

Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina Radiation Oncology Program

Provider Training



Evolent Program Agenda

Our Radiation Oncology Program

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

Evolent

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Radiation Oncology Prior Authorization Program



 Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina will begin a prior authorization program through Evolent for the management of Radiation Oncology Services.



Program start date:
 January 1, 2015

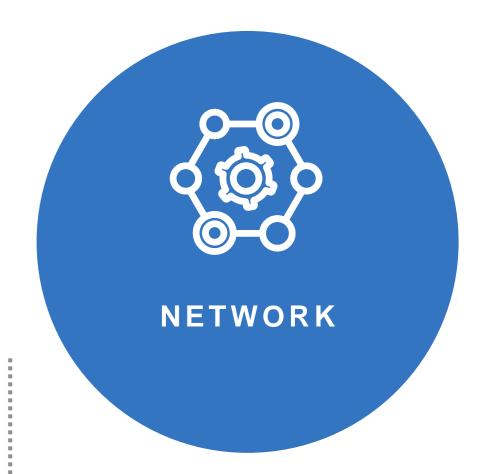


- Breast
- Colon/Rectal
- Lung
- Prostrate
- Brain/Spine
- Bone
- Metastatic
- Head/Neck
- Other Cancers

· Outpatient setting



- Exchange Programs
- Commercial Programs



 Evolent will manage services through Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina's contractual relationships.

Radiation Oncology Program

Program Focus:

Appropriate Use:

- Based on national clinical guidelines
- Manage the appropriate use of modalities and ensure radiation treatment is delivered safely and does not exceed optimal fractions (dose).

Clinical Provider Variation:

Minimize clinical/provider variation through prior authorization process.

Billing/Coding:

Ensure appropriate billing and coding activities throughout the patient's course of radiation therapy.

Radiation Oncology Program

Radiation Therapy Modalities:

- Brachytherapy (Low-dose rate (LDR), High-dose rate (HDR) and Electronic
- 2D conventional radiation therapy (2D)
- 3D conformal radiation therapy (3D-CRT)
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
- Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SRS and SBRT)
- Proton beam radiation therapy (PBT)
- Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (IORT)
- Neutron Beam
- Hyperthermia

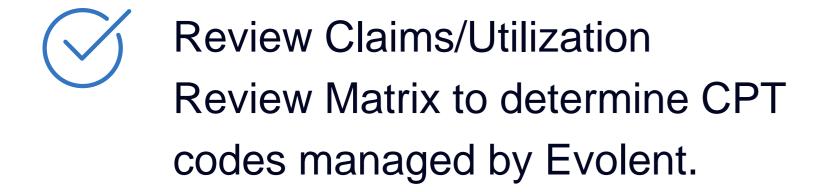
Radiation Oncology Program

Radiation Therapy Treatment Plans:*

- Planning
- Physics
- Simulation
- Management
- Devices
- Delivery
- Dosimetry
- Guidance
- Isodose
- Port

^{*} Treatment Plans for all Radiation Therapies delivered

CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Radiation Oncology Example)



