

## **Title 23: Division of Medicaid**

### **Part 220: Radiology**

#### **Part 220 Chapter 1: General**

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  2. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA),
  3. Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans, and
  4. Nuclear Cardiac Imaging Studies.
- B. Prior Authorization for the advanced imaging procedures listed in Rule 1.2.A. is required in all settings except in an:
1. Inpatient hospital,
  2. Emergency room, or
  3. Outpatient hospital twenty-three (23) hour observation period.
- C. The prior authorization request must be submitted by either the ordering or the rendering provider.
1. The provider must submit documentation indicating medical necessity and appropriateness of the service to the radiology UM/QIO, including, but not limited to, the:
    - a) Results of a recent clinical evaluation,
    - b) Diagnosis or clinical condition which the imaging evaluation is being ordered,
    - c) Treatment history related to the stated diagnosis or clinical condition,
    - d) Treatment plan related to the stated diagnosis or clinical condition, and
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2. Medical necessity and appropriateness of the service is based on nationally-accepted guidelines and radiology protocols based on peer reviewed literature for urgent, emergent and non-emergent services including, but not limited to, the:
  - a) Division of Medicaid's radiology UM/QIO Clinical Decision Support Tool for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging,
  - b) American College of Radiology's Appropriateness Criteria,
  - c) American Academy of Neurology,
  - d) American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons,
  - e) American College of Cardiology,
  - f) American Heart Association, and/or
  - g) National Comprehensive Cancer Care Network.

D. Prior authorization must be received by the provider before the procedure is rendered except in medically urgent situations.

E. In the event of a medical emergent condition or situation a retrospective review may be requested.

1. The request must be received by the radiology UM/QIO within three (3) business days from the date of service.
2. The Division of Medicaid defines a medical emergent condition or situation as one which:
  - a) The patient faces immediate risk of loss of life or limb,
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  - c) In the opinion of a practitioner with knowledge of the beneficiary's medical condition, would subject the beneficiary to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the requested advanced imaging procedure.

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1. A limited or follow-up CT scan for any given area of the body during the same encounter as a full diagnostic CT scan,
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  3. A CT/SPECT (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography) nuclear medicine imaging only for:
    - a) Localization, or
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- B. The Division of Medicaid covers a functional MRI when used as part of a preoperative evaluation for a planned craniotomy and is required for localization of eloquent areas of the brain, such as those responsible for speech, language, motor function, and senses, which might potentially be put at risk during the proposed surgery.
- C. The Division of Medicaid does not cover an MRA or MRI for:
1. Screening of asymptomatic beneficiaries,
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3. A two (2)-dimensional rendering after a three (3)-dimensional rendering has been performed.

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*Rule 1.9: Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans*

- A. Effective July 1, 2013, Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans must be prior authorized by the radiology UM/QIO as noted in Rule 1.2.
- B. The Division of Medicaid covers one (1) fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) PET scan for solid tumors, myeloma or lymphoma that are biopsy proven or strongly suspected based on other diagnostic testing for the following therapeutic purposes related to the initial treatment strategy to determine:
  1. Whether or not the beneficiary is an appropriate candidate for an invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedure,
  2. Optimal anatomic location for an invasive procedure, or
  3. The anatomic extent of a tumor when the recommended anti-tumor treatment reasonably depends on the extent of the tumor.
- C. The Division of Medicaid covers PET scans for initial anti-tumor treatment strategy, formerly “diagnosis” and “staging”, for the following oncologic conditions:
  1. Thyroid cancer,
  2. Non-small cell, lung cancer,
  3. Colorectal cancer,
  4. Melanoma,
  5. Lymphoma,
  6. Head and neck cancer, excluding thyroid and central nervous system,
  7. Esophageal cancer,
  8. Male and female breast cancer when used in staging distant metastasis,

9. Cervical cancer that is newly diagnosed following conventional imaging that is negative for extra-pelvic metastasis,
  10. Ovarian cancer,
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- D. The Division of Medicaid does not cover PET scans for the initial anti-tumor treatment strategy, formerly “diagnosis” and “staging”, for the:
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2. For the determination of myocardial viability as a primary or initial diagnostic study prior to revascularization or following an inconclusive SPECT.

a) A SPECT scan is not covered following an inconclusive PET scan.

b) Refer to Rule 1.10.B.1.b) 2).

C. The Division of Medicaid does not cover a SPECT/CT (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography) which involves a SPECT multi-planar imaging (MPI) nuclear medicine scan only for:

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B. Providers and facilities are subject to on-site and documentation reviews of technical and professional imaging services and are reimbursed only for procedures, products, and services within the scope of the provider's clinical practice.

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