

# Trillium Health Resources Medical Specialty Solutions

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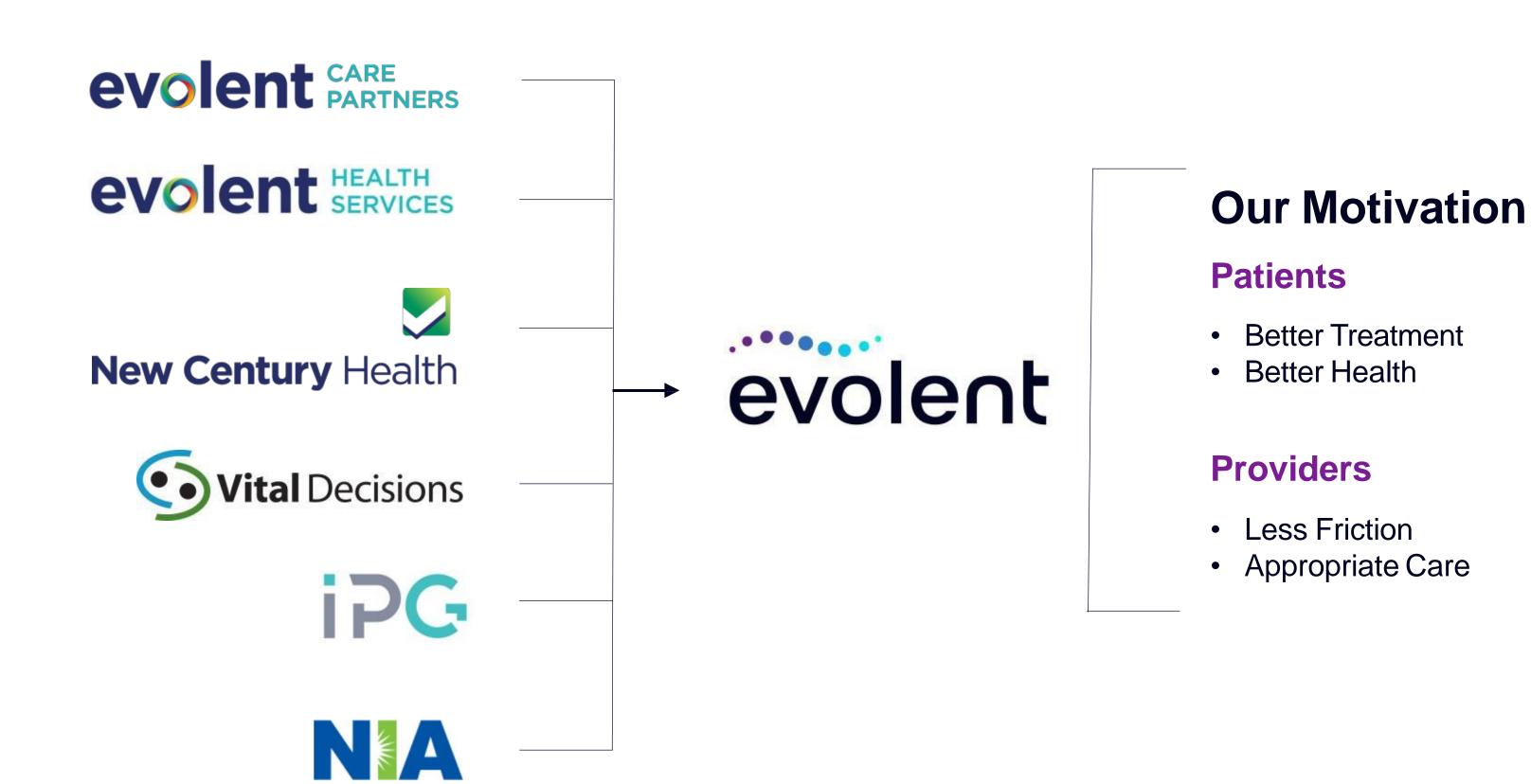


# Evolent Program Agenda

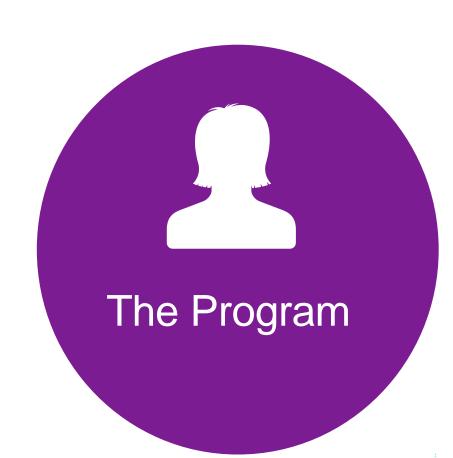
- Introduction to Evolent
- Our Program
  - Authorization Process
  - Other Program Components
  - Provider Tools and Contact Information
- Questions and Answers

# National Imaging Associates, Inc. is now Evolent

Connecting Our Brands is About Connecting Care



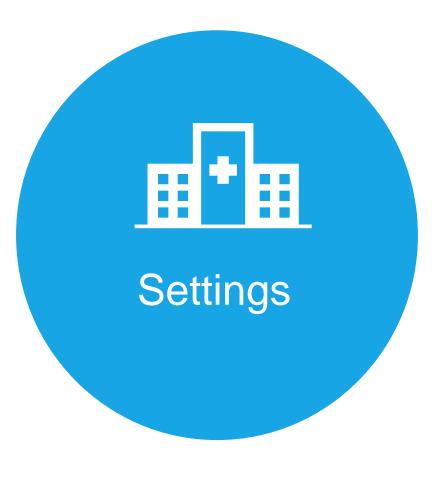
# Evolent's Prior Authorization Program



Trillium Health Resources will begin a prior authorization program through Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.) for the management of outpatient imaging services.



- Program start date:July 1, 2024
- Evolent is waiving prior authorization for dates of service from July 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31, 2025.
- Begin obtaining an authorization from Evolent on September 23, 2024 for services scheduled on or after October 1, 2024.

