### Get Help with Private Payer Reimbursement

#### **Billing Assistance**

We help identify appropriate billing codes required on claims and compile the necessary documentation to submit with claims.

#### **Insurance Verification**

We contact insurance companies to determine how they will pay for the intracranial angioplasty and stenting procedures.

#### **Prior Authorization Support**

Our hotline facilitates the prior authorization process by determining requirements, coordinating paperwork, and following up for a determination.

#### **Insurer Education**

Insurers are educated about the Wingspan<sup>®</sup> Stent System to expedite coverage and payment.

#### **Policy Monitoring**

Our monitoring of private payer coverage policies ensures you have the most up-to-date coverage information, and provides answers about insurance coverage and reimbursement for the Wingspan Stent System.

#### **Coverage Appeals**

We review denied claims, explain appeal procedures, make suggestions for re-submissions, and follow-up throughout the appeal process. Important Notice: Health economics and reimbursement information provided by Stryker Neurovascular is based on data collected by third parties and is subject to change without notice. The information contained herein is presented for illustrative purposes only. Providers are required to submit accurate and appropriate claims for the services they provide. It is the provider's responsibility to determine medical necessity, the proper site for delivery of any services and to submit appropriate codes, charges, and modifiers for services that are rendered. Providers should consult with their payers, reimbursement specialists and or/legal counsel regarding coding, coverage and reimbursement matters.

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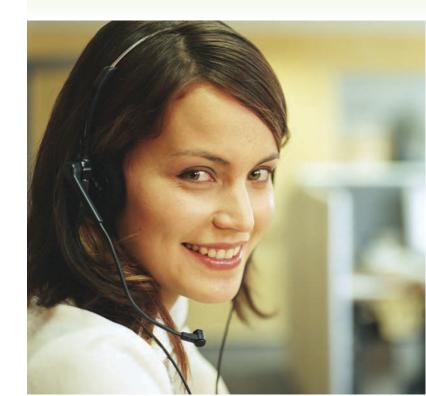
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Stent System Reimbursement Hotline

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## A Reimbursement Hotline

Dedicated to the Wingspan<sup>®</sup> Stent System

The Wingspan Stent System Reimbursement Hotline is available free of charge to health care providers, medical billing staff, and anyone else with questions about private health insurance coverage and reimbursement for intracranial angioplasty and stenting procedures, involving the Wingspan Stent System with Gateway® PTA Balloon Catheter.<sup>1</sup>

Private insurers represent a potential major payer for patients with intracranial atherosclerotic disease as shown in the Warfarin Aspirin Symptomatic Intracranial Disease (WASID) randomized study, where the average age of patients was below 65 years.<sup>2</sup>



Call our national toll-free number between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. With just one call, you will reach a reimbursement associate who will answer your questions.

### **1 877 WS STENT** (1 877 977 8368) FAX: 1 877 473 0846

Our representatives who staff the Wingspan® Stent System Reimbursement Hotline are never more than a phone call away – 5 days a week, 8 hours a day. We are happy to answer questions you may have at other times, too. Simply leave a message that includes your name and a number at which you can be reached, and an associate will return your call within one business day.

If you have other questions related to the Wingspan Stent System or Gateway® PTA Balloon Catheter, please contact customer service at 1 888 272 1001.

The primary purpose of the hotline is to provide information to help you understand insurer's policies. Stryker Neurovascular cannot guarantee that you will be successful in obtaining insurance payments. Numerous factors affect third-party payment for medical products and services. Hotline staff cannot anticipate or resolve all of these situations.

- 1 The Wingspan Stent System with Gateway PTA Balloon Catheter are approved under a Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE).
- 2 Kasner et al. Predictors of Ischemic Stroke in the Territory of a Symptomatic Intracranial Arterial Stenosis. Circulation. 2006; 113:555–563.

## An Easily-Accessible Contact Card for the Reimbursement Hotline

For your convenience, we've included a Wingspan<sup>®</sup> Stent System Reimbursement Hotline contact card. It's magnetic, so you can affix the card in a location where it can be easily referenced.