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I. SCOPE:

This policy applies to (1) Tenet Healthcare Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries and affiliates (each, an “Affiliate”); (2) any other entity or organization in which Tenet Healthcare Corporation or an Affiliate owns a direct or indirect equity interest greater than 50%, and (3) any hospital or healthcare facility in which an Affiliate either manages or controls the day-to-day operations of the entity (each, a “Tenet Entity”) (collectively, “Tenet”).

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit the use of automatic, linked and/or exploding codes by all Tenet Entities.

III. DEFINITIONS:

“Automatic, linked and/or exploding codes” relate to the use of a single ordering element to generate orders or charges for more than one test. Automatic, linked and/or exploding codes reflect relationships programmed in any electronic system used to order, analyze or report tests or services.

IV. POLICY:

Tenet Entities must not use automatic, linked and/or exploding codes. Information systems must allow each individual test or service to be separately identified and ordered.

V. PROCEDURE:

A. Tenet Entity Implementation


Each Tenet Entity must ensure that it’s clinical and/or order entry systems do not contain automatic, linked or exploding codes.

B. Auditing and Monitoring

Audit Services will audit adherence to this policy.

C. Responsible Person

The Tenet Entity Information Services Director is responsible for ensuring that all individuals adhere to the requirements of this policy that these procedures are implemented and followed at the Tenet Entity, and that instances of noncompliance are reported to the Compliance Officer.

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D. Enforcement

All employees whose responsibilities are affected by this policy are expected to be familiar with the basic procedures and responsibilities created by this policy. Failure to comply with this policy will be subject to appropriate performance management pursuant to all applicable policies and procedures, up to and including termination. Such performance management may also include modification of compensation, including any merit or discretionary compensation awards, as allowed by applicable law.