

# AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia Medical Specialty Solutions Program

Provider Training

### Evolent Program Agenda

#### Our Medical Specialty Solutions Program



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

### **Evolent**

Connecting Our Brands is About Connecting Care



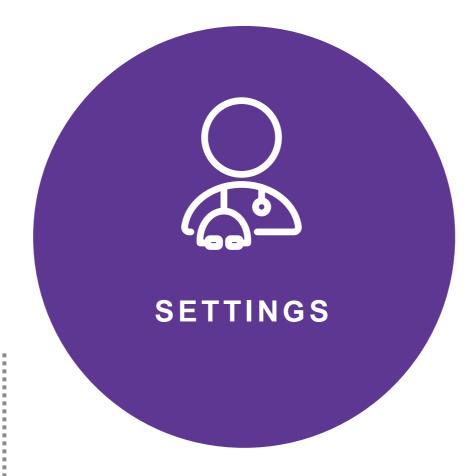
### Medical Specialty Solutions Prior Authorization Program



AmeriHealth Caritas
 District of Columbia will
 begin a prior
 authorization program
 through Evolent for the
 management of Medical
 Specialty Solutions
 Services.



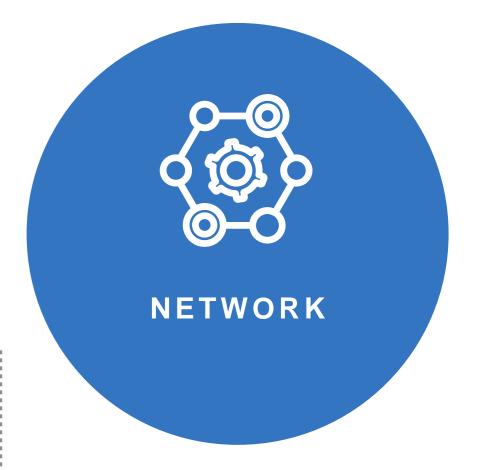
Program start date:
 September 24, 2012



- Office
- Outpatient Hospital



Medicaid



 Evolent will manage services through AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia's contractual relationships.

### Medical Specialty Solutions

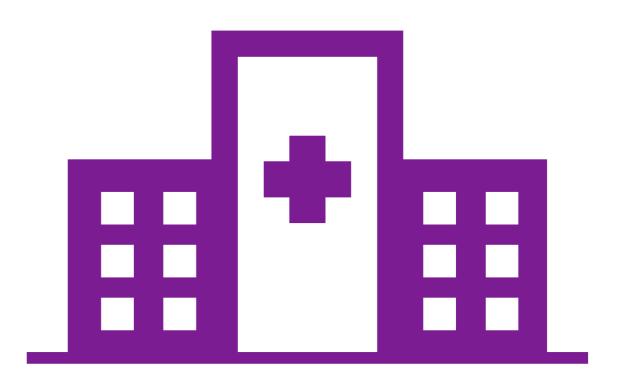
Medical Specialty Solutions Procedures Performed Outpatient

