

Home State Health, Ambetter from Home State Health, Wellcare By Allwell, and Wellcare Musculoskeletal (MSK) Management Program

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National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA)* Program Agenda

Our MSK Program

- Authorization Process
 - Other Program Components
- Provider Tools and Contact Information
- RadMD Demo
- Questions and Answers

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NIA Specialty Solutions

National Footprint / Experience

National Footprint

- Since 1995 delivering Medical Specialty Solutions; one of the *go-to* care partners in industry.
- 88 health plans/markets –
 partnering with NIA for
 management of Medical Specialty
 Solutions.
- 32.79M national lives participating in an NIA Medical Specialty Solutions Program nationally.
- Diverse populations Medicaid, Exchanges, Medicare, Commercial, FEP, Provider Entities.



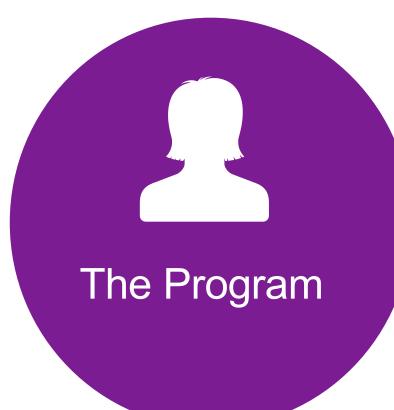
Commercial/Medicaid/Medicare Expertise/Insights

- 42 Commercial and 56 Medicaid plans/markets with NIA Medical Specialty Solutions in place.
- 10.66M Commercial and 20.51M
 Medicaid lives nationally in addition
 to 1.63M Medicare Advantage

Intensive Clinical Specialization & Breadth

- Specialized Physician Teams
 - 160+ actively practicing, licensed, board-certified physicians
 - 28 specialties and sub-specialties

MSK Prior Authorization Program



Home State Health, Ambetter from Home State Health, Wellcare By Allwell, and Wellcare (collectively referred to as Health Plan) will begin a prior authorization program through NIA for the management of MSK Services.



- Program start date: March 1, 2024
- Begin obtaining authorizations from NIA on March 1, 2024, for services rendered on or after March 1, 2024.



- Inpatient and outpatient hip, knee, shoulder, lumbar and cervical spine surgeries
- **Surgery Center**
- In Office
- Hospital



- Medicaid
- Exchange Programs
- Medicare



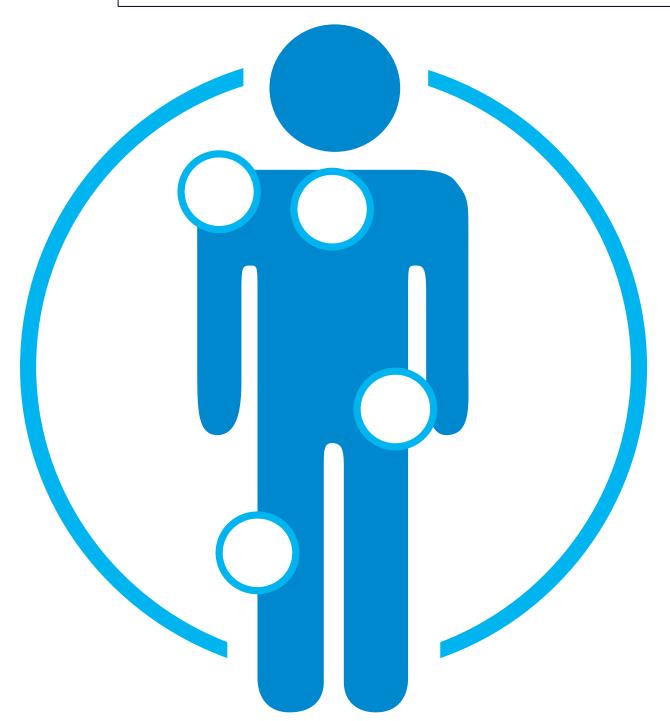
NIA will manage services through the Health Plan's contractual relationships.

Lumbar and Cervical Spine Surgery

Lumbar and Cervical Spine Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Lumbar Microdiscectomy
- Lumbar Decompression (Laminotomy, Laminectomy, Facetectomy & Foraminotomy)
- Lumbar Spine Fusion (Arthrodesis) With or Without Decompression – Single & Multiple Levels
- Cervical Anterior Decompression with Fusion –Single & Multiple Levels
- Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion –Single & Multiple Levels
- Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)
- Cervical Artificial Disc Replacement Single & Two Levels
- Cervical Anterior Decompression (without fusion)
- Lumbar Artificial Disc Single & Two Levels
- Sacroiliac Joint Fusion

Procedures Performed on or after March 1, 2024, Require Prior Authorization. NIA's Call Center and RadMD will open March 1, 2024.





Surgery Performed in this Setting is Excluded:

 Emergency Surgery – admitted via the Emergency Room

Reconstructive spinal deformity surgery does not require prior authorization. However, NIA will monitor provider use of CPT codes 22800-22819.