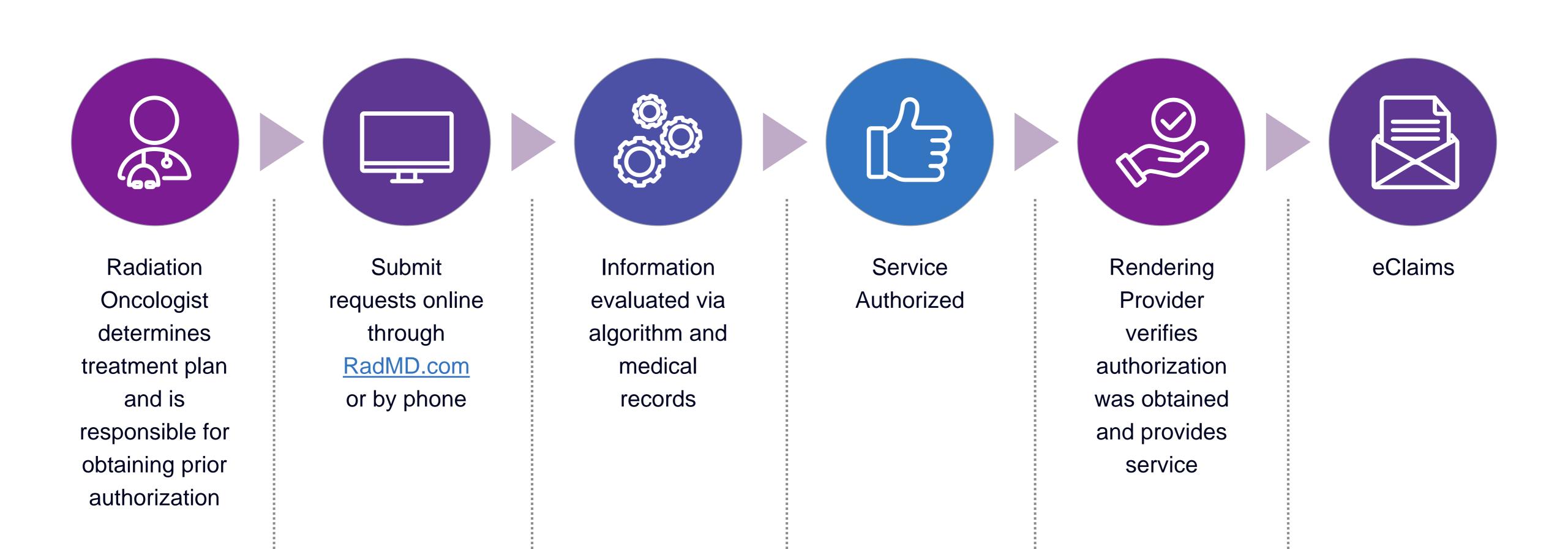




Defer to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina's Policies for Procedures not on Claims/Utilization Review Matrix.

RADIATION ONCOLOGY SERVICES					
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings			
Treatment Deliveries - Gamma Knife	77371	77371			
Treatment Deliveries – Stereotactic Radiation Therapy	77372	77372, 77373, G0339, G0340			
Treatment Deliveries - Stereotactic Radiation Therapy	77373	77372, 77373, G0339, G0340			
Treatment Deliveries - IMRT - Simple	77385	77385, 77386, G6015, G6016			
Treatment Deliveries - IMRT - Complex	77386	77385, 77386, G6015, G6016			

Prior Authorization Process Overview



Evolent's Clinical Foundation & Review

Clinical guidelines are the foundation



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 and standards of care. Guidelines are reviewed and mutually approved by Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina and Evolent 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.
- Evolent has a specialized clinical team of Radiation Oncologists.
- 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.

When to Submit Prior Authorization Requests

- Perform treatment planning (Treatment plan and initial set up simulation and guidance).
- Prior authorization requests should be submitted to Evolent after the treatment plan is completed.
- Submit authorization request ASAP following set up simulation to avoid delay in claims processing.
- Submit authorization either through Evolent's website <u>RadMD.com</u> (preferred method) or by calling Evolent at 1-866-500-7664.
- Treatment devices and dosimetry calculations
- Treatment delivery and management for all radiation therapies delivered or treatment modality and number of treatment/fractions

Authorization for Radiation Oncology

Special Information

- Member, radiation oncologist, and treatment facility information required.
- Complete the Radiation Therapy Treatment Plan Checklist to ensure you have all information needed to complete request.
- Identify treatment planning/anticipated treatment planning start date.
- Disease site being treated.
- Patient's clinical presentation:
 - Stage
 - Treatment Intent
 - Disease-specific clinical information
- Requested Radiation Therapy Modality (initial and/or boost stages)
 - Total dose
 - Fractions
 - Guidance (IGRT, Port Films)
 - Brachytherapy insertions and fractions
- Additional information needed depends on the cancer site and treatment modality.