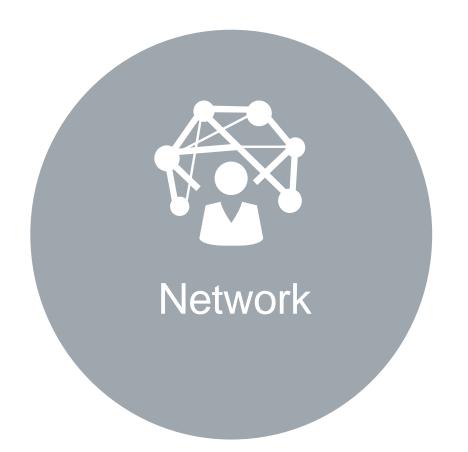


#### Settings:

- Office
- Outpatient Hospital
- Outpatient Facility



Medicaid



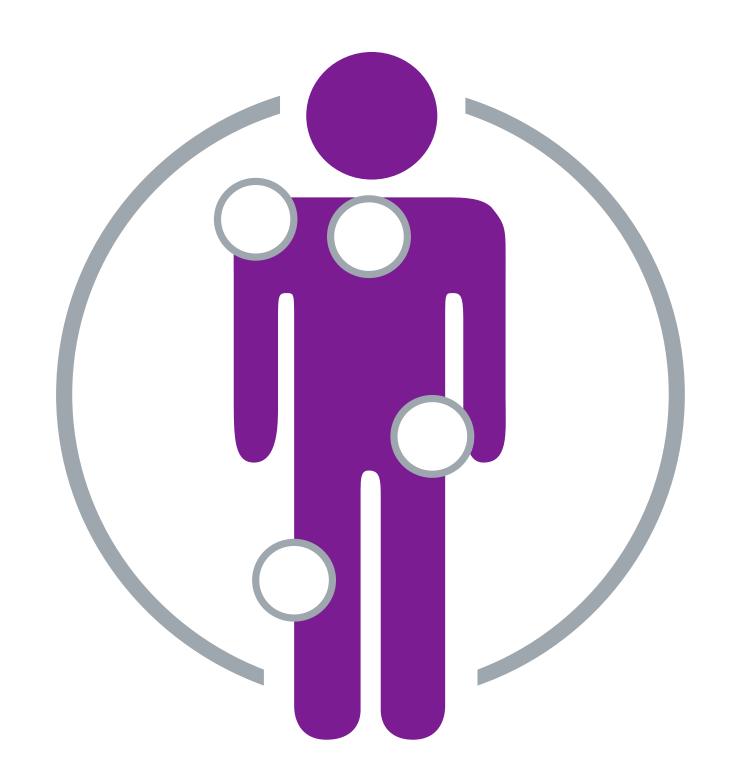
 Evolent will manage services through Trillium Health Resources existing contractual relationships

# Evolent's Prior Authorization Program

Effective September 23, 2024: Providers may begin contacting Evolent to obtain prior authorization scheduled on or after October 1, 2024.



- CT/CTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET Scan
- MUGA Scan
- Nuclear Stress Test
- Echocardiography





Excluded from the Program Procedures Performed in the following Settings:

- Hospital Inpatient
- Observation
- Emergency Department
- Urgent Care
- Surgery Center

\*Please see specific educational documents on RadMD for each Medical Specialty Solutions Program Services

# List of CPT Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization



Review Claims/Utilization Review Matrix to determine CPT codes managed by Evolent.



CPT Codes and their Allowable Billable Groupings.



Located on RadMD.com.



Defer to Trillium Health Resources Policies for Procedures not on Claims/Utilization Review Matrix.





#### Trillium Health Resources Utilization Review Matrix 2024

The matrix below contains the CPT 4 codes for which Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.) manages on behalf of Trillium Health Resources. This matrix is designed to assist in the resolution of claims adjudication and claims questions related to those services authorized by NIA. The "Allowable Billed Groupings" is meant to outline that if a given procedure is authorized, that any one of the listed procedure codes could be submitted on a claim representing that service. This assumes that the member is eligible at the time of the service, that appropriate rebundling rules are applied, that the claim includes an appropriate diagnosis code for the CPT code and that the service is performed within the validity period.

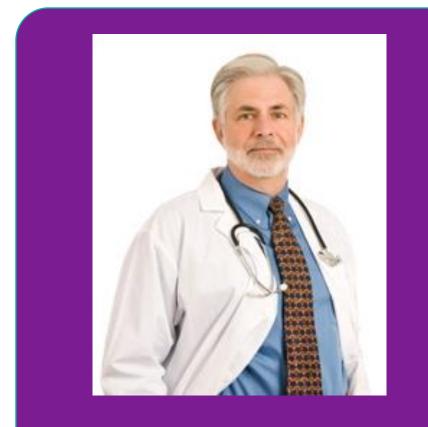
If a family of CPT codes is not listed in this matrix, an exact match is required between the authorized CPT code and the billed CPT code. If the exact match does not occur, the charge should be adjudicated accordingly.

Please note: Services rendered in an Emergency Department, Observation Room, Surgery Center, or Hospital Inpatient setting are not managed by Evolent.

Authorized CPT Code	Description	Allowable Billed Groupings
70336	MRI Temporomandibular Joint	70336
70450	CT Head/Brain	70450, 70460, 70470, +0722T
70480	CT Orbit	70480, 70481, 70482, +0722T
70486	CT Maxillofacial/Sinus	70486, 70487, 70488, 76380,
		+0722T
70490	CT Soft Tissue Neck	70490, 70491, 70492, +0722T
70496	CT Angiography, Head	70496
70498	CT Angiography, Neck	70498
70540	MRI Orbit, Face, Neck and/or Internal	70540, 70542, 70543, +0698T
	Auditory Canal	
70544	MRA Head	70544, 70545, 70546
70547	MRA Neck	70547, 70548, 70549
70551	MRI Brain (with or without Internal	70551, 70552, 70553, +0698T
	Auditory Canal views)	
70554	Functional MRI Brain	70554, 70555
71250	CT Chest	71250, 71260, 71270, +0722T
71275	CT Angiography, Chest (non-coronary)	71275
71550	MRI Chest	71550, 71551, 71552, +0698T
71555	MRA Chest (excluding myocardium)	71555

1- Trillium Health Resources - Utilization Review Matrix 2024 - Eff 7.1.2024

# Prior Authorization Process Overview



Ordering Physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization.