Hip, Knee and Shoulder Surgery

Hip Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty
- Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing
- Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI) Hip Surgery (includes CAM/pincer & labral repair)
- Hip Surgery Other (includes synovectomy, loose body removal, debridement, diagnostic hip arthroscopy, and extraarticular arthroscopy knee)

Knee Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision Knee Arthroplasty
- Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)
- Partial-Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA)
- Knee Manipulation under Anesthesia (MUA)
- Knee Ligament Reconstruction/Repair
- Knee Meniscectomy/Meniscal Repair/Meniscal Transplant
- Knee Surgery Other (includes synovectomy, loose body removal, diagnostic knee arthroscopy, debridement with or without chondroplasty, lateral release/patellar realignment, articular cartilage restoration)



Shoulder Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty
- Total/Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty or Resurfacing
- Partial Shoulder Arthroplasty/Hemiarthroplasty
- Shoulder Rotator Cuff Repair
- Shoulder Labral Repair
- Frozen Shoulder Repair/Adhesive Capsulitis
- Shoulder Surgery Other (includes debridement, manipulation, decompression, tenotomy, tenodesis, synovectomy, claviculectomy, diagnostic shoulder arthroscopy)



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 Emergency Surgery – admitted via the Emergency Room

CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Joint Surgery)





Home State Health 2024 Utilization Review Matrix Joint Surgery

HIP SURGERY PROCEDURES						
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes			
Authorization is provided at the <u>procedure</u> level. There are multiple CPT codes that can be associated with each procedure. These are assumed to be part of the primary request and, when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.						
Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty	27134	27132, 27134, 27137, 27138				
Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing	27130	27130, S2118				
Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI) Hip Surgery	29914	29914, 29915, 29916	Loose Body Removal: 29861 Chondroplasty: 29862 Synovectomy: 29863			
Hip Surgery – Other	29863	29860, 29861, 29862, 29863				

1 Home State Health Joint Surgery Utilization Review Matrix 2024

CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Spine Surgery)





Home State Health Utilization Review Matrix 2024 Musculoskeletal Surgery (Spine)

LUMBAR SPINE SURGERY PROCEDURES						
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes	Ancillary Procedures/Codes		
Authorization is pro each procedure. Th combination, do not	These codes do not require prior authorization. If the main procedur is approved, these codes are understood to be included and do not require precertification from the health plan. *Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of every possible ancillary code					
Lumbar Microdiscectomy	63030	62380, 63030, +63035				
Lumbar Decompression	63047	63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035			
Lumbar Fusion - Single Level		22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633, +63052, +63053	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841 +22842, +22845, +22853		
	22612		Decompression: 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939		

¹ Home State Health Spine Surgery Utilization Review Matrix 2024

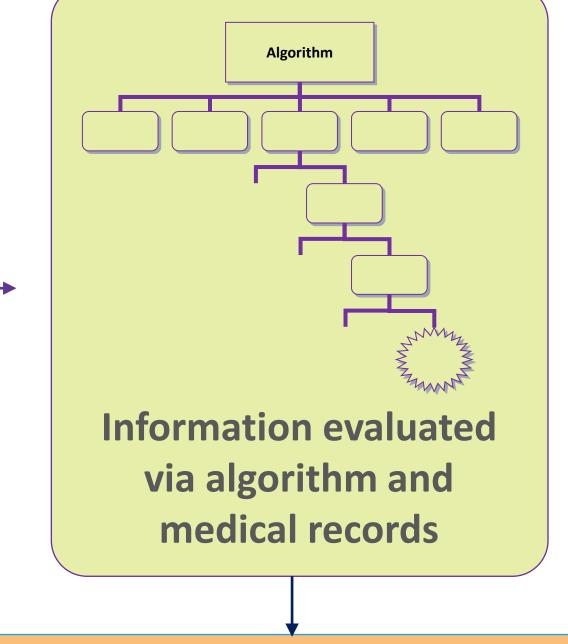
Prior Authorization Process Overview

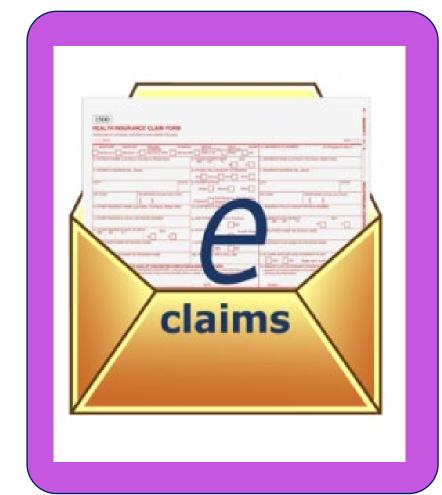


Ordering Physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization.
MSK provider may be both ordering and rendering



