



January 1, 2025

Dear Provider,

Wellcare (Medicare - Iowa) has partnered with Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc., and New Century Health), to implement a new prior authorization program. Evolent's Cardiology Solutions program is intended to help providers effectively deliver quality patient care.

Effective January 1, 2025, interventional cardiovascular procedures and services will require prior authorization through Evolent prior to being rendered in a provider office, outpatient hospital, ambulatory, or inpatient setting (planned professional services only).

Evolent uses clinical criteria based on nationally recognized guidelines to promote evidence-based practices. Providers may begin contacting Evolent on January 1, 2025, to seek prior authorization for procedures scheduled on or after January 1, 2025.

The Evolent programs will apply to all specialties for the following non-emergent cardiovascular services:

Interventional Cardiology Services – members 17 years of age and older - submitted using CarePro my.newcenturyhealth.com 24 hours, 7 days per week or 1.888.999.7713, cardiology (option 1) Monday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm CST:

- Cardiac catheterization and intervention
- Electrophysiology
- Vascular radiology and intervention
- Cardiac surgery
- Vascular surgery

Training Sessions:


- December 4, 2024 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am CT
- December 5, 2024 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm CT


Practices interested in joining one or more of the sessions indicated above can reach out to Providertraining@evolent.com.

Diagnostic Cardiology services – members of all ages - submitted through RadMD.com 24 hours, 7 days per week or 1-800-424-5388 Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm CST

- MUGA Scan
- Nuclear Stress Test
- Echocardiography

Training Sessions:

 December 5, 2024 – 12 pm CT
<https://zoom.us/j/97835986192?pwd=AmPc3WOg7BulqgGr67UgPkJ4AbfObF.1>
Meeting ID: 978 3598 6192
Passcode: 920211

 December 11, 2024 – 8 am CT
<https://zoom.us/j/93927537590?pwd=IAr0AgeYBKnM4oaVNk8K315LZEN1LH.1>
Meeting ID: 939 2753 7590
Passcode: 008586

 January 7, 2025 – 12 pm CT
<https://zoom.us/j/93547740657?pwd=vKO4TmFVJzw3XuFiZvxU8Yxo3WN1eH.1>
Meeting ID: 935 4774 0657
Passcode: 388560

Wellcare approvals issued before January 1, 2025, are effective until the authorization end date. Upon expiration, authorization requests must be submitted to Evolent. For services/treatment that did not require an authorization prior to January 1, 2025, an authorization may be required from Evolent for service/treatment dates on and after January 1, 2025.

Wellcare is proud to be your healthcare partner. If you frequently request interventional cardiology services and are new to this process, Evolent representatives will contact you soon to schedule an introductory meeting and in-service training.

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. If you have questions about the Evolent cardiology solutions program, please email providertraining@evolent.com or call 1.888.999.7713, (option 6).

We look forward to offering you this program and hope it will enhance your experience with cardiology service authorizations.