



Network Notification

Notice Date: October 25, 2019
To: Georgia Marketplace Providers
From: CareSource®
Subject: Radiology Benefit Management Program Implementation
Effective Date: January 1, 2020

CareSource is committed to promoting continuous quality improvement for services provided to our members. As such, we have entered into an agreement with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA)¹, to implement a radiology benefit management program ("Program"). The Program includes management of non-emergent, advanced, outpatient imaging services to include prior authorization of CareSource Georgia Marketplace members. This decision is consistent with industry-wide efforts to ensure clinically appropriate quality of care and to manage the increasing utilization of these services.

Under the terms of the agreement between CareSource and NIA, CareSource will oversee the Program and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication. NIA will manage non-emergent outpatient imaging services through their contractual relationships with freestanding facilities.

Based on a January 1, 2020 implementation, this correspondence serves as notice under your CareSource Provider Agreement of changes to the Program. The NIA call center will be available beginning December 23, 2019, to receive prior authorization requests for dates of service January 1, 2020 and beyond.

Under the Program prior authorization will be required for the following outpatient imaging procedures:

- CT/CTA
- CCTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET Scan
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging
- MUGA Scan
- Stress Echocardiography
- Echocardiography

Please note the following:

- The ordering physician is responsible for obtaining authorization prior to rendering the above-listed services. To obtain authorization, the provider should go to the NIA website www.RadMD.com, or call the NIA dedicated toll-free phone number 1-800-424-5358.
- Providers rendering the services listed above should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained by visiting www.RadMD.com, or by calling NIA at 1-800-424-5358. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of that claim.
- Emergency room, observation and inpatient imaging procedures do not require authorization.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your assistance in assuring that CareSource Georgia Marketplace members receive imaging services delivered in a quality, clinically appropriate manner.

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. Should you have questions at this time, please contact your CareSource Georgia Provider Relations Representative.

¹National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) is a subsidiary of Magellan Healthcare, Inc.