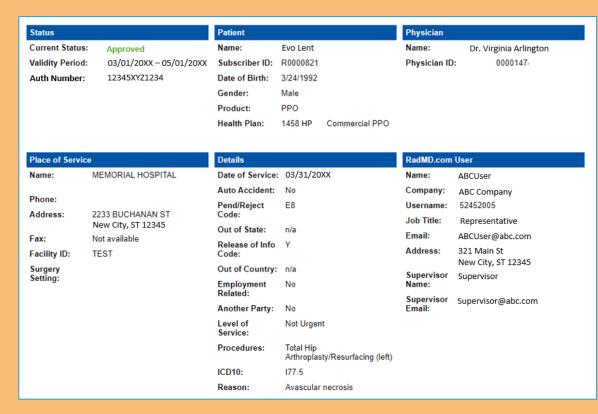






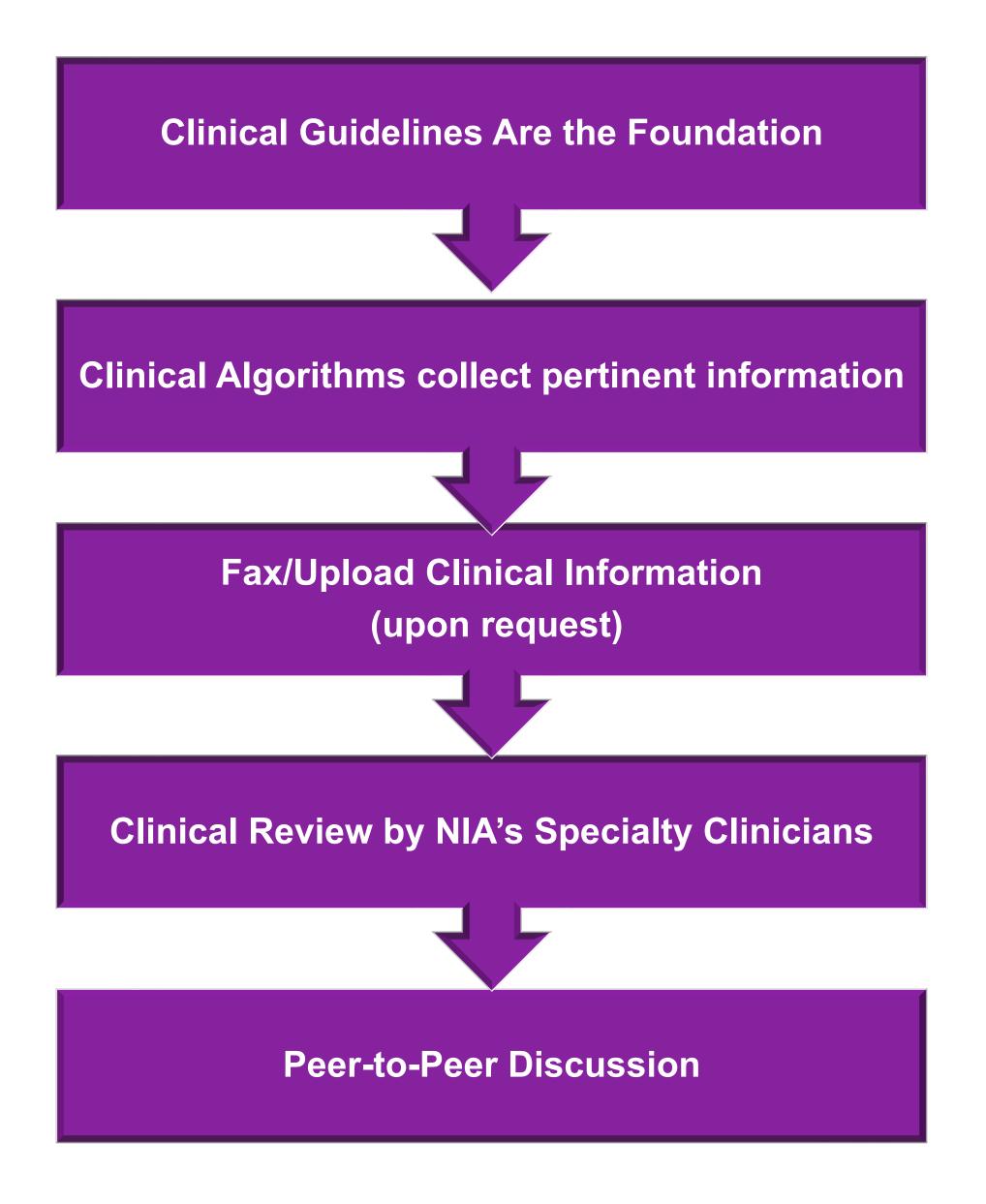


Rendering Provider verifies authorization was obtained and provides service



Service Authorized

NIA's Clinical Foundation & Review



- Clinical guidelines were developed by practicing specialty physicians, through literature reviews and evidenced-based research. Guidelines are reviewed and mutually approved by Health Plan and NIA Medical Officers and clinical experts. Clinical Guidelines are available on RadMD.com
- Algorithms are a branching structure that changes depending upon the answer to each question.
- The member's clinical information/medical record will be required for validation of clinical criteria before an approval can be made.
- NIA has a specialized clinical team focused on MSK.
- Peer-to-peer discussions are offered for any request that does not meet medical necessity guidelines.
- Our goal ensure that members are receiving appropriate care.