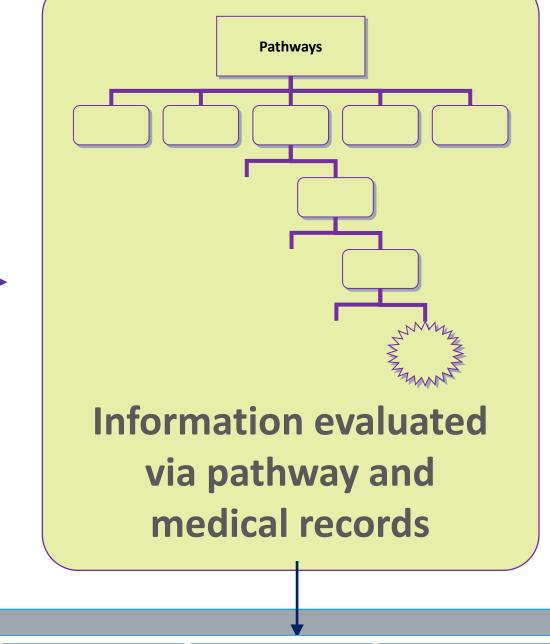
claims



Submit Requests
Online Through
RadMD.com

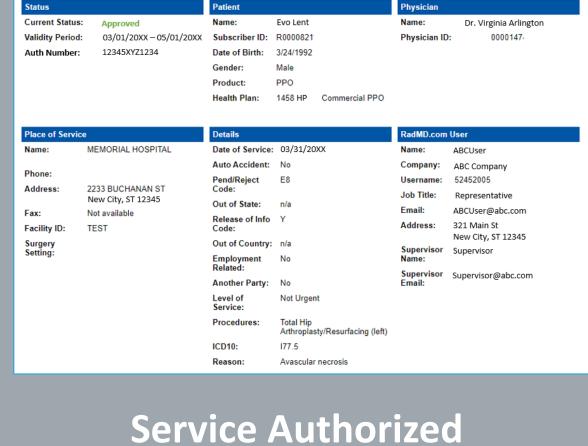


or by Phone



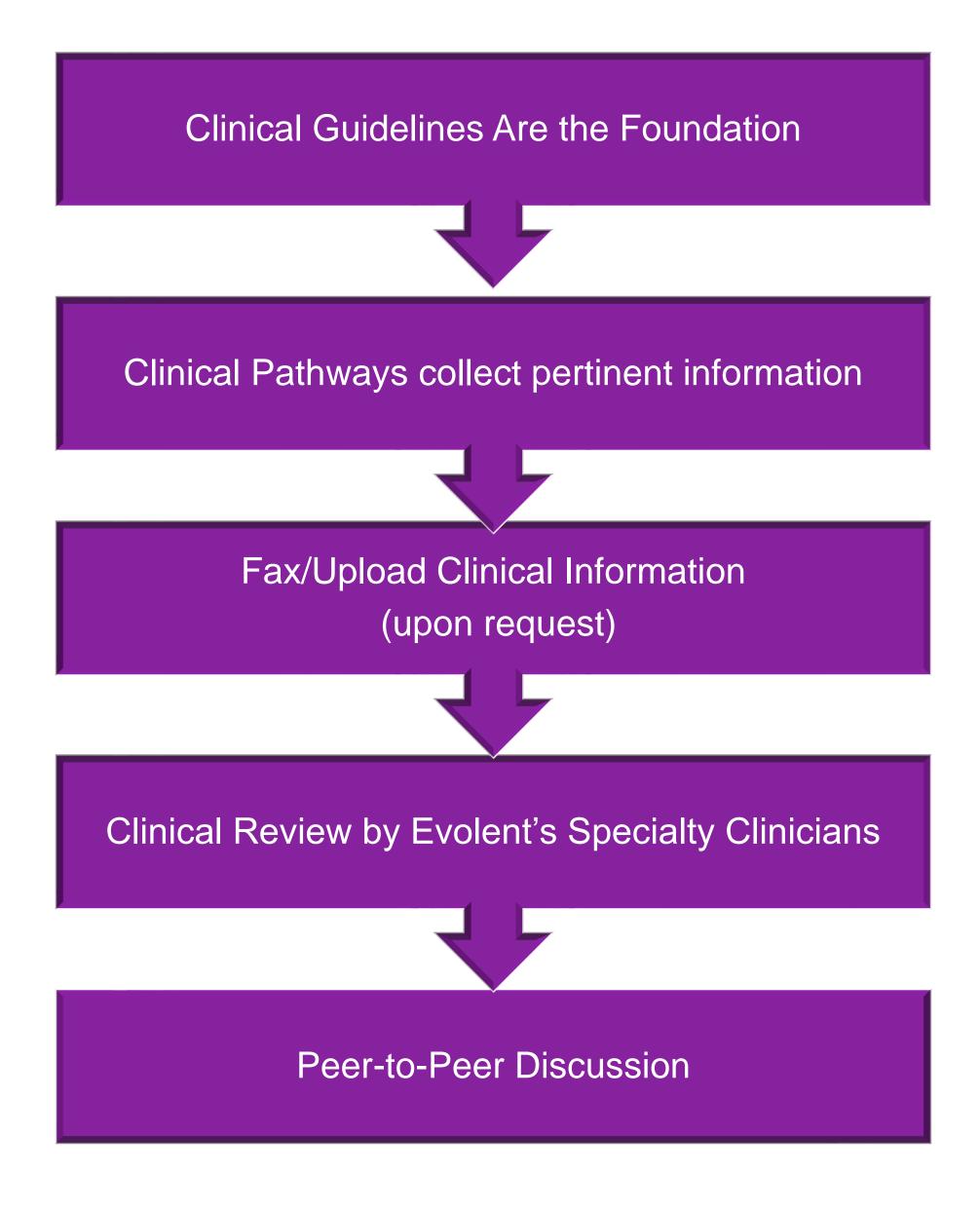


Rendering Provider
Performs Service and
ensures authorization was
obtained



Recommendation to Rendering Providers: Do not schedule test until authorization is received

# Evolent'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 Trillium Health Resources and Evolent Medical Officers and clinical experts. Clinical Guidelines are available on RadMD.com
- Pathways 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.
- Evolent has a specialized clinical team.
- 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.

