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Dear Provider,

On January 1, 2019 Ambetter of North Carolina will launch a cardiac imaging program to assist physicians in the timely management of patients with possible cardiac disease. This is in conjunction with an advanced imaging program that Ambetter of North Carolina is implementing through a radiology benefits management contract with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA).

Why are cardiac studies included?

The primary objective of including cardiac studies in Ambetter of North Carolina's 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.

How the program works

In addition to MRI/MRA, CT/CTA, and PET Scans prior authorization will be required for the following cardiac procedures:

- CCTA
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)
- Stress Echocardiography
- Echocardiography

We are confident this new program will positively impact the quality of care rendered to your patients and we look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes to our community. We would be happy to discuss the program further. Please contact Anthony (Tony) Salvati, NIA Manager – Provider Relations, at 1-800-450-7281, ext. 75537, or by email at alsalvati@magellanhealth.com.