UAB Position on Billing Clinical Trials at Screening and End of Treatment Visits

Effective Date: April 1, 2018
Responsible Party: Clinical Trials Administrative Office
Administrative Category: Research
Applies To: Faculty, Staff, Students

POSITION STATEMENT

All clinical billable activities for the Screening and End of Treatment (Withdrawal) visits shall be billed to the trial account for industry-sponsored and funded research.

BACKGROUND

To ensure that all trial participants are billed consistently within a clinical trial as outlined in the UAB policy, Responsibility for Payment of Conventional or Routine Care in Clinical Trials, all clinical billable activities for the Screening and the End of Study visits shall be billed to the trial account. Prior to trial enrollment, potential participants may have had various clinical visits and other activities as part of the standard of care. Since insurance coverage may depend upon the activity's frequency, the Screening visit charges may be denied by insurance companies for some participants. Similarly, the End of Treatment (Withdrawal) visit charges may be denied by insurance companies for some participants. By billing activities at these two required visits to the trial account, the possibility of insurance coverage denial is removed, and all trial participants are ensured that these activity charges will not lead to out-of-pocket expenses.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY:

Chair, Clinical Trials Administration Committee

Date

Questions concerning this Position Statement should be directed to the Responsible Party listed at the top of the document.