Authorization for Surgery

Special Information

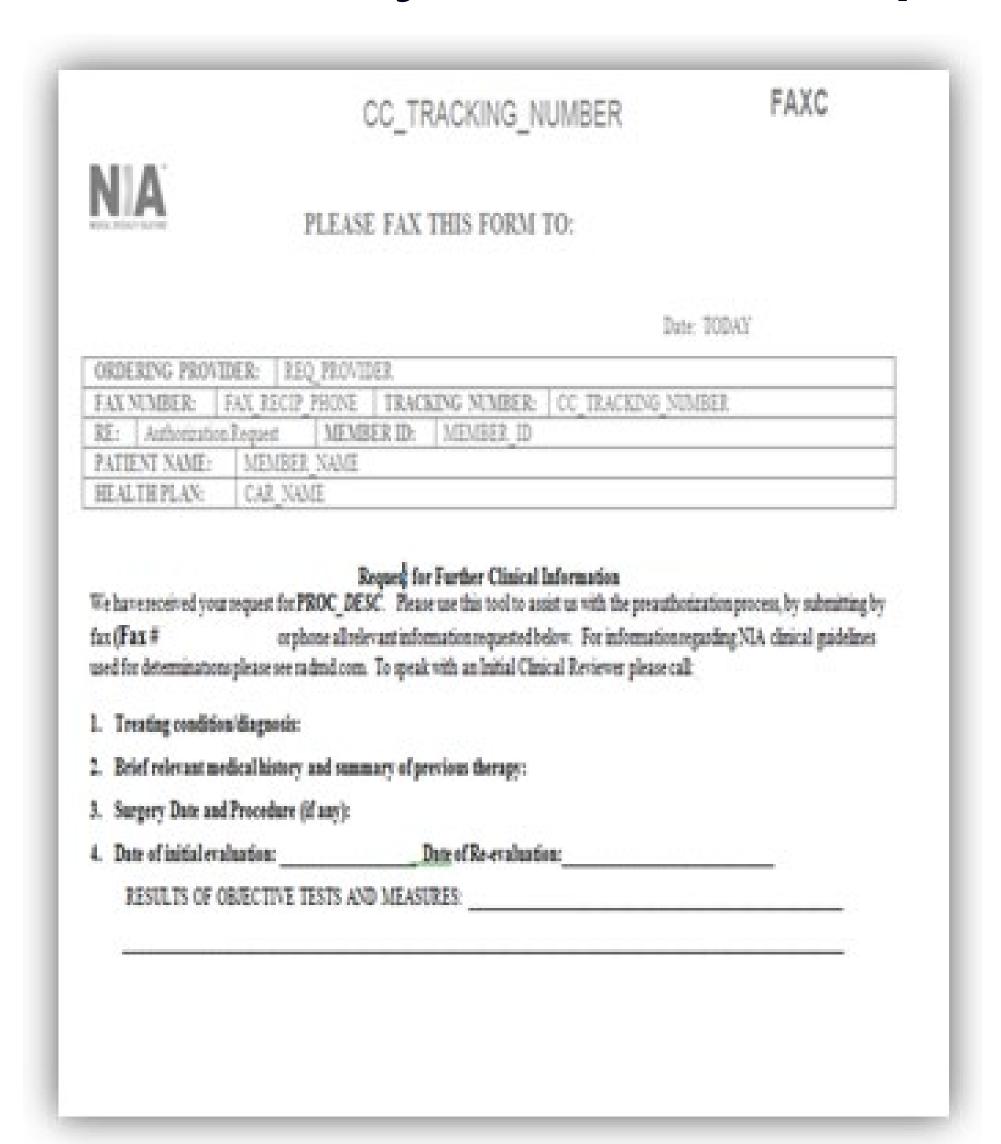
- Most surgeries require only one authorization request. NIA provides a list of surgery categories to choose from and the surgeon's office must select the most complex and invasive surgery being performed as the **primary** surgery.
 - Example 1: A lumbar fusion authorization includes decompression, instrumentation, etc.
 - Example 2: A knee ligament reconstruction includes meniscectomy, debridement, etc.
- Bilateral hip or knee surgeries require authorization for both the left and right side.
 ACDF and posterior cervical fusion require authorization for each procedure. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently.
- Inpatient admissions continue to be subject to concurrent review by Health Plan.
- Date of Service is required.
- The ordering physician must obtain prior authorization with NIA prior to performing the surgery/procedure.
- Facility admissions do not require a separate prior authorization. However, the facility should ensure that an NIA prior authorization has been obtained prior to scheduling the surgery/procedure.

