Source: Office of The Secretary of State: Executive Order GA 31 By The Governor of The State of Texas
www.gov.texas.gov

Technical or EHR Support:

Please contact the EHR Provider Support Line 806-775-TALK (8255) or the UMC IT Service Desk 806-775-9109