# Member and Clinical Information Required for Authorization

#### General

 Includes: ordering physician information, member information, rendering provider information, requested examination, etc.

#### Clinical Information

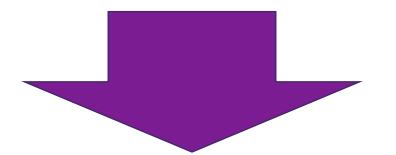
- Includes clinical information that will justify examination, symptoms and their duration, physical exam findings
- Preliminary procedures already completed (e.g., x-rays, CTs, lab work, ultrasound reports, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist, specialist evaluation)
- Reason the study is being requested (e.g., further evaluation, rule out a disorder)

# Clinical Specialty Team Review

# **Automated Timeliness Routing**

#### Clinical Specialization Pods Overseen by a Medical Director

**Advanced Imaging** 



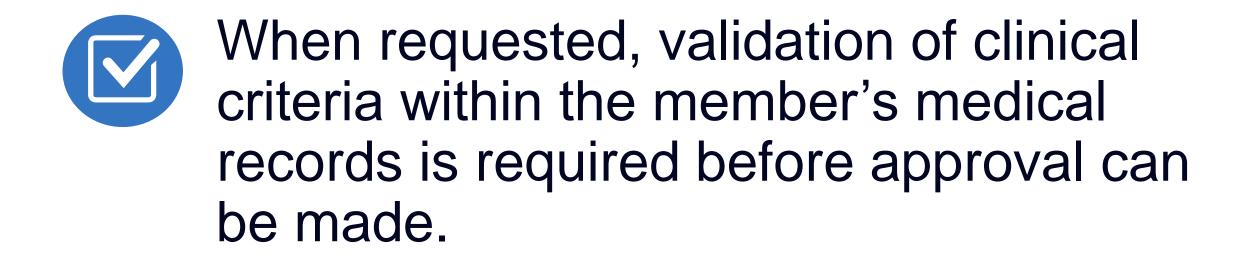
#### **Physician Review Team**

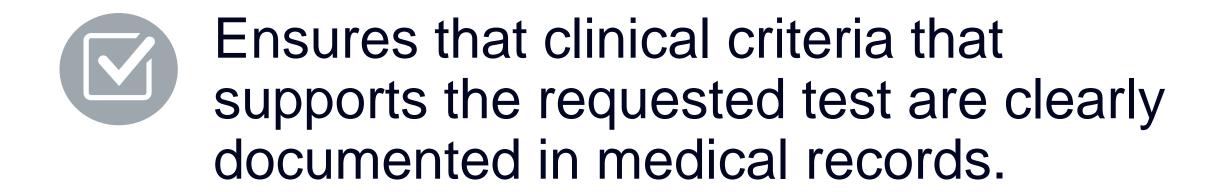
Physician Panel of Board-Certified Physician Specialists with ability to meet any State licensure requirements

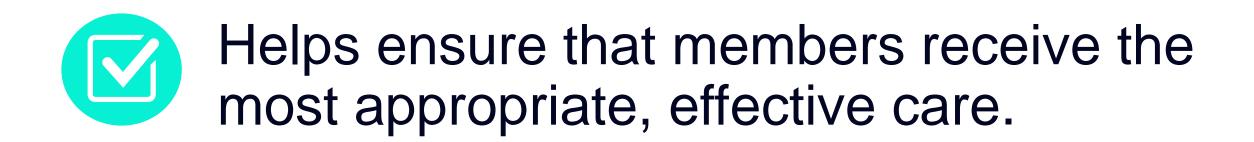
Physician clinical reviewers conduct peer reviews on specialty products (interventional pain management, surgery, sleep management and genetic testing)

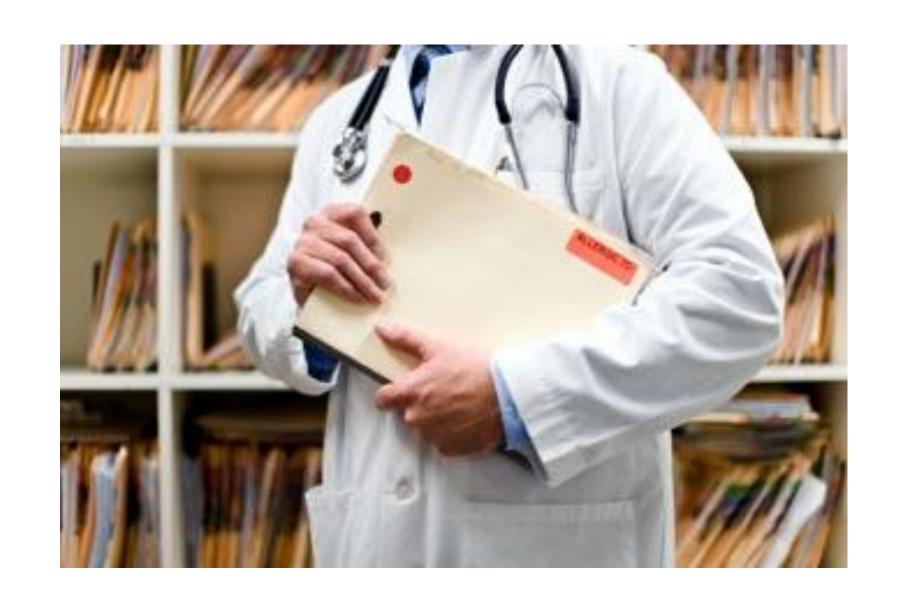
## Document Review











# Evolent to Ordering Physician: Request for Additional Clinical Information

CC TRACKING NUMBER

FAXC



#### ABDOMEN - PELVIS CT PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: 1-800-784-6864

Date: TODAY

ORDERING PHYSICIAN:	REQ_PROVIDER						
FAX NUMBER:	FAX_RECIP_PHONE	TRACKING NUMBER:	CC_TRACKING_NUMBER				
RE:	Authorization Request	MEMBER ID:	MEMBER_ID				
PATIENT NAME:	MEMBER_NAME						
HEALTH PLAN:	HEALTH_PLAN_DESC						
We have received your request for Abdomen - Pelvis CT. As we are unable to approve based on the information provided							
to date, please respond to this fax as soon as possible.							

