



Dear Provider,

National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) provides utilization management services for non-emergent, advanced diagnostic imaging services for Peach State Health Plan. In the interest of streamlining authorization processes and improving member outcomes, Peach State Health Plan has expanded its partnership with NIA. In addition to the procedures that currently require prior authorization through NIA, certain cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization beginning **May 1, 2021**.

Prior authorization through NIA is currently required for these outpatient advanced diagnostic imaging procedures:

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

Effective May 1, 2021, these cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization:

- MUGA Scan
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)
- Echocardiography (TTE/TEE)
- Stress Echocardiography

Why are Cardiac Studies included?

The primary objective of including cardiac studies in the Peach State Health Plan 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 through the use of 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 member
- Consultations with cardiologists related to elective cardiac diagnostic imaging when peer-to-peer review is required

We are confident this program will have a positive impact on the quality of care rendered to your members, and we look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes to our community. We would be happy to discuss the program further. Should you have questions, please contact Peach State Health Plan Provider Services at 1-800-704-1483.

Sincerely,

Peach State Health Plan