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Medical Specialty Solutions Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) For AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' Providers

Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' Providers	
Question	Answer
GENERAL	
Why did AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices implement a Medical Specialty Solutions Program?	AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices implemented a Medical Specialty Solutions Program to ensure clinically appropriate care and manage the increasing utilization of the following non-emergent outpatient advanced imaging services: CT/CTA MRI/MRA PET Scan MUGA Scan CCTA Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)
Why did AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices select Evolent to manage its Medical Specialty Solutions Program?	Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.) was selected to partner with AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices because of their clinically driven program designed to effectively manage quality and member safety, while ensuring appropriate utilization of resources for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' Medicaid membership.
Which AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' members are covered under this relationship and what networks are used?	Evolent's Medical Specialty Solutions for non- emergent outpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' membership is managed through AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' contractual relationships.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	
What Medical Specialty Solutions Services require providers to obtain a prior authorization?	The following non-emergent, outpatient, Medical Specialty Solutions require prior authorization through Evolent: • MR, CT/CCTA, PET, MUGA Scan, Nuclear Cardiology/MPI, Stress Echo, Echocardiography Emergency room, observation and inpatient procedures do not require prior authorization from Evolent. If an urgent/emergent clinical situation exists outside of a hospital emergency room, please contact Evolent immediately with the appropriate clinical information for an expedited review.
When is prior authorization required?	Prior authorization is required for outpatient, non- emergent procedures. Ordering providers must obtain prior authorization of these procedures prior to the service being performed at an imaging facility.
Is prior authorization necessary for sedation with an MRI?	No, prior authorization is not required for sedation when performed with an MRI.
Is an Evolent authorization number needed for a CT-guided biopsy?	No, prior authorization is not required for this procedure.
Can a chiropractor order images?	Yes.
Are routine Imaging services a part of this program?	No.
Are inpatient advanced imaging (MR/MRI, CT/CTA, PET) procedures included in this program?	No. Inpatient advanced imaging procedures are not included in this program.
Is prior authorization required for Medical Specialty Solutions Services performed in the emergency room?	No. Medical Specialty Solutions Services performed in the emergency room are not included in this program and do not require prior authorization through Evolent.
How does the ordering provider obtain a prior authorization from Evolent for a Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient service?	Providers are able to request prior authorization via the internet (RadMD.com) or by calling Evolent at: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania: 1-800-424-5657 AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices: 1-877-907-2363

What information is required to receive prior authorization?

To expedite the prior authorization process, please refer to the specific required documentation for each Medical Specialty Solution. Have the appropriate information ready before logging into Evolent's website or calling Evolent's call center (*Information is required.)

- Name and office phone number of ordering provider*
- Member name and ID number*
- Requested examination*
- Name of provider office or facility where the service will be performed*
- Anticipated date of service
- Details justifying examination. *
 - Symptoms and their duration
 - Physical exam findings
 - Conservative treatment member has already completed (e.g., physical therapy, chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation, hot pads, massage, ice packs, medications)
 - Preliminary procedures already completed (e.g., x-rays, CTs, lab work, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist, specialist evaluation)
 - Reason the study is being requested (e.g., further evaluation, rule out a disorder)
- Please be prepared to provide the following information, if requested
 - Clinical notes
 - X-ray reports
 - Previous related test results
 - Specialist reports/evaluation

*To assist in collecting information for the authorization process, you may access the specific medical specialty (prior authorization or treatment plan checklists) on RadMD.com.

Can a provider request more than one service at a time for a member?

Evolent can handle multiple authorization requests per contact. Separate authorization numbers are issued by Evolent for each service that is authorized.

What kind of response time can ordering providers expect for prior authorization? What does the Evolent authorization number look like?	Generally, within 2 business days after receipt of request with full clinical documentation, a determination will be made. In certain cases, the review process can take longer if additional clinical information is required to make a determination. The Evolent authorization number consists of alphanumeric characters. In some cases, the ordering provider may receive an Evolent tracking number (not the same as an authorization number) if the provider's authorization request is not approved at the time of initial contact. Providers can use either number to track the status of their request online or through an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system.
If requesting authorization through RadMD and the request pends, what happens next?	You will receive a tracking number and Evolent will contact you to complete the process.
Can RadMD be used to request an expedited authorization request?	RadMD may only be used for expedited requests that occur after normal business hours. Those expedited requests that occur during normal business hours must be called into Evolent's Call Center for review and processing.
What happens if a member is authorized for a service and the provider feels an additional study is needed?	If the provider feels that, in addition to the service already authorized, an additional service is needed, please contact Evolent immediately with the appropriate clinical information for an expedited review. The number to call to obtain prior authorization is: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania: 1-800-424-5657 AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices: 1-877-907-2363
Can the rendering facility obtain authorization in the event of an urgent service?	Yes. If they initiate the process, Evolent will follow-up with the ordering provider to complete the process.
How long is the prior authorization number valid?	The authorization number is valid for 60 days from the date of request. When a procedure is authorized, Evolent will use the date of the initial request as the starting point for the 60 -day period in which the examination must be completed.
Is prior authorization necessary for a Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient service if AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth	Yes.

Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices is NOT the member's primary insurance? If a provider obtains a prior authorization number does	An authorization number is not a guarantee of payment. Authorizations are based on medical
that guarantee payment?	necessity and are contingent upon eligibility and benefits. Benefits may be subject to limitations and/or qualifications and will be determined when the claim is received for processing.
Does Evolent allow retro- authorizations?	Yes. However, it is important that the rendering facility staff be educated on the prior authorization requirements. Claims will not be reimbursed if they have <u>not</u> been properly authorized. The rendering facility <u>should not</u> schedule services without prior authorization.
Can a provider verify an authorization number online?	Yes. Providers can check the status of member authorizations quickly and easily by going to the Evolent web site at RadMD.com .
Will the Evolent authorization number be displayed on the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' website?	No.
SCHEDULING SERVICES	
How does Evolent determine where to schedule Medical Specialty Solutions Services for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' members?	Evolent manages the Medical Specialty Solutions services through the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' contractual relationships.
Why does Evolent ask for a date of service when authorizing a procedure? Do providers have to obtain an authorization before the services are rendered?	During the authorization process, Evolent asks where the procedure is being performed and the anticipated date of service. The exact date of service is not required. Providers should obtain authorization before scheduling the member.

WHICH MEDICAL PROVIDERS	ARE AFFECTED?
Which medical providers are affected by the Medical Specialty Solutions Services?	Any provider who orders Medical Specialty Solution Services in an outpatient setting. Ordering providers will need to request a prior authorization and the delivering/servicing providers will need to ensure there is an authorization number to bill the service. Ordering providers, including Primary Care Providers (PCPs) and Specialty Care providers. Delivering/Servicing providers who perform Medical Specialty Solutions Services at: Freestanding diagnostic facilities Hospital outpatient diagnostic facilities Provider offices
CLAIMS RELATED	
Where do providers send their claims for Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient services?	Providers should continue to send claims to the address indicated on the back of the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' member ID card. Providers are also encouraged to follow their normal EDI claims process.
How can providers check claims status?	Providers should check claims status at the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices' claim website at: navimedix.com
Who should a provider contact if they want to appeal a prior authorization or claims payment denial?	In the event of a prior authorization or claims payment denial, providers may appeal the decision through AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices. Providers should follow the instructions on their non-authorization letter or Explanation of Payment (EOP) notification.
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How is medical necessity defined?	 Meets generally accepted standards of medical practice; is appropriate for the symptoms, consistent with diagnosis, and otherwise in accordance with sufficient evidence and professionally recognized standards; Is appropriate to the illness or injury for which it is performed as to type of service and expected outcome;

