

National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA)'s Peer-to-Peer Process

What to expect when calling in for a peer-to-peer discussion:

- A peer-to-peer discussion may be initiated at any time during the prior-authorization process by calling the NIA Call Center at 1-866-326-6301.
- A peer-to-peer discussion may not be necessary if the requested clinical documentation is sent prior to contacting NIA.
- A peer-to-peer may be initiated by the office staff (non-clinical), but the case discussion must be conducted by a licensed clinician from the provider's office.
- Plan to call a few minutes prior to licensed clinician's availability to provide necessary case information (for Advanced Imaging).
- Identifying member information will need to be provided before the call is transferred to an appropriate clinical reviewer that is specific to the case and modality (for Advanced Imaging).
- If the office needs to schedule the peer-to-peer discussion, at least two convenient callback times will need to be provided to accommodate the licensed clinician's schedule (for Physical Medicine).
- The case will then be discussed, including any additional information that may be necessary for the case to meet medical necessity. This discussion may be for consultation purposes only if the re-review/reconsideration timeframe has expired or case has a final determination and re-open is not available (Medicare).
- Verbal clarification of clinical information from the medical records that were submitted may be discussed during the peer-to-peer. Examples include clarification of conflicting information in the notes or typographical errors.
- Any new information necessary to approve the request must be submitted in writing by uploading on our online portal RadMD.com or faxing to 1-800-784-6864 before a new determination can be made.
- If the case cannot be approved at the time of the peer-to-peer; the ordering/rendering provider is asked to follow the appeal instructions provided within the denial notification.

If you would like to provide feedback regarding a peer-to-peer discussion, please contact your NIA dedicated Provider Relations Manager.