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

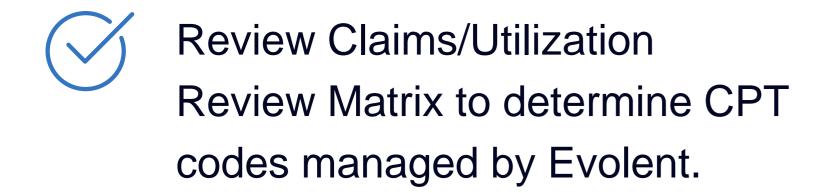
### Exclusions

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



# CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Medical Specialty Solutions Example)



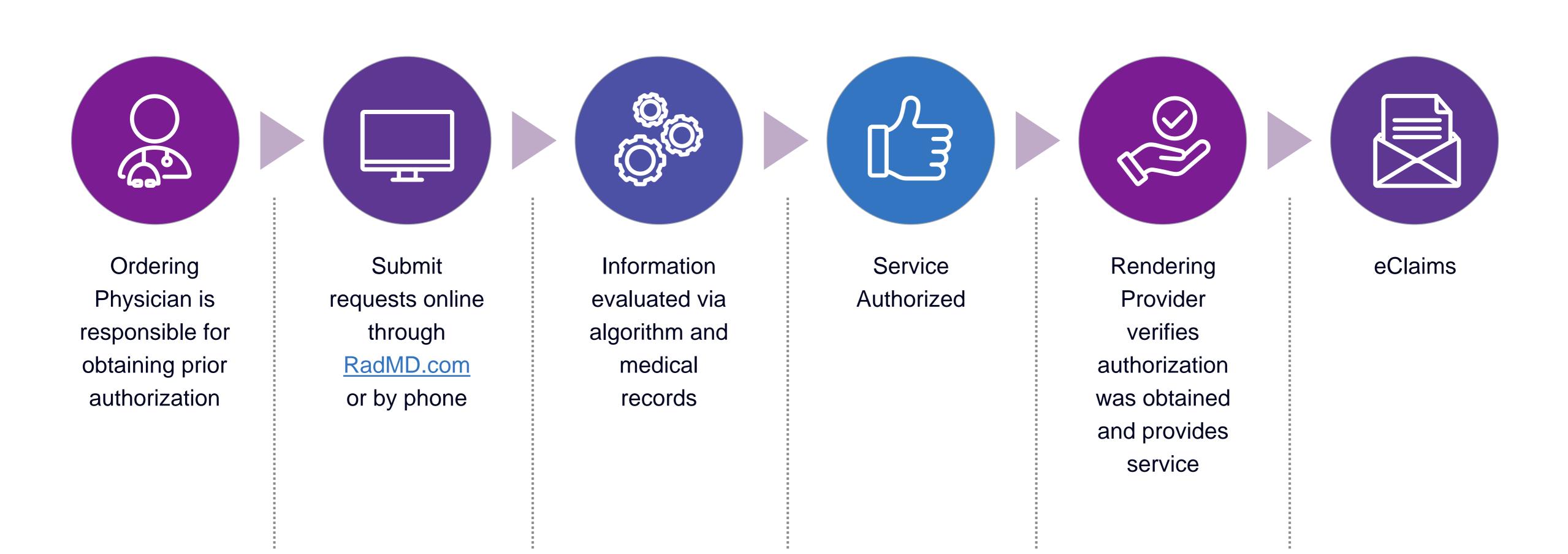




Defer to AmeriHealth Caritas
District of Columbia's Policies for
Procedures not on
Claims/Utilization Review Matrix.

| MEDICAL SPECIALTY SOLUTIONS PROCEDURES |                  |                                    |  |  |
|--|------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Procedure Name                         | Primary CPT Code | Allowable Billed Groupings         |  |  |
| MRI Temporomandibular Joint            | 70336            | 70336                              |  |  |
| CT Head/Brain                          | 70450            | 70450, 70460, 70470, +0722T        |  |  |
| CT Orbit                               | 70480            | 70480, 70481, 70482, +0722T        |  |  |
| CT Maxillofacial/Sinus                 | 70486            | 70486, 70487, 70488, 76380, +0722T |  |  |
| CT Soft Tissue Neck                    | 70490            | 70490, 70491, 70492, +0722T        |  |  |

### Prior Authorization Process Overview



### Evolent's Clinical Foundation & Review

Clinical guidelines are the foundation Clinical Algorithms collect pertinent information Fax/Upload Clinical Information (upon request) Clinical Review by Evolent's **Specialty Clinicians** Peer-to-Peer Discussion

- Clinical guidelines were developed by practicing specialty physicians, through literature reviews and evidenced-based research. Guidelines are reviewed and mutually approved by AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia and Evolent Medical Officers and clinical experts. Clinical Guidelines are available on <a href="RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a>
- 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.
- Evolent has specialized clinical teams.
- 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 Medical Specialty Solutions

**Special Information** 

- Ordering physician information, member information, rendering provider information, and requested examination.
- Clinical information that will justify examination, symptoms and their duration, and physical exam findings.
- Preliminary procedures already completed (i.e., x-rays, CT's, lab work, ultrasound reports, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist, specialist evaluation.
- Reason the study is being requested (i.e., further evaluation, rule out a disorder).
- Refer to Prior Authorization Checklists on RadMD for more specific information.

### Evolent 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.

#### 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<br>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 ALWAYS PROVIDE:

- 1. 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

#### c) 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) <u>History of cancer:</u>

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) <u>Pre-operative evaluation</u>:

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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### Submitting Additional Clinical Information



Records may be submitted:

