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ADVANCED IMAGING AUTHORIZATION

## Focusing on safety, savings & service

Our Advanced Imaging Authorization program promotes the use of advanced diagnostic imaging services based on widely accepted clinical judgment. The program ensures that your employees get the right care at the right time in the right setting with the right provider—all of which equate to lower costs and higher-quality care.

# Advanced Imaging Authorization

## The goals

- Use pre-authorization for radiology services to curtail the performance of inappropriate advanced diagnostic imaging studies. If a provider requests a service that doesn't meet medical necessity, then the request will be denied.
- Advocate for biosafety issues, including reduction of unnecessary radiation exposure.
- Promote the selection of the most clinically appropriate diagnostic imaging services based on a patient's clinical needs.
- Encourage standardization of medical practice patterns and reduce variation in clinical evaluation through provider education and collaboration.
- Enhance quality of health care for diagnostic imaging studies, using evidence-based medicine and outcomes research from numerous resources.

The Advanced Imaging Authorization program applies to care provided in hospital outpatient centers, freestanding imaging facilities and physician offices. It excludes the following settings:

- Inpatient hospitalization
- 23-hour hospital observation
- Contracted urgent care centers
- Outpatient surgery (hospital or freestanding surgery centers)
- Imaging services provided in conjunction with an emergency room (ER) visit\*

## Program details

We provide oversight of the following advanced imaging services ordered by in-network providers:

- Nuclear cardiology
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)
- Positron emission tomography (PET) studies
- Computerized tomography angiography (CTA)
- Outpatient elective computerized tomography (CT)
- Stress echocardiography (SE)/  
Resting transthoracic echocardiography (TTE)/  
Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE)
- Nuclear imaging

**We rely on rigorous reviews  
and clinical evidence to  
bring you lower costs and  
higher-quality care.**



To learn more about our Advanced Imaging Authorization program, contact your producer or Regence sales executive.



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\*If an employee is seen in the ER, and the ER physician tells them to come back to the hospital at a later date for advanced radiology services through the hospital's outpatient service, an order number must be obtained from AIM.

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