Surgery Clinical Checklist Reminders

Surgery Documentation:

- Details regarding the member's symptoms and their onset/duration
- Physical exam findings
- Conservative treatment modalities with dates and duration (e.g., physical therapy, home exercise plan, injections, medications, activity modification)
- Diagnostic imaging results
- Ordering physician's surgical plan (including a discussion about the potential risks and benefits of the procedure) (BMI, smoking history, mental status for some surgeries)

NIA to Physician: Request for Clinical Information





A fax is sent to the provider detailing what clinical information that is needed, along with a fax coversheet.



We stress the need to provide the clinical information as quickly as possible so we can make a determination.



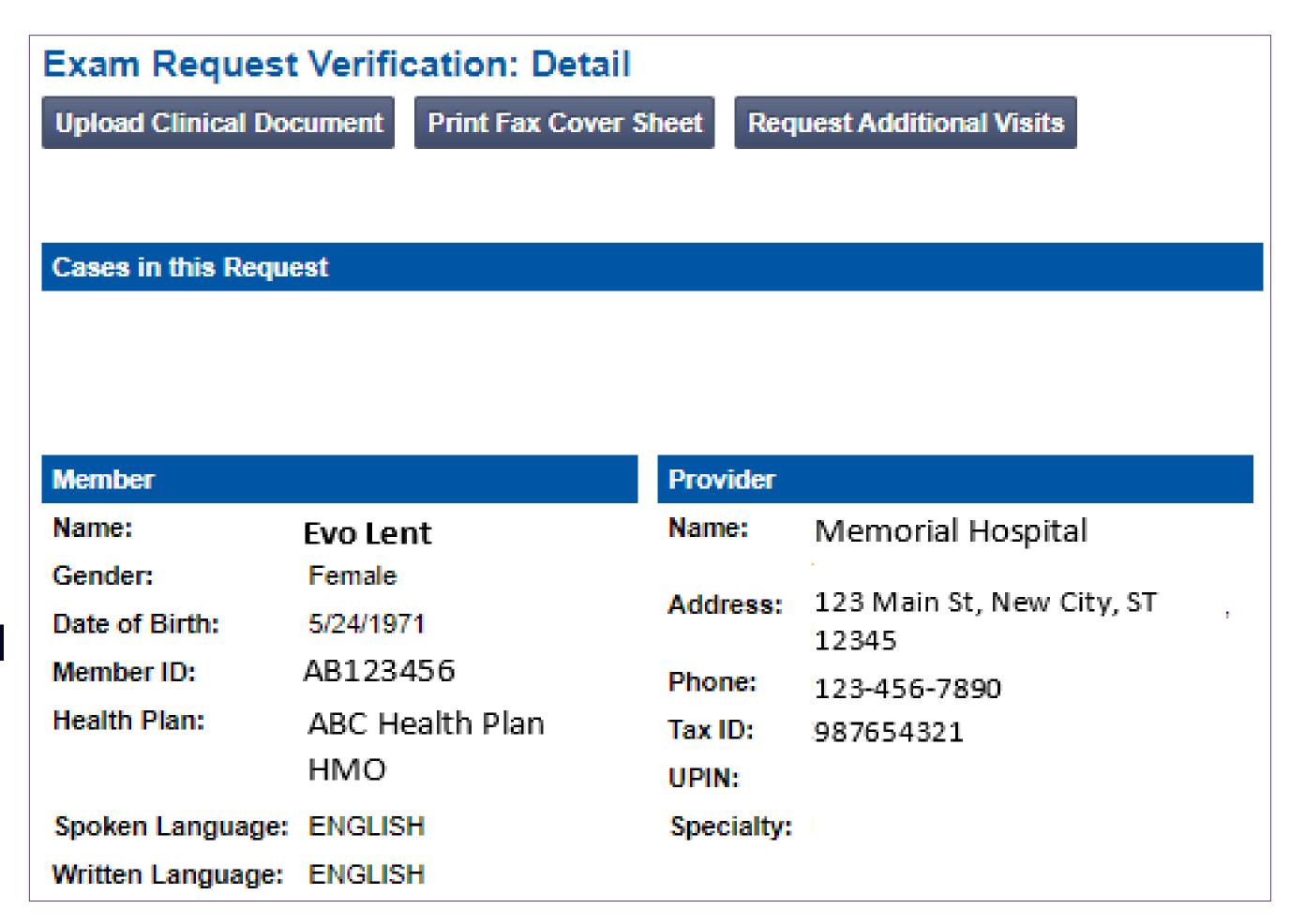
Determination timeframe begins after receipt of clinical information.



Failure to receive requested clinical information may result in non certification.