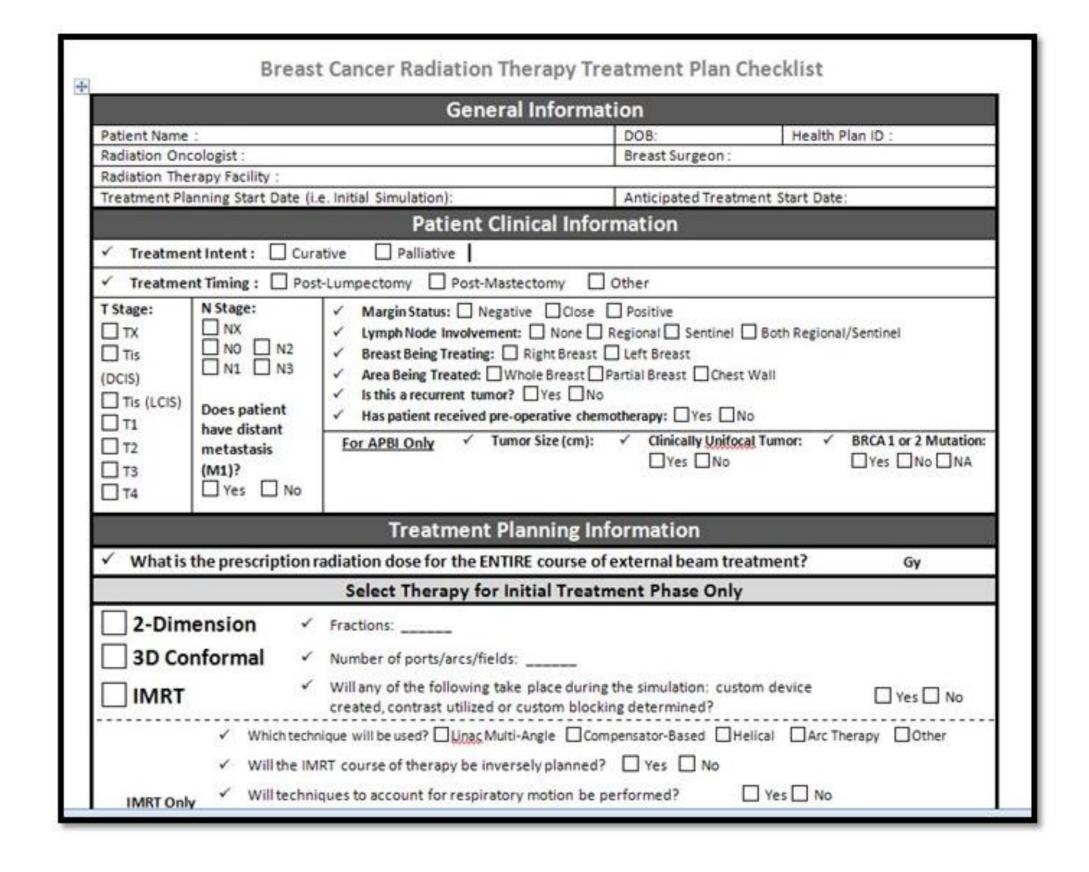
Intake Process Supported by Cancer-specific Checklists



Cancer-specific checklists provide an efficient "roadmap" for use by radiation oncologist office staff to collect patient's treatment plan information required for the prior authorization request.



Checklists are available on RadMD.com



Evolent to Radiation Oncologist: Request for Clinical Information



A fax is sent to the radiation oncologist detailing what clinical information 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.

[Tracking Number]

FAXC

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

Date: [Date of Fax]

ORDERING PHYSICIAN:	(Requesting Provi	der Name)	
FAX NUMBER: [Recipient Fax	x Number]	TRACKING NUMBER:	[Tracking Number]
RE: Authorization Request	MEMBER ID:	[Member ID]	
PATIENT NAME: [Member	Name]		
HEALTH PLAN: [Name of H	lealth Plan]		
We have received your request f	or [service]. We a	re unable to approve based of	on the information provided to date, please
respond to this fax as soon as po	ssible.		

URGENT: REPLY REQUIRED FOR CASE REVIEW Request for Additional Clinical Information

We have received your request for [service] along with some clinical information. However, additional information is needed in the form of clinical records which support the medical necessity of these services to make a determination on this case.