Study Requested was: Abdomen - Pelvis CT For documentation <u>ALWAYS PROVIDE</u>:

- The most recent office visit note
- 2. Any office visit note since initial presentation of the complaint/problem requiring imaging
- Any supporting documentation such as diagnostic or imaging reports that corroborate abnormalities
  or the requirement for follow-up imaging

Further specifics and examples are listed below:

FAX QUESTIONS ADDL

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a) Abdominal pain evaluation:

Provide details regarding history of abdominal pain (history- onset, trauma mechanism, if relevant, effect on/change w/ bowel or urinary habits, relevant past medical history- bowel disease or surgery, etc; examination, including pelvic/rectal examinations; diagnostic work-up- submit reports demonstrating abnormalities; prior treatment/consultation, if any).

b) Abnormal finding on examination, imaging or laboratory test:

Provide the office visit note(s) or lab/imaging report that documents the abnormality found and any needed explanation of the relevance to the request for abdomen/pelvis CT imaging

Suspicion of cancer:

Provide the office visit/consultation notes indicating rationale for suspicion of cancer, along with relevant examination, diagnostic/imaging reports indicating the relevance of an imaging test in further evaluation of a possible malignancy

d) History of cancer

Provide the office visit note describing the current symptoms or issue and the history; report of the biopsy and/or relevant treatment reports that will document the cell type of the cancer and treatment to date.

e) Pre-operative evaluation:

Provide the office visit note/consultation by the surgical specialist indicating the operation planned and indications. It is usually expected that planned pre-operative evaluation will be ordered by the surgeon in conjunction with surgical scheduling so that the two coincide within a four week/30 day period.

f) Post-operative evaluation:

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FAXC



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.

# Alert on RadMD when additional clinical documentation is needed

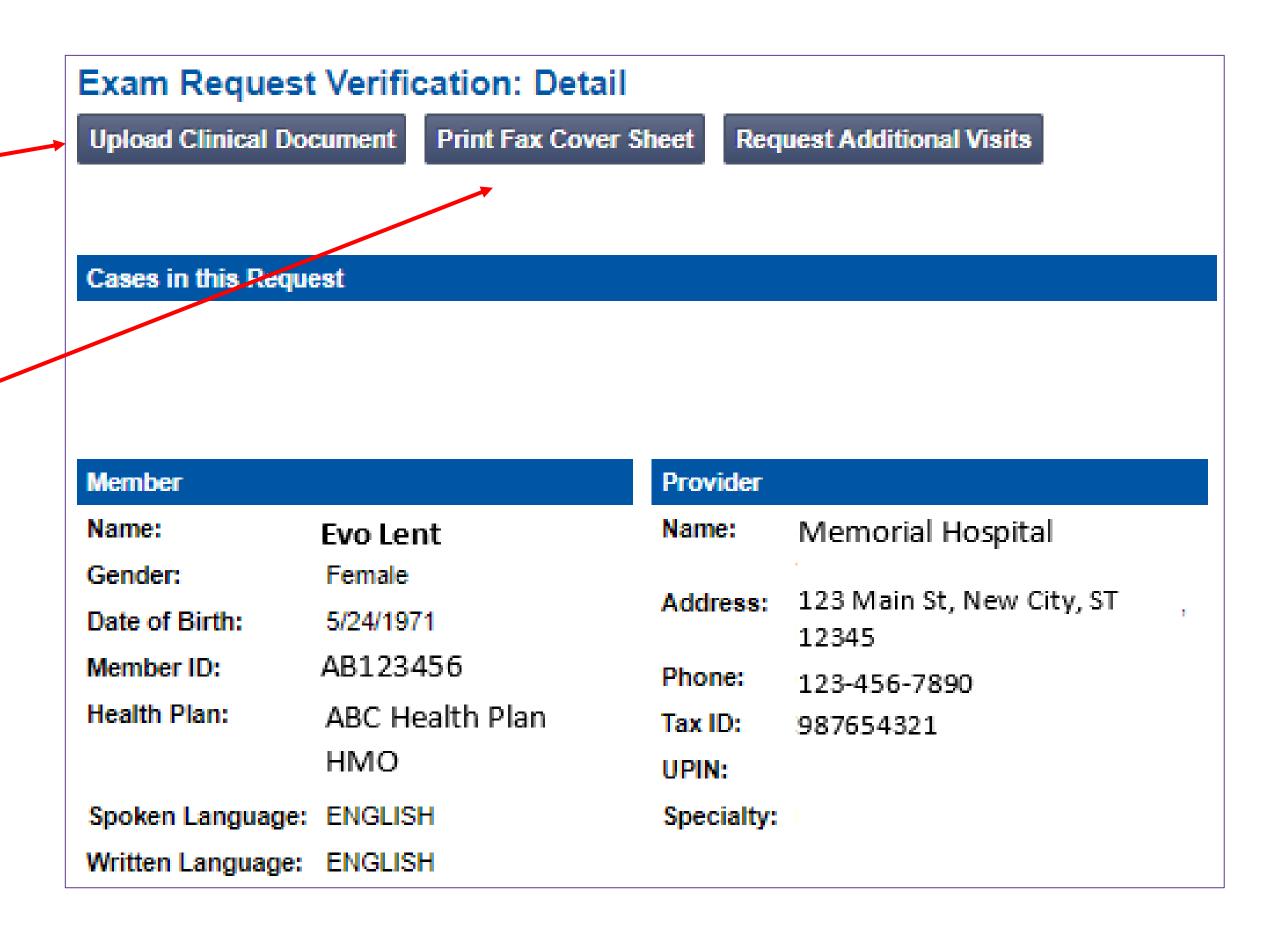
Our reviewers are able to post notifications on RadMD when additional documentation is needed. The message will disappear when the documentation is submitted.

