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New process for outpatient cardiac catheterizations

Effective August 1, 2015, National Imaging Associates (NIA) will manage the authorization process for outpatient cardiac catheterizations for Coventry Health Care of Nebraska members. Coventry requires prior authorization for non-emergent, outpatient cardiac catheterizations. This includes CPT codes 93452 through 93461. Coventry Health Care of Nebraska will still manage authorizations for inpatient and emergency procedures.

Key points to know

- The ordering physician is responsible for getting prior authorization. To do so, go to www.RadMD.com. Or, call 1-800-424-9230.
- The facility must ensure that the physician got prior authorization. We recommend that the facility develops a process to ensure that this happens.
- We may deny payment to the physician and facility for procedures done without authorization.
- The member can’t be balance-billed for these procedures.

Learn more

Please see the enclosed materials for more information. The “Cardiac Catheterization Clinical Guideline for Coventry Health Care of Nebraska” will be at http://www.radMD.com on July 1, 2015. Once logged in:

- Click “Health Plans” on the home page.
- Scroll to “Coventry Health Care of Nebraska” on the left.
- Click the link below “Preview of Clinical Guidelines” to open the PDF.

Used correctly, cardiac catheterization is useful for diagnosing cardiovascular problems. But it’s an invasive procedure and has risks. So, it’s important not to over-use it. This is especially for patients who are low-risk, asymptomatic, and/or have no history of prior diagnostic testing.

We’re here to help

We appreciate your continued support. If you have questions, please contact your Coventry Health Care of Nebraska provider service center.

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