[Requested clinical information]

The ordering physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorizations and for submitting the clinical records if requested. Please respond as soon as possible with the clinical information identified above.

Receipt of written records is required in order to process your request. Once this information has been received, the case will be reviewed by a clinician, and you will be notified of the determination. The ordering provider may call to have a peer to peer discussion.

Submitting a prior authorization request on RadMD is fast and efficient!

Our provider portal, RadMD, is the easiest way to request authorizations, upload documents, access clinical guidelines and much more! To get started, visit www.RadMD.com, select New User and submit an Application for New Account.

To initiate a peer-to-peer discussion, please sign in at www.RadMD.com, click "Provider Resources" and "Health Plan Call Center Authorization Phone Numbers" for the appropriate Health Plan-specific phone number.

All information supplied is considered part of the member's utilization review record and will be kept strictly confidential in accordance with HIPAA and/or applicable state law.

IF THIS CASE IS CLINICALLY URGENT, PLEASE CALL

[Tracking Number]

FAXC

CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE:

If you received this facultable in error, please reply immediately to the sender that you have received this message in error and destroy the original. This fax and any files transmitted with it contain information that may be legally confidential and/or privileged. The information is intended solely for the individual or entity named and access by anyone else is unauthorized. If you are not the intended recipient, any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the contents of this information is prohibited and may be unlawful.

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 1-866-500-7664



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



Clinical Specialty Team: Focused on Radiation Oncology



Initial clinical review performed by specialty trained radiation oncology nurses and radiation therapists

Clinical review team will contact provider for additional clinical information

Radiation Oncologist conducts clinical reviews and peer-to-peer discussions on radiation oncology requests

Radiation Oncology Clinical Review Process

Physicians' Office
Contacts Evolent for
Prior Authorization of
Treatment Plan

✓ RadMD

✓ Telephone

Evolent Initial Clinical Specialty Team Review

- Additional clinical information submitted and reviewed for medical necessity – Procedure Approved
- Additional clinical not complete or inconclusive Escalate to Physician Review
- ✓ Designated & Specialized Clinical Radiation Oncology Team interacts with Provider Community

Requests Pend for Clinical Review and are Evaluated based on Information Entered

 Additional clinical information required Evolent Specialty Physician Reviewers

- Evolent Radiation Oncologist approves treatment plan without peer-to-peer
- ✓ Peer-to-peer outbound attempt made if case is not approvable
- Evolent Radiation Oncologist approves or partially approves treatment plan with peer-to-peer
- Ordering Physician withdraws case during peer-to-peer
- Evolent Radiation Oncologist denies treatment plan based on medical criteria and discusses treatment alternatives

LEGEND

✓ Key Evolent differentiator

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 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 1-866-500-7664.
- Turnaround time is within 1 business day not to exceed 72 calendar hours.

Modifying Treatment Plans



Changing or Adding Services for Approved Treatment Plan

- All modifications of approved treatment plan requests must be called into the Call Center.
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- Modifications will be reviewed for medical necessity.
- Be prepared to supply additional clinical information if necessary.
- Determination will be made after all requested information is received.
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Authorization number will NOT change.

Radiation Therapy Treatment Notification for Transition Cases

Transition cases include:

- Radiation therapy performed prior to the effective date of the program
- Radiation therapy began prior to member's coverage start date
- Radiation therapy began as inpatient, and treatment will continue as outpatient

Radiation Therapy Treatment Notification Form for Transition Cases



Form available on RadMD.com



Fax the completed form to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina at 1-803-264-0258



No Medical Necessity Review Required for these Members. However, notification is required to avoid claims denials



Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina will confirm receipt of form within 48 hours from receipt

