



For Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Date: <MAIL DATE:

<PROVIDER NAME>

<PROVIDER ADDRESS>

<PROVIDER CITY, STATE, ZIP>



RE: NIA Facility Selection Program Update

As you know, NIA on behalf of **Peach State Health Plan**, has worked directly with your patients to select and schedule approved outpatient advanced imaging services (CT and MR) since 2012. This program was designed to save providers time by having NIA help patients select and schedule appointments at convenient, cost-effective, in-network imaging facilities.

Because immediate, successful member contact is a challenge, a change will go into effect in order to enhance the efficiency of the program.

Effective December 15, 2017, and for all dates of service thereafter, if you do not select a convenient, cost-effective, in-network imaging facility at intake, NIA will assign one without outreach to the member. In addition, the imaging provider selected will become the **provider of record for claims payment of that claim**. Any claim billed with an imaging provider that differs from the imaging provider selected/assigned during the authorization process will be denied:

- You will continue to contact NIA for prior approval of advanced imaging studies.
- Once the study is approved as clinically necessary, you can select a convenient, cost-effective, in-network imaging facility or NIA will assign one.
- If there is a clinical reason why the patient needs to be seen at a specific facility you can let the NIA representative know, or click on the *Identify a Facility* box, if using RadMD and the clinical reason will be documented and an exception may be made to a higher cost facility.

Acceptable Clinical Reasons:

- ***Child is under the age of 12***
- ***A follow-up to a previous exam performed at a specific facility within the past six (6) months***
- ***The patient has allergies to contrast media***
- ***Impending Surgery – The date of the surgery will be required.***
- ***Complicating clinical factors will be considered individually if called into NIA***

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Please let your patient know if you have selected a cost-effective facility for them or if one will be assigned as well as the importance of them receiving their imaging at the facility from the provider of record on the approval.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this program, please contact us by calling 1-800-327-0641. We've attached a Question and Answer document which provides additional information about the program.

*Sincerely,
Peach State Health Plan Clinical Operations*

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