- Upload to <u>RadMD.com</u>
- Fax using Evolent coversheet

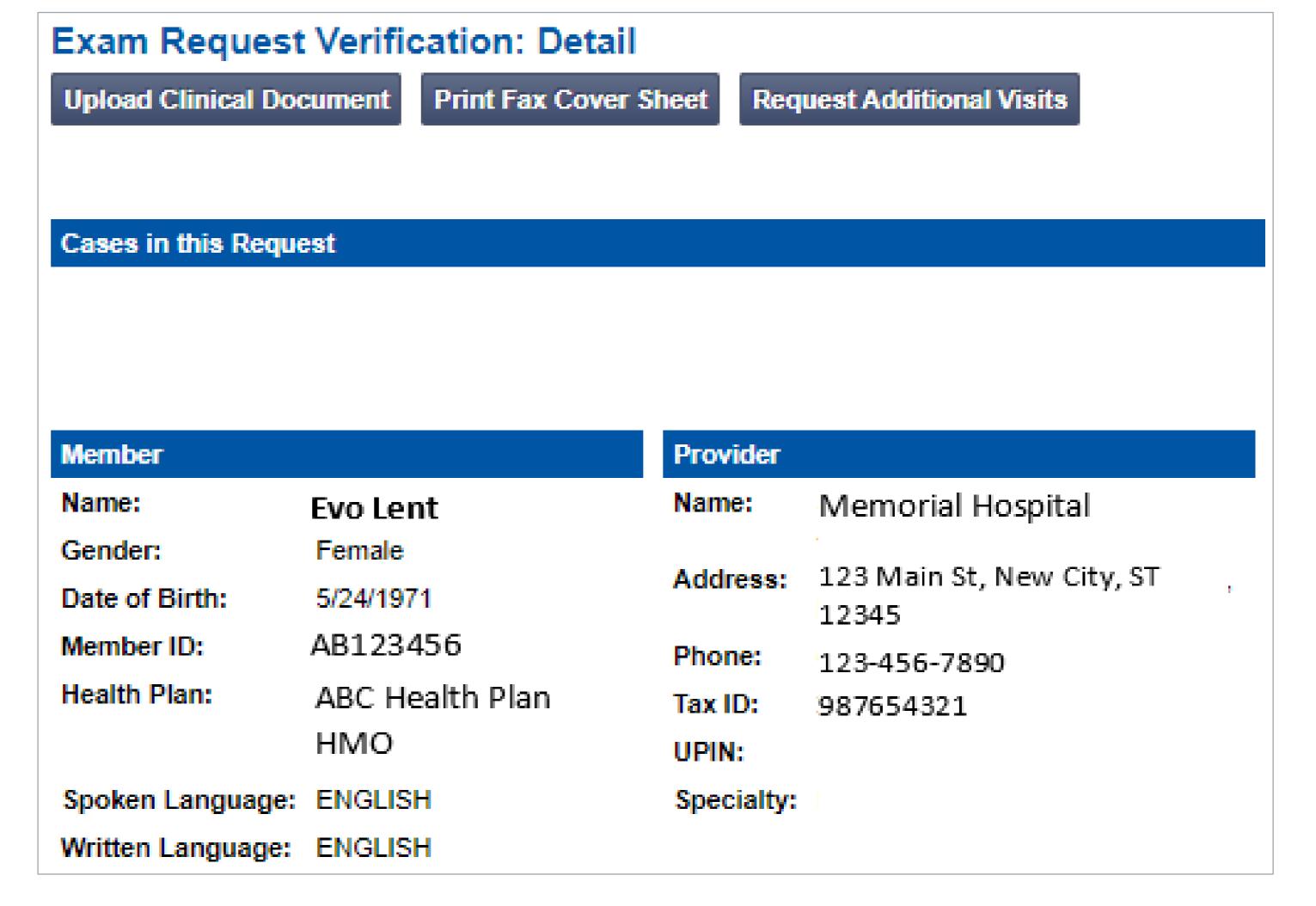


Location of Fax Coversheets:

- Can be printed from RadMD.com
- Call 1-877-517-9177



Use the case specific fax coversheet when faxing clinical information to Evolent



### Clinical Specialty Team



Clinical Specialization Pods Overseen by Medical Director

Physician Review Team consists of Physician Panel of Board-Certified Physician Specialists to meet State licensure requirements

Physician clinical reviewers conduct peer reviews on specialty products

### Clinical Review Process

✓ Key Evolent differentiator

**Evolent Initial Clinical Specialty Team Review**  Additional clinical information submitted and reviewed – Procedure Approved Physicians' Office Additional clinical not complete or **Contacts Evolent for** inconclusive – Escalate to Physician Review **Prior Authorization** ✓ Designated & Specialized Clinical Team ✓ RadMD interacts with Provider Community ✓ Telephone **Request Evaluated Evolent Specialty Physician Reviewers Based on Information** • Evolent Physician approves case without peer-to-peer **Entered** ✓ Peer-to-peer outbound attempt made if case is not Additional clinical approvable information required Evolent Physician approves case with peer-to-peer Ordering Physician withdraws case during peer-to-peer Physician denies case based on medical criteria Generally, the turnaround time for completion of these **LEGEND** 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 Evolent immediately.
- The Evolent website RadMD.com 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 1-877-517-9177.
- Turnaround time is within 1 business day not to exceed 72 business calendar hours.