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Date:	Phone #			Fax#	*Required		
Member	Name (Lost, Firs	Name (Last, First)					
Information	Address						
	Gender □ M	Gender □ M □ F DOB			Member ID		
Provider	Radiation Oncol	ogist Name					
Information	Address						
	Phone #	Phone #		Fax#			
	Physician Tax ID						
	Radiation Therapy Facility						
	Address						
	Phone #	Phone #		Fax#			
	Facility Tax ID	Facility Tax ID					
Radiation Therapy	Diagnosis - ICD						
Treatment Plan Information	Site Being ☐ Breast ☐ Colon Treated ☐ Lung ☐ Other:			☐ Prostate	□ Rectal		
	Treatment Start	Treatment Start Date					
	Radiation Thera	ру Туре		CPT code	# of Treatments		
	☐ Low-dose-rat	☐ Low-dose-rate (LDR) Brachytherapy					
	☐ High-dose-ra	te (HDR) Brachyt	herapy				
	☐ 2D Conventio	nal Radiation Th	erapy (2D)				
	☐ 3D Conforma	l Radiation Thera	эру (3D-CRT)				
	☐ Intensity Mod	☐ Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)					
	☐ Stereotactic	☐ Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT)					
	☐ Proton Beam	□ Proton Beam Therapy					
	□ Other:						
Treatment Plan Update	A new treatment notification form must be submitted if there is a change to CPT codes, # of treatments and/or treatment end date. Check here if this form is to report changes to a previously submitted form. Complete all fields above. For Treatment End Date, enter NEW end date, if applicable. For CPT code, enter all CPT codes (including codes previously reported). For # of treatments, indicate total # of treatments needed (including # previously reported).						

Treatment Authorization Nuances

Partial Breast Irradiation using High Dose Brachytherapy (HDR) Involves a Radiation Oncologist and a Breast Surgeon

- Two authorizations required:
 - 1. Treatment Plan Authorization
 - 2. Authorization for Insertion of Catheters

Process:

- Lumpectomy with spacers inserted into the breast during surgery
- Cancer cells are analyzed and pathology report issued (Prior Authorization occurs here)
- Spacers are replaced with a catheter
- Radiation Therapy treatment occurs

Note: Once the radiation therapy treatment plan has been approved, the catheter insertion can be approved.

Radiation Oncology Points



The radiation oncologist determining the treatment plan and providing the radiation therapy is responsible for obtaining the prior authorization. Prior authorization requests can be made telephonically or through RadMD.com. The radiation oncologist is the ordering provider, but also the rendering provider for the professional services and is responsible for the oversight of the radiation therapy.



The prior authorization request should be submitted after the clinical treatment planning and before the beginning of the treatment phase:

- Date Treatment Planning Began
- **Anticipated Treatment Start Date**



An authorization for radiation treatment plan will cover the course of treatment. In order to provide the required authorization review information, it will be necessary for the provider to complete the clinical treatment plan prior to the prior authorization call.



