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Dear Managed Care Director,

In keeping with our commitment of promoting continuous quality improvement for services provided to Sunshine State Health Plan® members, Sunshine State Health Plan has entered into an agreement with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA), an affiliate of Magellan Health Services, to implement a radiology benefit management program. This program includes management of non-emergent, high-tech, outpatient radiology services through prior authorization for Sunshine State Health Plan Medicaid members. This program is consistent with industry-wide efforts to ensure clinically appropriate quality of care and to manage the increasing utilization of these services.

Under terms of the agreement between Sunshine State Health Plan and NIA, Sunshine State Health Plan will oversee the NIA program and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication. NIA will manage non-emergent outpatient imaging/ radiology services through contractual relationships with free-standing facilities and for those services scheduled at your facility.

Planned for a June 1, 2011 implementation, this **correspondence serves as notice under your Participating Sunshine State Health Plan Hospital Agreement** of changes to the program.

Prior authorization will be required for the following outpatient radiology procedures:

- ▶ CT /CTA/CCTA
- ▶ MRI/MRA
- ▶ PET Scans

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Emergency room, observation and inpatient imaging procedures do not require authorization.
- It is the responsibility of the ordering physician to obtain authorization.
- Providers rendering the above services should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of your claims.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your assistance in assuring that Sunshine State Health Plan members receive diagnostic imaging services delivered in a quality, clinically appropriate fashion. Please convey this information to all departments potentially affected by this change under your hospital system.

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. Should you have questions at this time, please contact the Sunshine State Health Plan Provider Services Line at (866) 796-0530 or your designated hospital contractor.

Sincerely,

Jason Delimitros
Chief Operating Officer