

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 1-800-642-6551 (Medicaid) or 1-800-424-4185 (Medicare).
- Medicare peer-to-peer discussions must be performed before a final determination has been made on the request
- Medicare re-opens are not allowed with the exception of Evolent clerical errors on which the determination was made.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 timeframe (Medicaid) has expired or case has a final determination.
- 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](https://www.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.