



Network Notification

Notice Date: November 17, 2017
To: CareSource Health Partners
From: CareSource®
Subject: Notice of Change to Cardiac Services Prior Authorization Requirements
Effective Date: January 1, 2018

Effective **Jan. 1, 2018**, certain cardiac-related procedures will be included in the CareSource radiology management program and require prior authorization.

Magellan Healthcare provides utilization management services for non-emergent, advanced diagnostic imaging services for CareSource. In the interest of streamlining authorization processes and improving patient outcomes, CareSource has expanded its partnership with Magellan Healthcare.

Prior authorization through Magellan Healthcare is currently required for these outpatient radiology procedures:

- CT/CTA
- CCTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET scan

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, these cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization:

- Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)
- MUGA scan
- Echocardiography
- Stress echocardiography

Why are cardiac studies included?

The primary objective of including cardiac studies in the CareSource radiology management program is to promote the optimal use of diagnostic modalities in the assessment and treatment of cardiac diseases. Ultimately, the program is designed to improve health care quality by minimizing radiation exposure and by using the most efficient and least invasive testing options available.

Program Components

- Evidence-based clinical guidelines and proprietary algorithms to support clinically appropriate diagnostic options for each patient
- Consultations with cardiologists related to elective cardiac diagnostic imaging when peer-to-peer review is required
- Quality assessment of imaging providers to ensure the highest technical and professional standards

How the Program Works

In addition to the management of MR, CT and PET, prior authorization will be required for the following cardiac procedures:

- CCTA
- Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)
- MUGA Scans
- Echocardiography (transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography)
- Stress echocardiography

We are confident that this new program will have a positive impact on the quality of care rendered to your patients, and we look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes to our community.

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