Date Requested 04/13/2022 04/13/2022	Requested Information  Most recent results pertaining to Response to conservative therapy  Most recent treatment pertaining to Laboratory evidence suggesting diagnosis (e.g., bloodwork, urine studies)						
ase							
Case Description:	Lumbar Spine MRI	Request ID: 111ABC2589	Date of Service:	Not Available Change			
		Tracking: 456456456		Expedited:	No		
Request Date:	05/03/2022 09:35 AM	Status:	In Review	CPT4:	74150 Billable Codes		
Entry Method:	RadMD	<b>Validity Dates:</b>	[Not Applicable]	Clinical Rcvd:	[none]		
CD10:	Z82.71 Update ICD10	Contact Name:	Lori Fink				

Now users will see the specific information requested when clinicians send an additional information needed fax on a pending request. As soon as the providers upload the information, the display will go away.

# Submitting Additional Clinical Information

- Records may be submitted:
  - Upload to <u>RadMD.com</u>.
  - Fax using Evolent coversheet
- Location of Fax Coversheets:
  - Can be printed from RadMD.com
  - Call 1-800-327-0635
- Use the case specific fax coversheets when faxing clinical information to Evolent



# Clinical Review Process

#### Physicians' Office Contacts Evolent for Prior Authorization







Key Evolent

**Differentiators** 



# **Evolent 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 Team interacts with Provider Community.

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System Evaluates Request Based on Information Entered by Physician & Physician Profile

- Clinical information complete Procedure Approved
- Additional clinical information required Pends for clinical validation of medical records

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#### **Evolent Specialty Physician Reviewers**

 Evolent Physician approves case <u>without</u> peer-topeer



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

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

Generally, the turnaround time for completion of these requests is within 2 business days upon receipt of sufficient clinical information

# Evolent Urgent/Expedited Authorization Process

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- If an urgent clinical situation exists (outside of a hospital emergency department) during business hours, please call Evolent immediately.
- The Evolent website <u>RadMD.com</u> cannot be used for medically urgent or expedited prior authorization requests during business hours. Those requests must be processed by calling the Evolent call center at 1-800-327-0635.
- Turnaround time is within 1 Business day not to exceed 72 Calendar Hours.

# Notification of Determination

#### **Authorization Notification**

- Validity Period Authorizations are valid for:
  - 60 business days from the date of request

#### **Denial Notification**

- Notifications will include an explanation of what services have been denied and the clinical rationale for the denial
- A peer-to-peer discussion can be initiated once the adverse determination has been made.
- A re-review is available with new or additional information.
- Timeframe for re-review is 5 business days.
- In the event of a denial, providers are asked to follow the appeal instructions provided in their denial letter.

# Claims and Appeals

# How Claims Should be Submitted

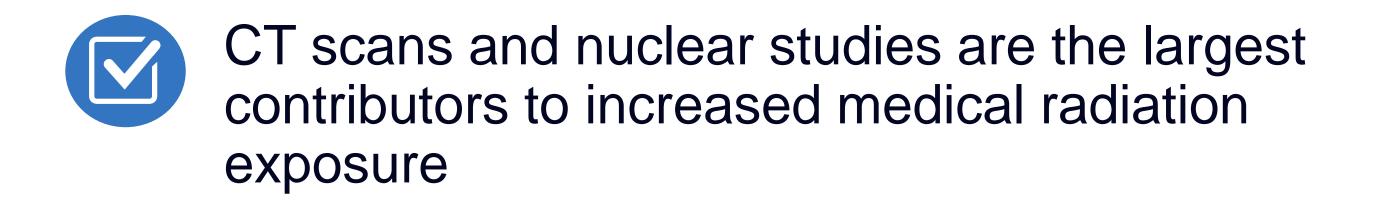
- Rendering providers/Imaging providers should continue to send their claims directly to Trillium Health Resources.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to use EDI claims submission.
- Check on claims status by logging on to the Trillium Health Resources website at <a href="https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/">https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/</a>

#### **Claims Appeals Process**

- In the event of a prior authorization or claims payment denial, providers may appeal the decision through Trillium Health Resources.
- Providers should follow the instructions on their nonauthorization letter or Explanation of Payment (EOP) notification.

# Radiation Safety and Awareness





According to the 2019 NCRP Report, a dramatic decrease in average radiation dose per person by as much as 15 – 20% has been demonstrated due to radiation safety and technological advances.



Evolent has developed a Radiation Awareness Program designed to create member and physician awareness of radiation concerns

## **Provider Tools**



#### **RadMD Website**

RadMD.com

#### **Available**



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



#### **Toll-Free Number**

1-800-327-0635

#### **Available**

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET

- 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

## Evolent's Website

#### RadMD.com

#### RadMD Functionality varies by user:

- Ordering Provider's Office View and submit requests for authorization.
- Rendering Provider Views approved, pended and in review authorizations for their facility. Ability to submit outpatient imaging requests on behalf of ordering provider.

# Online Tools Accessed through RadMD.com:

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



# Registering on RadMD.com To Initiate Authorizations

Everyone in your organization is required to have their own separate username and password 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. Fill out the application and click the "Submit" button.
  - You must include your e-mail address in order for our Webmaster to respond to you with your Evolent-approved username and password.

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Offices that will be both ordering and rendering should request ordering provider access, this will allow your office to request authorizations on RadMD and see the status of those authorization requests.