Submitting Additional Clinical Information

- Records may be submitted:
 - Upload to https://www.RadMD.com
 - Fax using NIA coversheet
- Location of Fax Coversheets:
 - Can be printed from https://www.RadMD.com
 - Call
 - 1-800-424-4794 Ambetter
 - 1-800-308- 2615 Medicaid
 - 1-800-424-4825 Wellcare by Allwell
 - 1-800-424-5388 Wellcare
- Use the case specific fax coversheet when faxing clinical information to NIA



Clinical Specialty Team: Focused on MSK



MSK Surgery Review

Initial clinical review performed by specialty trained surgery nurses

Surgery concierge team will contact provider for additional clinical information Orthopedic surgeons or neurosurgeons conduct clinical reviews and peer-to-peer discussions on surgery requests

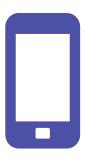
MSK Clinical Review Process

Physicians' Office Contacts NIA for Prior Authorization









NIA Initial Clinical Specialty Team Review

- Additional clinical information submitted and reviewed Procedure Approved
- Additional clinical not complete or inconclusive Escalate to Physician Review



Designated & Specialized Clinical MSK Team interacts with Provider Community.

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Request Evaluated Based on Information Entered

Additional clinical information required



• NIA Physician approves case without peer-to-peer



Peer-to-peer outbound attempt made if case is not approvable

- NIA Physician approves case with peer-to-peer
- Ordering Physician withdraws case during peer-topeer
- Physician denies case based on medical criteria

Key NIA Differentiators

Generally, the turnaround time for completion of these requests is within two or three business days upon receipt of sufficient clinical information

Urgent/Expedited Authorization Process

- If an urgent clinical situation exists (outside of a hospital emergency room) during business hours, please call NIA immediately.
- The NIA website https://www.RadMD.com cannot be used for medically urgent or expedited prior authorization requests during business hours. Those requests must be processed by calling the NIA call center:
 - > 1-800-424-4794 Ambetter
 - > 1-800-308- 2615 Medicaid
 - > 1-800-424-4825 Wellcare by Allwell
 - > 1-800-424-5388 Wellcare
- Turnaround time is within 24 calendar hours not to exceed 72 calendar hours.

Notification of Determination

Authorization Notification

Authorizations are valid for:

Surgery

- Inpatient 120 days from date of request for Home State Health, Ambetter from Home State Health and Wellcare By Allwell. 90 days from date of request for Wellcare.
- Outpatient- SDC/Ambulatory 120 days from date of request for Home State Health, Ambetter from Home State Health and Wellcare By Allwell. 90 days from date of request for Wellcare.

Denial Notification

- Notifications include an explanation of services denied and the clinical rationale.
- A peer-to-peer discussion can be initiated once the adverse determination has been made.
- Re-review, reconsideration, re-open may be available with new or additional information.
- Re-review must occur within 3 business days from the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
- Reconsideration must occur within 5
 business days from the date of denial and
 prior to submitting a formal appeal.
- Medicare re-opens are not allowed.
- In the event of a denial, providers are asked to follow the instructions provided in their denial letter.

MSK Surgery Points – Lumbar/Cervical Spine Surgery



Inpatient and outpatient non-emergent surgeries



Spine Surgery is focused on lumbar and/or cervical spine surgeries



For spinal surgeries, only one authorization request per surgery. For example, a Lumbar fusion authorization includes decompression, instrumentation, etc.



Reconstructive spinal deformity surgery does not require prior authorization. However, NIA will monitor provider use of CPT codes 22800-22819.

MSK Surgery Points – Hip, Knee and Shoulder Surgery



Bilateral hip or knee surgeries require authorization for both the left **and** right side. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently. ACDF and posterior cervical fusion require authorization for each procedure. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently.



Surgeries addressing the following are not included in the MSK program: trauma, amputation, fracture, active infection, pediatric conditions, congenital malformation, dysplasia (hip), palsy/plegia, osteochondritis dissecans (knee), osteotomy (knee), tumor, cyst, cancer, arthrodesis, girdle resection (hip), denervation (hip), joint dislocation, hemiarthroplasty (hip), hardware & foreign body removal.

MSK Surgery Points – All Surgeries



Specialized Orthopedic Surgeons or Neurosurgeons will review surgery requests. Inpatient admissions will continue to be subject to concurrent review by Health Plan.



Any Health Plan prior authorization requirements for the facility or hospital admission must be obtained separately and only initiated after the surgery has met NIA's medical necessity criteria.

OR

The ordering physician must obtain prior authorization with NIA prior to performing the surgery/procedure.

Facility admissions do not require a separate prior authorization. However, the facility should ensure that an NIA prior authorization has been obtained prior to scheduling the surgery/procedure.



Authorizations are valid for 120 days from the date of request for Home State Health, Wellcare By Allwell and 90 days for Wellcare. NIA must be notified of any changes to the date of service..

Provider Tools



RadMD Website RadMD.com

Available



24/7 (except during maintenance, performed every third Thursday of the month from 9 pm – midnight PST)



Toll-Free Numbers

1-800-424-4794 – Ambetter 1-800-308- 2615 - Medicaid 1-800-424-4825 – Wellcare by Allwell 1-800-424-5388 - Wellcare



Available
Monday - Friday
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM CST

- Request Authorization
- View Authorization Status
- View and manage Authorization
 Requests with other users
- Upload Additional Clinical Information
- View Requests for additional
 Information and Determination Letters
- View Clinical Guidelines
- View Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- View Other Educational Documents

Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
 System for authorization tracking

NIA Website

https://www.RadMD.com

RadMD Functionality varies by user:

- Ordering Provider's Office View and submit requests for authorization.
- Rendering Provider View approved, pended and in review authorizations for their facility.
- IPM providers are typically both the ordering and the rendering provider.