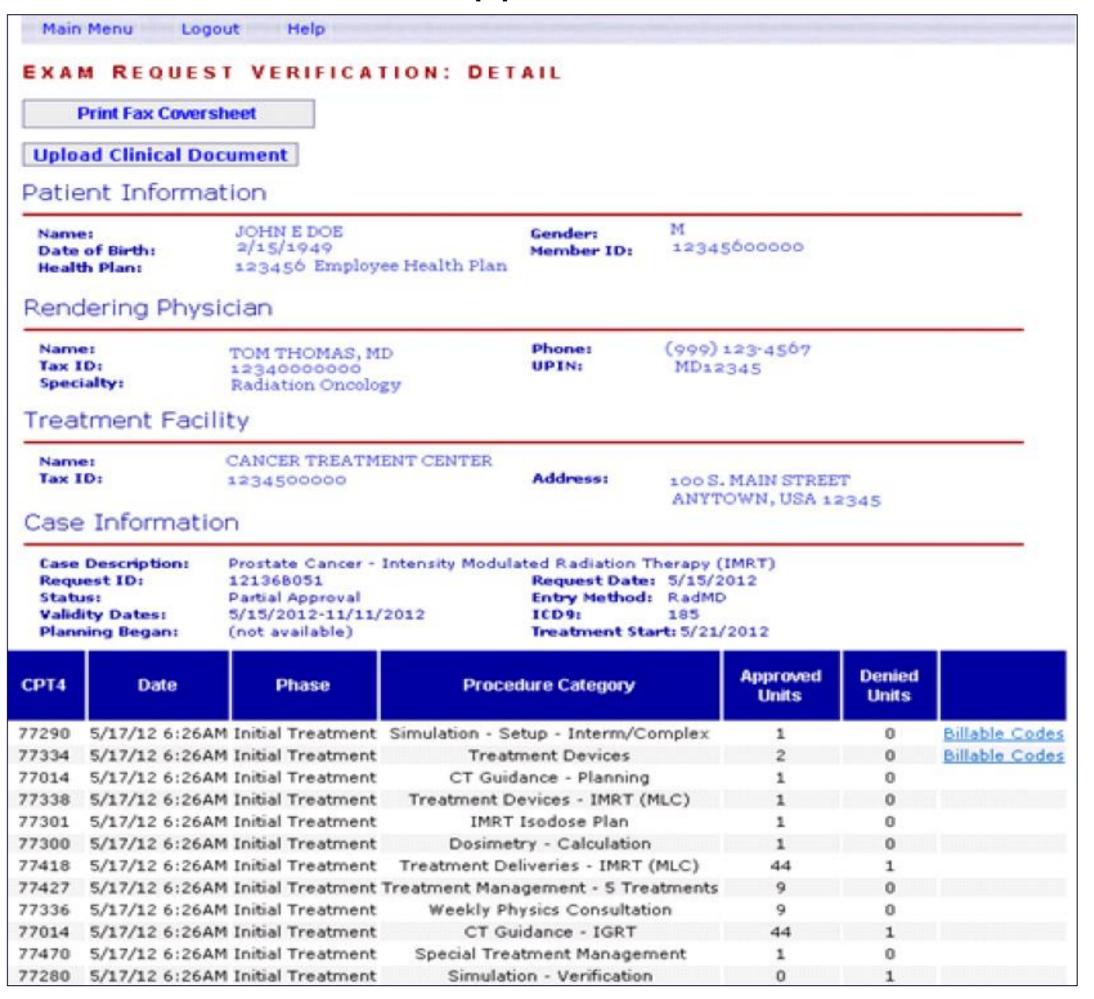
For physicians and cancer treatment facilities, only one authorization is needed for both the technical and professional components of each procedure.

Treatment Plan Authorization - Sample Authorization

Treatment and Deliveries

Rendering Physician Member Treatment Facility Name: Pinecrest LLC Name: Paris Noel Addison Gray Address:: 987 Park St. Outfield, IA Gender: Female Address:: 987 Park St. Outfield, IA 50012 50012 Date of Birth: 05/20/1960 Phone: 563-555-6542 563-555-6541 Phone: 111223454 Tax ID: Health Plan: ABC Health Plan Tax ID: 111223456 Specialty: Oncology Spoken Language: Not Indicated Written Language: Not Indicated Radiation Oncology Case Request ID: 123ABC456 Planning Began: 05/01/2023 12:00 AM Case Description: Breast Cancer-Tracking: 014569874123 Three Dimensional Radiation Treatment Start: 05/04/2023 Therapy (3D-CRT) Approved Request Date: 05/01/2023 Extension: No Validity Dates: 05/01/2023-10/28-2023 Entry Method: RadMD ICD10: D05.12 Update | Contact Name: Elvis Pawsley (Referring Provider) Initial Determination Written Language: Not Indicated 05/01/2023 01:04 PM Date: Final Determination 05/01/2023 01:04 PM Date: Please be advised that all data was current as of Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM MST CPT4 Date Phase Denied Units Procedure Category 77412 05/01/23 1:04PM Initial Treatment | Treatment Deliveries-EBRT 16 Billable Codes Boost Treatment | Treatment Deliveries-EBRT 05/01/23 1:04PM Billable Codes

Partial Approval





Coding guidelines available on RadMD.com and based on Evolent Radiation Oncology Coding Standards (based on Revenue Cycle Guidelines)

Authorization Validity Period

- Authorizations are valid for :
 - 180 days from date of request for Radiation Oncology allows for all circumstances