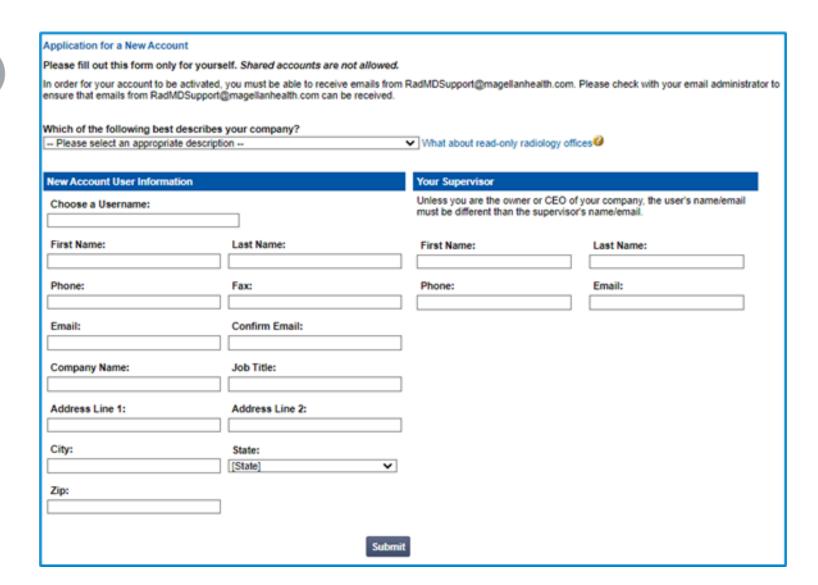
- -- Please Select an Appropriate Description --
- Physician's office that orders procedures

  Facility/office where procedures are performed

  Health Insurance company

  Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures

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.)



# Allows Users the ability to view all approved, pended and in review authorizations for facility

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Everyone in your organization is required to have their own separate username and password due to HIPAA regulations.
- Designate an "Administrator" for the facility who manages the access for the entire facility.

#### STEPS:

- 1. Click the "New User" button on the right side of the home page.
- 2. Select "Facility/office where procedures are performed"
- 3. Fill out the application and click the "Submit" button.
  - You must include your e-mail address in order for our Webmaster to respond to you with your Evolentapproved username and password.
- 4. New users will be granted immediate access.

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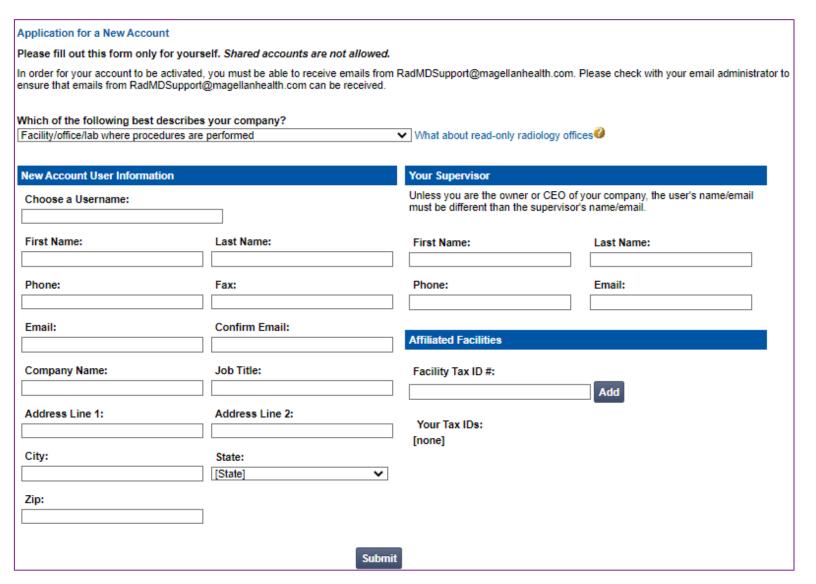
If you have multiple staff members entering authorizations and you want each person to be able to see all approved, pended and in review authorizations, they will need to register for a rendering username and password. Each user will need to complete an application on RadMD. This will allow users to see all approved, pended and in review authorizations under your Tax ID Number. Rendering access will also allow facility to submit outpatient imaging requests on behalf of ordering provider.



-- Please Select an Appropriate Description -Physician's office that orders procedures

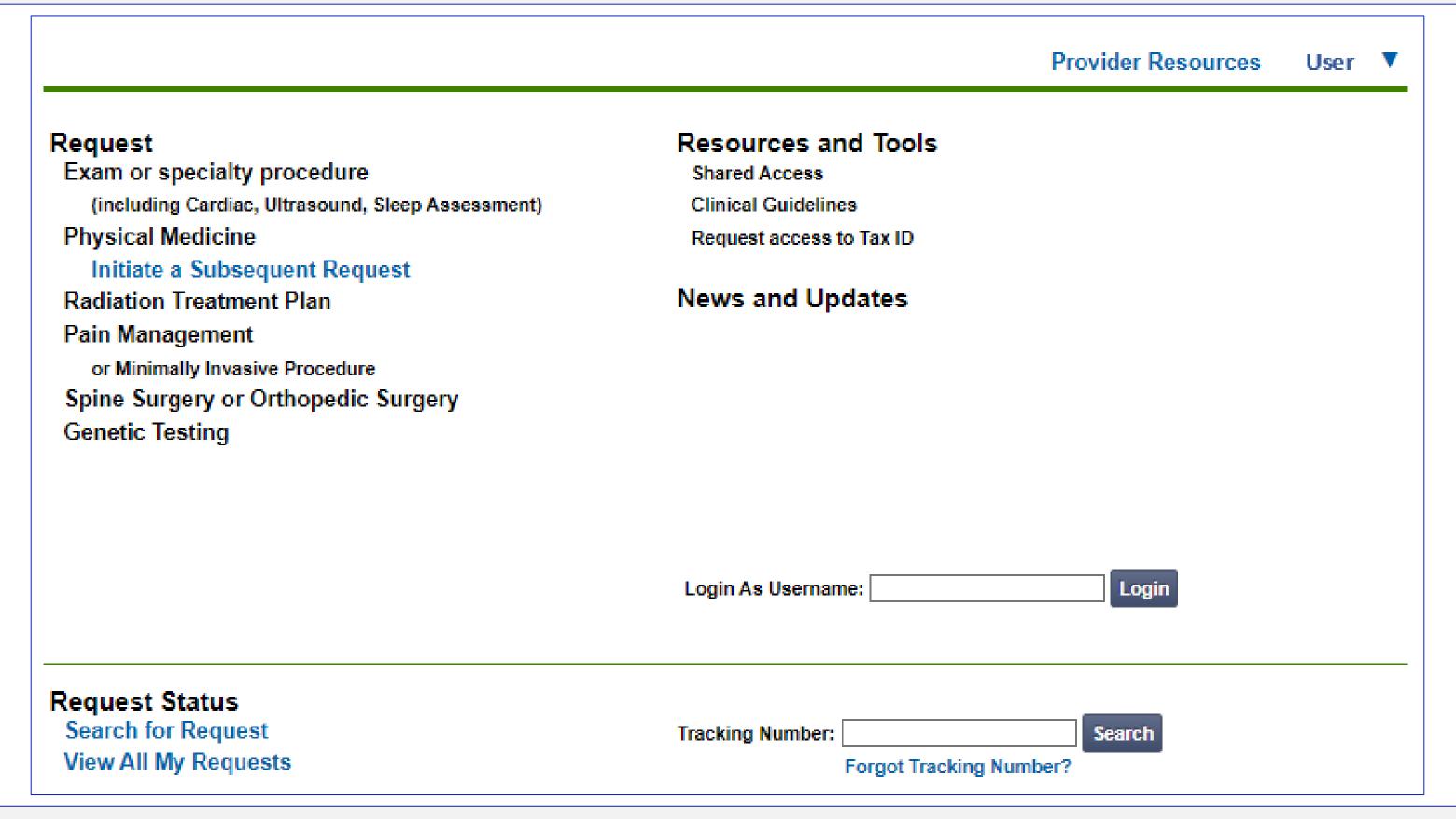
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## RadMD Enhancements