Online Tools Available on RadMD

- NIA's Clinical Guidelines
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Quick Reference Guides
- IPM Checklist
- RadMD Quick Start Guide
- Claims/Utilization Matrices



RadMD New User Application Process - Ordering

Users are required to have their own separate usernames and passwords due to HIPAA regulations.

STEPS:

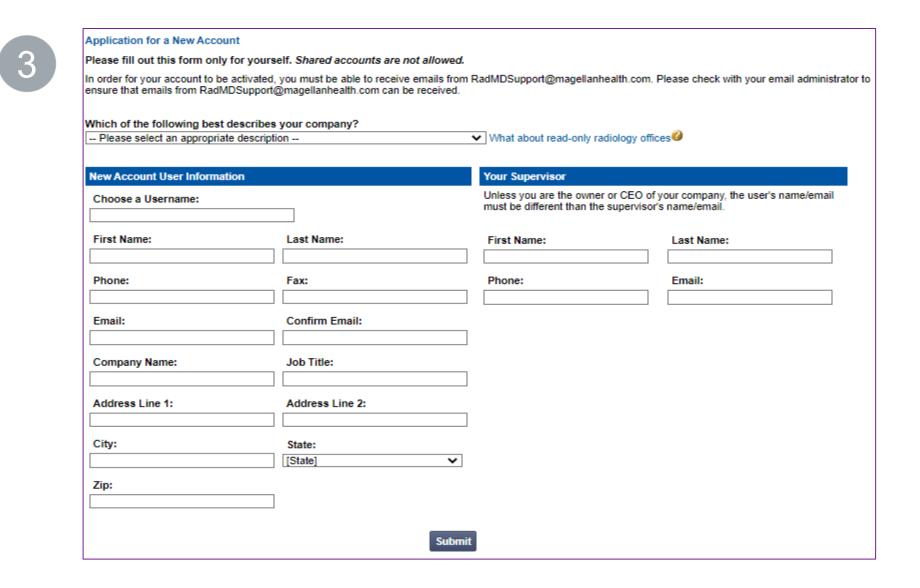
- 1. Click the "New User" button on the right side of the home page.
- 2. Select "Physician's office that orders procedures"
- 3. Complete the application and click "Submit".
- 4. Open email from NIA webmaster with new user password instructions

NOTE: On subsequent visits to RadMD, click the "Sign In" button to proceed.

Offices that are both ordering and rendering procedures should request ordering provider access. This will allow you to request authorization on RadMD and see the status of requests.



-- Please Select an Appropriate Description -Physician's office that orders procedures
Facility/office where procedures are performed
Health Insurance company
Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures
Physicians office that prescribes radiation oncology procedures
Physical Medicine Practitioner (PT, OT, ST, Chiro, etc.)



RadMD New User Application Process - Rendering

IMPORTANT

- Users are required to have their own separate username and password due to HIPAA regulations.
- Designate an "Administrator" for the facility who manages access for users.

STEPS:

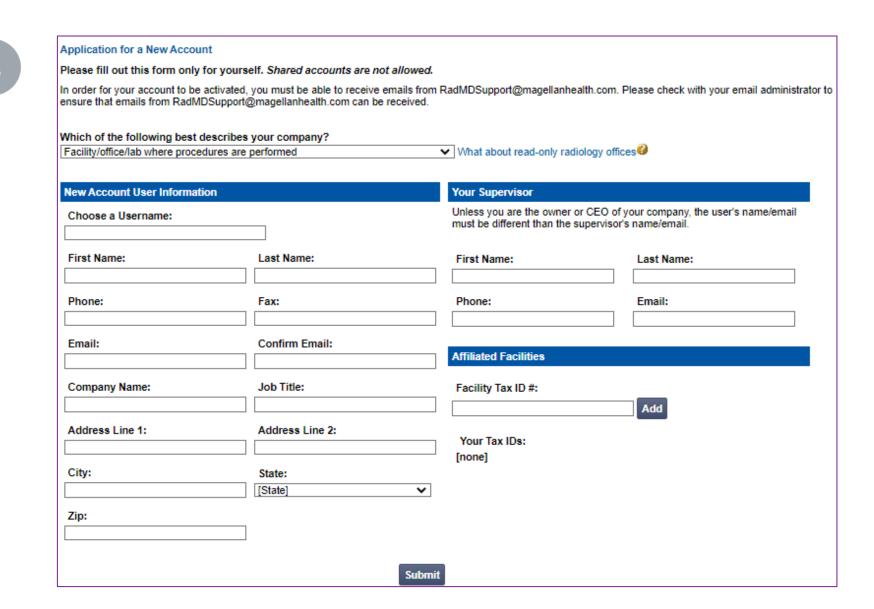
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If multiple staff members entering authorizations need to view approved, pended, and in-review authorization requests, they will each need to complete and submit a new user application. The account administrator is responsible for granting rendering access for each employee.