Denial Notification

- Notifications include an explanation of services denied and the clinical rationale.
- A peer-to-peer discussion can be initiated prior to or after an adverse determination has been made.
- Reconsideration may be available with new or additional information.
- Reconsideration must occur within 180 calendar 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:

- Radiation Oncologists and Cancer Treatment Centers should continue to submit their claims to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to use EDI claims submission.
- Check on claims status by logging on to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina website at <u>www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com</u>

Appeals Process:

- In the event of a prior authorization or claims payment denial, providers may appeal the decision through Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina.
- Providers should follow the instructions on their non-authorization letter or Explanation of Payment (EOP) notification.

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



1-866-500-7664

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
- Checklists
- RadMD Quick Start Guide
- Claims/Utilization Matrices



RadMD New User Application Process – Radiation Oncologists

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 "Physicians office that prescribes radiation oncology procedures".
- 3. Complete the application and click "Submit".
- 4. Open email from Evolent webmaster with new user password instructions.

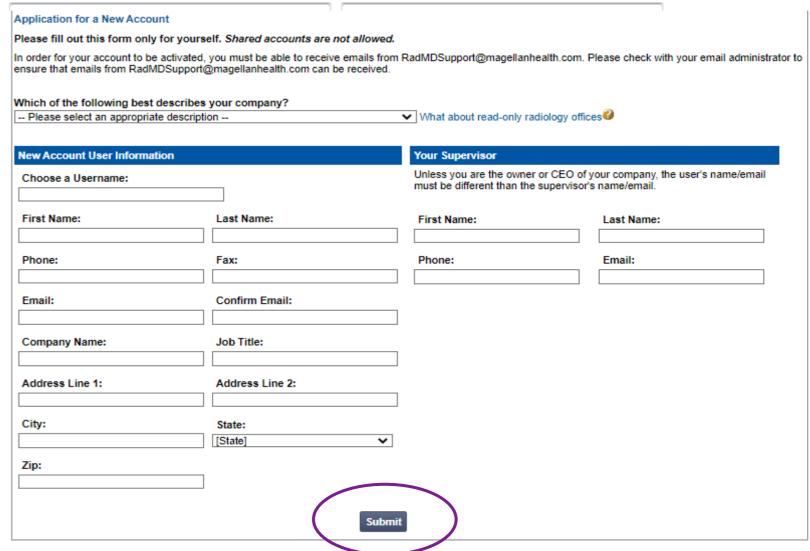
IMPORTANT

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



Which of the following best describes your company? Physicians office that prescribes radiation oncology procedures -- Please Select an Appropriate Description --Imaging Facility or Hospital that performs radiology exams Health Insurance company Physician's office that orders radiology exams Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures hysicians office that prescribes radiation oncology procedures ▼ What about read-only radiology offices

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RadMD New User Application Process – Cancer Treatment Facilities

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 "Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures".
- 3. Complete the application and click "Submit".
- 4. Open email from Evolent webmaster with new user password instructions.

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Which of the following best describes your company?

Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures ▼

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Health Insurance company
Physician's office that orders radiology exams

Cancer Treatment Facility or Hospital that performs radiation oncology procedures
Physicians office that prescribes radiation oncology procedures

Application for a New Account
Please fill out this form only for yourself. Shared accounts are not allowed.
In order for your account to be activated, you must be able to receive emails from RadMDSupport@magellanhealth.com. Please check with your email administrator to ensure that emails from RadMDSupport@magellanhealth com can be received.

Which of the following best describes your company?

— Please select an appropriate description —

What about read-only radiology offices

New Account User Information

Choose a Username:

Unless you are the owner or CEO of your company, the user's name/email must be different than the supervisor's name/email must be different than the supervisor's name/email.