### Authorization Validity Period

- Authorizations are valid for :
  - 365 calendar days from date of request

### 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 may be available with new or additional information.
- Re-review must occur within 5 business days from the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
- In the event of a denial, providers are asked to follow the instructions provided in their denial letter.

### Claims and Appeals

#### **Claims Process:**

- Providers should continue to submit their claims to AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to use EDI claims submission.
- Check on claims status by logging on to AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia website at amerihealthcaritasdc.com

#### **Appeals Process:**

- In the event of a prior authorization or claims payment denial, providers may appeal the decision through AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia.
- Providers should follow the instructions on their non-authorization letter or Explanation of Payment (EOP) notification.

### Radiation Safety and Awareness



Studies suggest a significant increase in cancer in dose estimates in excess of 50 mSv.

1mSv = 4 months of natural exposure/50 chest x-rays



CT scans and nuclear studies are the largest contributors to increased medical radiation exposure.



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

- 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



Available 24/7



1-877-517-9177

Available Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM EST

### **Evolent Website**

#### 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.

#### Online Tools Available on RadMD

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



### RadMD New User Application Process - Ordering

#### STEPS

- 1. Click the "New User" button on the right side of the home page. NOTE: On subsequent visits to RadMD, click the "Sign In" button to proceed.
- 2. Under the Appropriate Description dropdown select "Physician's office that orders procedures".
- 3. Complete the application and click "Submit".
- 4. Open email from Evolent webmaster with new user password instructions.

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Users are required to have their own separate username and password due to HIPAA regulations.
- 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.)

> our account to be activated, you must be able to receive emails from RadMDSupport@magellanhealth.com. Please check with your email administrator to What about read-only radiology offices Unless you are the owner or CEO of your company, the user's name/email First Name: Last Name First Name Last Name: Fax: Confirm Email: Company Name: Job Title: Address Line 1: Address Line 2:

# RadMD New User Application Process - Rendering

#### STEPS

- 1. Click the "New User" button on the right side of the home page.

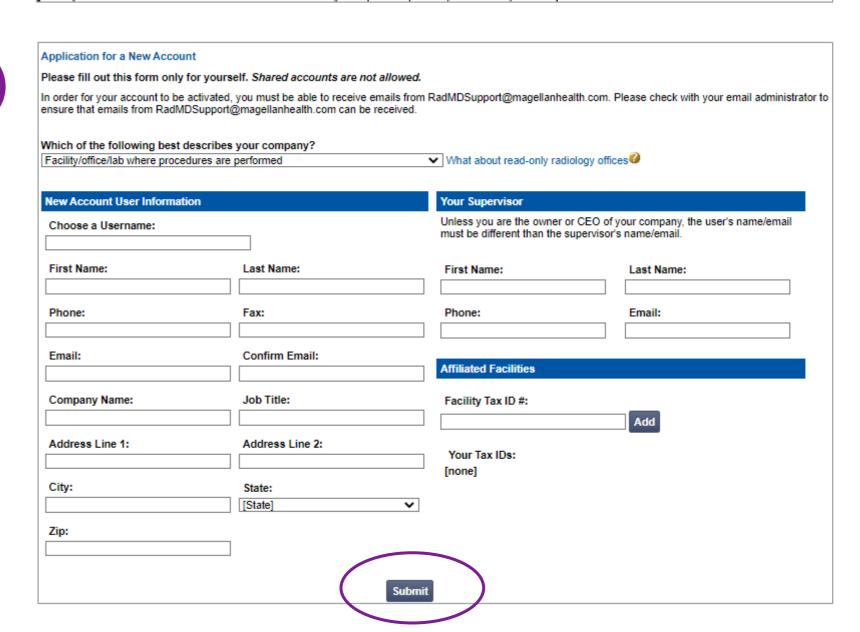
  NOTE: On subsequent visits to RadMD, click the "Sign In" button to proceed.
- 2. Under the Appropriate Description dropdown select "Facility/office where procedures are performed".
- 3. Complete the application and click "Submit".
- 4. Open email from Evolent webmaster with new user password instructions.

#### **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.
- 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.



-- 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.)



### Shared Access

Evolent offers a Shared Access feature on our RadMD.com 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.



### When to Contact Evolent

Initiating or checking the status of an authorization request

- Website: RadMD.com
- 1-877-517-9177

Initiating a Peer-to-Peer Consultation

• 1-877-517-9177

**Provider Service Line** 

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

Provider Education requests or questions specific to Evolent

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### RadMD Demonstration



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