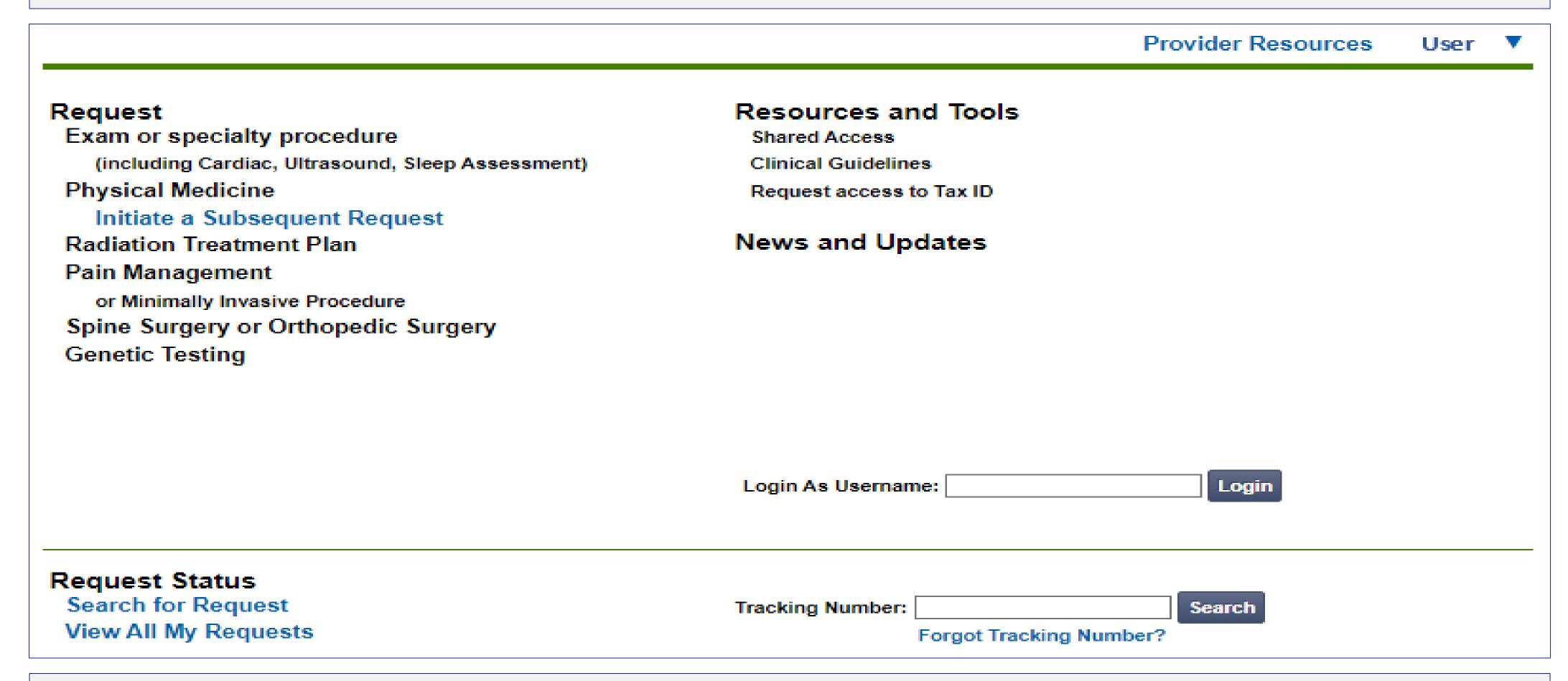


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Shared Access

NIA offers a **Shared Access** feature on our <u>RadMD.com</u> website. Shared Access allows ordering providers to view authorization requests initiated by other RadMD users within their practice.



If practice staff is unavailable for a period of time, access can be shared with other users in the practice. They will be able to view and manage the authorization requests initiated on RadMD.com, allowing them to communicate with members and facilitate treatment.

When to Contact NIA

Initiating or checking the status of an authorization request

Initiating a Peer-to-Peer Consultation

Provider Service Line

Provider Education requests or questions specific to NIA

- Website, https://www.RadMD.com
- Toll-free numbers:

1-800-424-4794 – Ambetter

1-800-308- 2615 - Medicaid

1-800-424-4825 – Wellcare By Allwell

1-800-424-5388 - Wellcare

- Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System
- Call:

1-800-424-4794 – Ambetter

1-800-308- 2615 - Medicaid

1-800-424-4825 – Wellcare By Allwell

1-800-424-5388 - Wellcare

- RadMDSupport@Evolent.com
- Call 1-800-327-0641
- Debbie Patterson
 Provider Relations Manager
 1-314-387-4799
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RadMD Demonstration

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