	 Is appropriate to the intensity of service and level of setting; Provides unique, essential, and appropriate information when used for diagnostic purposes; Is the lowest cost alternative that effectively addresses and treats the medical problem; and rendered for the treatment or diagnosis of an injury or illness; and Is not furnished primarily for the convenience of the member, the attending provider, or other provider.
Where can a provider find Evolent's Guidelines for Medical Specialty Solutions	Evolent's Clinical Guidelines can be found on Evolent's website, RadMD.com under Online Tools/Clinical Guidelines. Evolent's guidelines for
Services?	Medical Specialty Solutions Services have been developed from practice experience, literature reviews, specialty criteria sets and empirical data.
Did the AmeriHealth Caritas	No. The AmeriHealth Caritas
Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth	Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania
Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices'	Community HealthChoices' member ID card does not contain any Evolent information on it and the member
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What is an OCR Fax	By utilizing Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
Coversheet?	technology, Evolent can automatically attach incoming clinical faxes to the appropriate case in our clinical system. We strongly recommend that
	ordering providers print an OCR fax coversheet from RadMD.com or contact Evolent at 1-800-424-5657 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and 1-877-907-
	2363 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania
	Community HealthChoices to request an OCR fax
	coversheet if their authorization request is not approved on-line or during the initial phone call to
	Evolent. Evolent can fax this coversheet to the
	ordering provider during authorization intake or at any
	time during the review process. By prefacing clinical
	faxes to Evolent with an OCR fax coversheet, the
	ordering provider can ensure a timely and efficient case review.
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RE-REVIEW AND APPEALS PR	ROCESS
Is the Re-review process available for the outpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services once a denial is received?	Once a denial determination has been made, if the office has new or additional information to provide, a re-review can be initiated by uploading via RadMD or faxing (using the case specific fax cover sheet) additional clinical information to support the request. A re-review must be initiated within 5 business days from the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
	Evolent has a specialized clinical team focused on Medical Specialty Solutions services. Peer-to-peer discussions are offered for any request that does not meet medical necessity guidelines or can call 1-800-424-5657 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and 1-877-907-2363 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices to initiate the peer-to-peer process. These discussions provide an opportunity to discuss the case and collaborate on the appropriate services for the member based on the clinical information provided.
Who should a provider	Providers are asked to please follow the appeal
contact if they want to appeal	instructions given on their non-authorization letter or
a prior authorization	Explanation of Benefits (EOB) notification.
decision?	
RADMD ACCESS	Colocting "Dhysician's office that arders
What option should I select to receive access to initiate authorizations?	Selecting "Physician's office that orders procedures" will allow you access to initiate authorizations for outpatient imaging procedures.
How do I apply for RadMD access to initiate authorization requests?	 User would go to our website RadMD.com. Click on NEW USER. Choose "Physician's office that orders procedures" from the drop-down box Complete application with necessary information. Click on Submit Once an application is submitted, the user will receive an email from our RadMD support team within a few hours after completing the application with an approved username and a temporary passcode. Please contact the RadMD Support Team at 1-800-327-0641 if you do not receive a response within 72 hours.

What is rendering provider access?	Rendering provider access allows users the ability to view all approved authorizations for their office or facility. If an office is interested in signing up for rendering access, you will need to designate an administrator. • User would go to our website RadMD.com • Select "Facility/Office where procedures are performed" • Complete application • Click on Submit Examples of a rendering facility that only need to view approved authorizations: • Hospital facility • Billing department • Offsite location
	Another user in location who is not interested in
	initiating authorizations
Which link on RadMD will I	Clicking the "Request an exam or specialty
select to initiate an	procedure (including Cardiac)" link will allow the
authorization request for outpatient imaging	user to submit a request for an outpatient imaging procedure.
procedures?	procedure.
How can providers check the	Providers can check on the status of an authorization
status of an authorization request?	by using the "View Request Status" link on RadMD's main menu.
How can I confirm what	Clinical Information that has been received via upload
clinical information has been	or fax can be viewed by selecting the member on the
uploaded or faxed to	View Request Status link from the main menu. On the
Evolent?	bottom of the "Request Verification Detail" page,
	select the appropriate link for the upload or fax.
Where can providers find	Links to case-specific communication to include
their case-specific	requests for additional information and determination
communication from	letters can be found via the View Request Status link.
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If I did not submit the initial	The "Track an Authorization" feature will allow users
authorization request, how	who did not submit the original request to view the
can I view the status of a	status of an authorization, as well as upload clinical
case or upload clinical documentation?	information. This option is also available as a part of
documentation?	your main menu options using the "Search by Tracking Number" feature. A tracking number is
	required with this feature.
Can I share my RadMD	Yes, through our shared access process. This
access with my coworkers?	process allows providers to view authorization
	requests initiated by other RadMD users within your
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	practice. By sharing access with other users, the user will be able to view and manage the authorization requests that you initiated, allowing them to communicate with your patients and progress with treatment if you are not available.
Paperless Notification: How can I receive notifications electronically instead of paper?	Evolent defaults communications including final authorization determinations to paperless/electronic. Correspondence for each case is sent to the email of the person submitting the initial authorization request.
	Users will be sent an email when determinations are made.
	 No PHI will be contained in the email. The email will contain a link that requires the user to log into RadMD to view PHI.
	Providers who prefer paper communication will be given the option to opt out and receive communications via fax.
CONTACT INFORMATION	
Who can I contact if we need RadMD support?	For assistance, please contact RadMDSupport@evolent.com or call 1-800-327- 0641.
	RadMD is available 24/7, except when maintenance is performed every third Thursday of the month from 9 pm – midnight PST.
Who can a provider contact at Evolent for more information?	You may contact your dedicated Evolent Provider Relations Manager: Rachel Vowels
	1-270-735-6008 rvowels@evolent.com
Who can a provider contact at AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania/AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices if	