



Radiology Utilization Management Pre Certification Process

CMO has implemented a Radiology Utilization Management program to ensure appropriate diagnostic radiology services for your patients. The Radiology Utilization Management program will require prior authorization for specific services. **Prior authorization is required for selected outpatient MRI, MRA, and PET diagnostic imaging services only.** Diagnostic imaging services rendered in Emergency Rooms, Observation Units, Inpatient Settings, Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Skilled Nursing Facilities do not require prior authorization.

Requests for the services on the attached grid must be submitted to CMO for prior authorization. If a referring/ordering physician fails to obtain prior authorization, reimbursement for the radiology services performed will be denied.

Please note some important points concerning CMO's Radiology Utilization Management Program:

- **CMO will continue to process radiology claims**
- **The referring provider should complete the CMO radiology MRA/MRI or PET pre-cert form**
- **Once all relevant information is provided, authorization requests will be processed within 3 business days**
- **The referring/ordering physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization**
- **The rendering radiology provider is advised to verify prior authorization has been obtained**

Requests for authorization can be submitted to CMO for immediate review and response through the Post N Track (PNT) system. PNT is CMO's electronic eligibility verification, claims, and authorization system. Providers who do not have access to PNT must call CMO Provider Relations at 914-377-4477 to register for PNT access and training.

Prior authorization requests may also be submitted by phone to the Radiology Pre-certification line at **866-Monte-88** (866-666-8388) or fax at 914-457-9509, however we encourage that pre certification be handled through the PNT portal. Prior authorizations that are submitted telephonically will require electronic submission of relevant clinical information, including working diagnosis, purpose of scan, relevant findings, prior test results, treatments and interventions.

CMO will apply industry standard criteria for the review of the diagnostic radiology service requests. Contact the CMO Provider Relations department at 914-377-4477 with questions regarding this new program or your obligations related to the prior authorization process. We appreciate your support and look forward to your assistance in ensuring that your patients continue to receive high quality diagnostic imaging services.

**CMO Radiology Utilization Management Program
Radiology services requiring prior authorization, updated as of 1/1/11:**

CPT	Description
PET	
78815	Tumor Image PET/CT, Skull To Thigh
78816	Tumor Image PET/CT, Whole Body
MRA	
70544	Head without Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70545	Head with Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70546	Head without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70547	Neck without Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70548	Neck with Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70549	Neck without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
MRI	
70540	Orbit, Face and/or Neck without Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70542	Orbit, Face and/or Neck with Contrast (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70543	Orbit, Face and/or Neck without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences (requires pre-cert as of 1/1/11)
70551	Brain without Contrast
70552	Brain with Contrast
70553	Brain without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
72141	Cervical Spine without Contrast
72142	Cervical Spine with Contrast
72156	Cervical Spine without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
72146	Thoracic Spine without Contrast
72147	Thoracic Spine with Contrast
72157	Thoracic Spine without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
72148	Lumbar Spine without Contrast
72149	Lumbar Spine with Contrast
72158	Lumbar Spine without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
73221	Upper Extremity Joint , without Contrast
73222	Upper Extremity Joint , with Contrast
73223	Upper Extremity Joint without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
73721	Lower Extremity Joint , without Contrast
73722	Lower Extremity Joint , with Contrast
73723	Lower Extremity Joint without Contrast Followed by Contrast and Further Sequences
77058	Breast , Unilateral
77059	Breast , Bilateral

Options for requesting an authorization:

- Electronically through CMO Post N Track
- By fax at 914-457-9509, or
- By phone at 866-Monte-88 (866-666-8388)