First Name:

Last Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Confirm Email:

Company Name:

Job Title:

Address Line 1:

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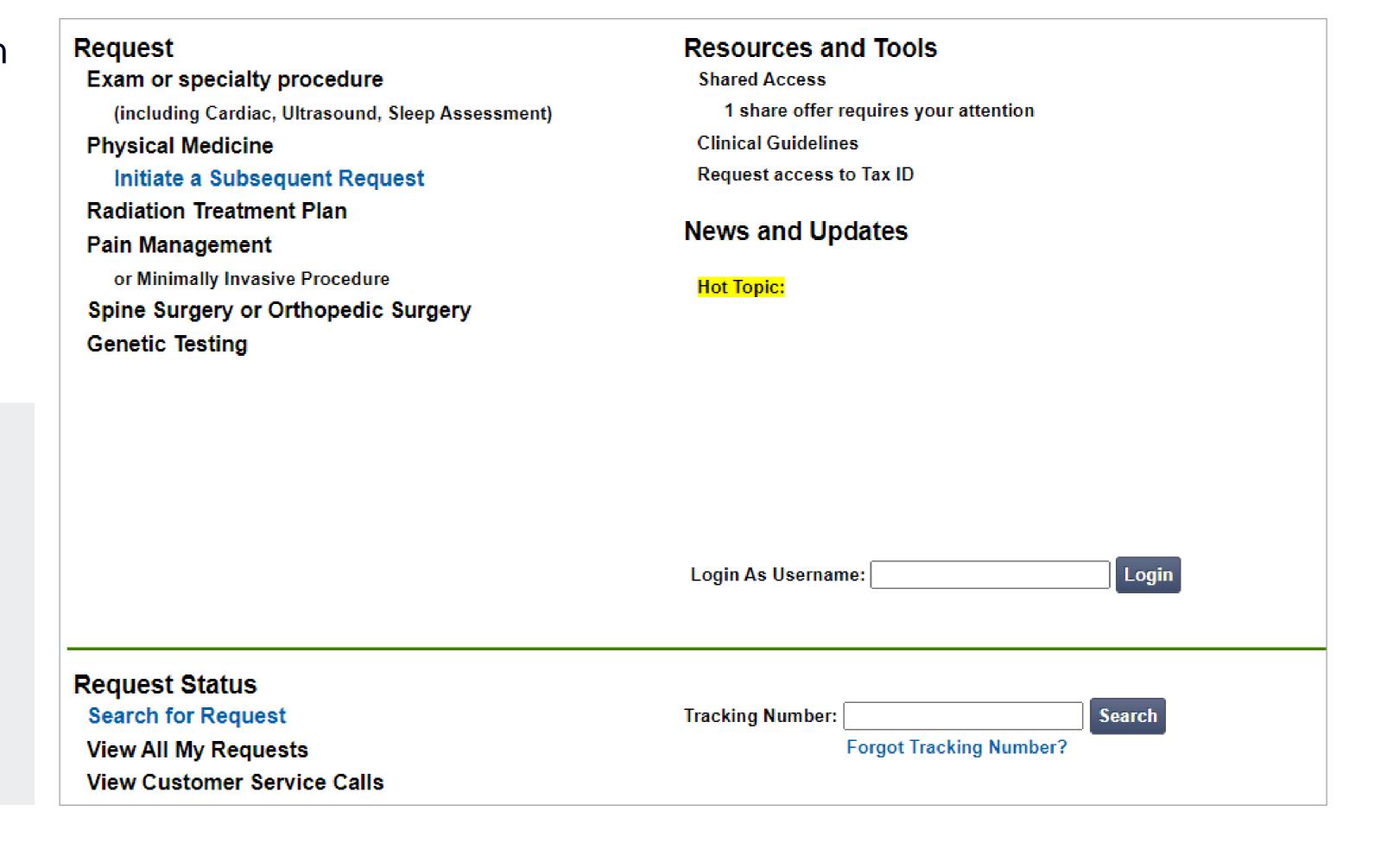
Address Line 2:

Submit

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 RadMD.com, 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
- 1-866-500-7664

Initiating a Peer-to-Peer Consultation

1-866-500-7664

Provider Service Line

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

Provider Education requests or questions specific to **Evolent**

Priscilla W. Singleton Provider Relations Manager 1-314-387-5023 • psingleton@evolent.com

RadMD Demonstration



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