

EXAMPLE OF CONTEXTUAL APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDIZED CLINICAL GUIDELINES PER  
HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CONTRACT

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In the letter dated **[DATE REDACTED]**, you state your position that the patient scenario meets clinical criteria for the requested service as a result of suspected gastrointestinal bleeding.

However, the requested service is only clinically supported when the medical record documents a reasonable likelihood of “significant and potentially life-threatening bleeds.” Per the contractually agreed upon clinical guideline **[GUIDELINE NAME REDACTED]**, the appropriate clinical context of “significant and potentially life-threatening bleeds” only includes a need for acute hemodynamic resuscitative efforts and/or a need for intra-endoscopy procedures such as clipping, coagulation, and injection of bleeding lesions. None of the latter applied to your patient’s case because the bleeding was most consistent with a minor bleed from a tear that occurred due to vomiting (i.e., a Mallory-Weiss tear) which did not result in the need for acute hemodynamic resuscitation or any intra-endoscopy procedures to stop acute bleeding.

Your requested services are deemed to be not medically indicated because they do not meet the clinical guideline related to gastrointestinal bleeding.

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