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Dear Provider:

In keeping with our commitment of promoting continuous quality improvement for Medicare-Medicaid members, AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care has entered into an agreement with National Imaging Associates, Inc (NIA)<sup>1</sup> to implement a Medical Specialty Solutions Program. This program includes management of non-emergent, advanced, outpatient imaging services to include prior authorization of AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Medicare members in Pennsylvania. This decision is consistent with industry-wide efforts to ensure clinically appropriate quality of care and to manage the increasing utilization of these services.

Under the terms of the agreement between AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care and NIA, AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care will oversee the NIA program and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication. NIA will manage non-emergent outpatient advanced imaging services listed below through First Choice VIP Care's existing contractual relationships.

Based on a March 1, 2022, implementation, this correspondence serves as a notice under your AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Provider Agreement of changes to the program. Providers may begin contacting NIA on March 1, 2022, to seek prior authorizations for procedures scheduled on or after March 1, 2022.

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

- CT/CTA
- CCTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET Scan
- MUGA Scan
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging

**Please note the following:**

- The ordering physician is responsible for obtaining authorization prior to rendering the above-listed services. To obtain authorization, the provider should go to the NIA website [www.RadMD.com](http://www.RadMD.com), or through the NIA dedicated toll-free phone number 1-800-424-4922.
- Providers rendering the services listed above should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained by visiting [www.RadMD.com](http://www.RadMD.com), or by calling NIA at 1-800-424-4922.

Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your claim.

<sup>1</sup>National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) is a subsidiary of Magellan Healthcare, Inc.

- Emergency room, observation and inpatient Medical Specialty Solution procedures do not require authorization.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to your assistance in assuring that AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care members receive outpatient advanced imaging services delivered in a quality based, clinically appropriate manner.

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. Should you have questions at this time, please contact your AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Provider Services Department at 1-800-521-6007.

Sincerely,