Evolent 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.

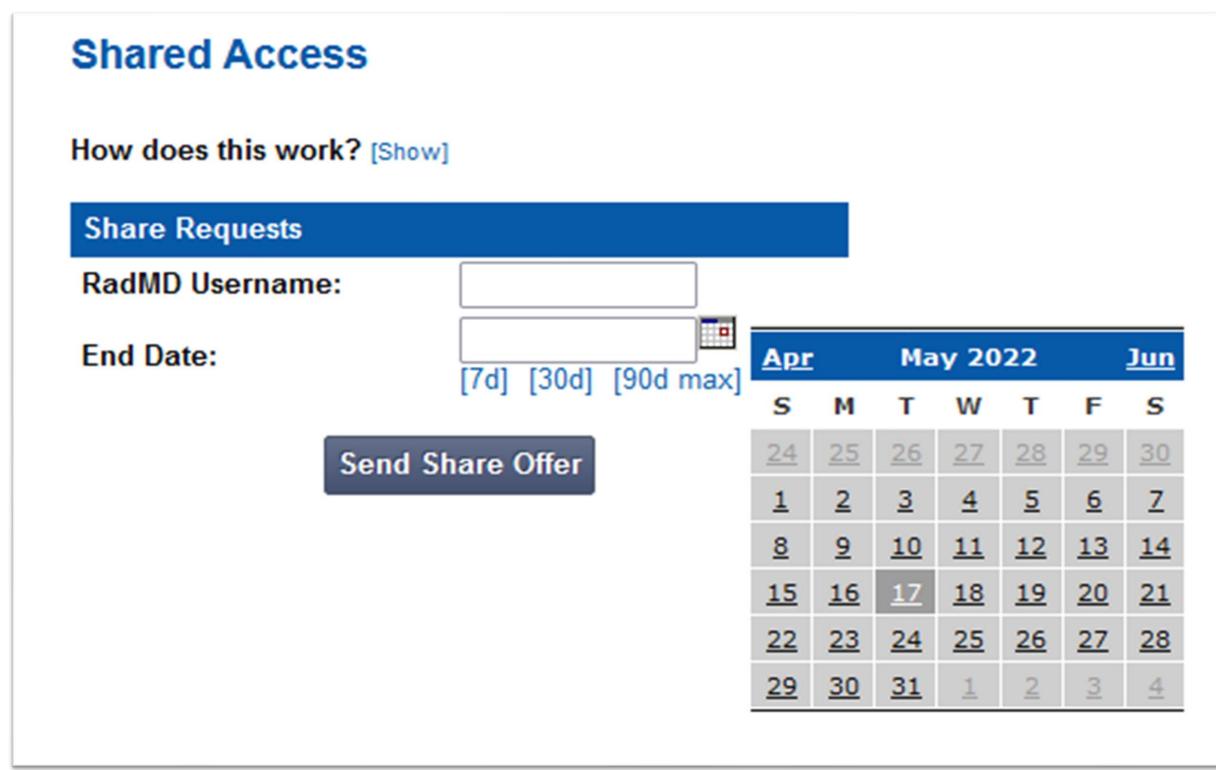


If practice staff is unavailable for a period of time, access can be shared with other users in the practice. They will be able to view and manage the authorization requests initiated on <a href="RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a>, allowing them to communicate with members and facilitate treatment.

#### Benefits of Shared Access

From the main menu select Shared





- Assist providers and staff in viewing authorization requests initiated by other RadMD users within a practice via the "Shared Access" feature
- All that is needed is the username.
   The user 's password is not needed.
   Use the calendar to identify the number of days or select quick picks,
   (Timeframe must be between 1-90 days) and you may extend the Shared Access if more time is required
- Search for shared and your authorization requests by member name, member ID, request ID, tracking number or request date

# When to Contact Evolent

#### Providers:

Initiating or checking
the status of an
authorization request

Initiating a Peerto-Peer Consultation

Provider Service Line

Provider Education requests or questions specific to Evolent

- Website, <u>RadMD.com</u>
- Toll-free number 1-800-327-0635 Interactive
   Voice Response (IVR) System

Call 1-800-327-0635

- RadMDSupport@evolent.com
- Call 1-800-327-0641

Priscilla W. Singleton
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# Thanks!



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