ConnectiCare Musculoskeletal (MSK) Management Program

Provider Training





Evolent Program Agenda

Our MSK Program



Authorization Process

Other Program Components



Provider Tools and Contact Information



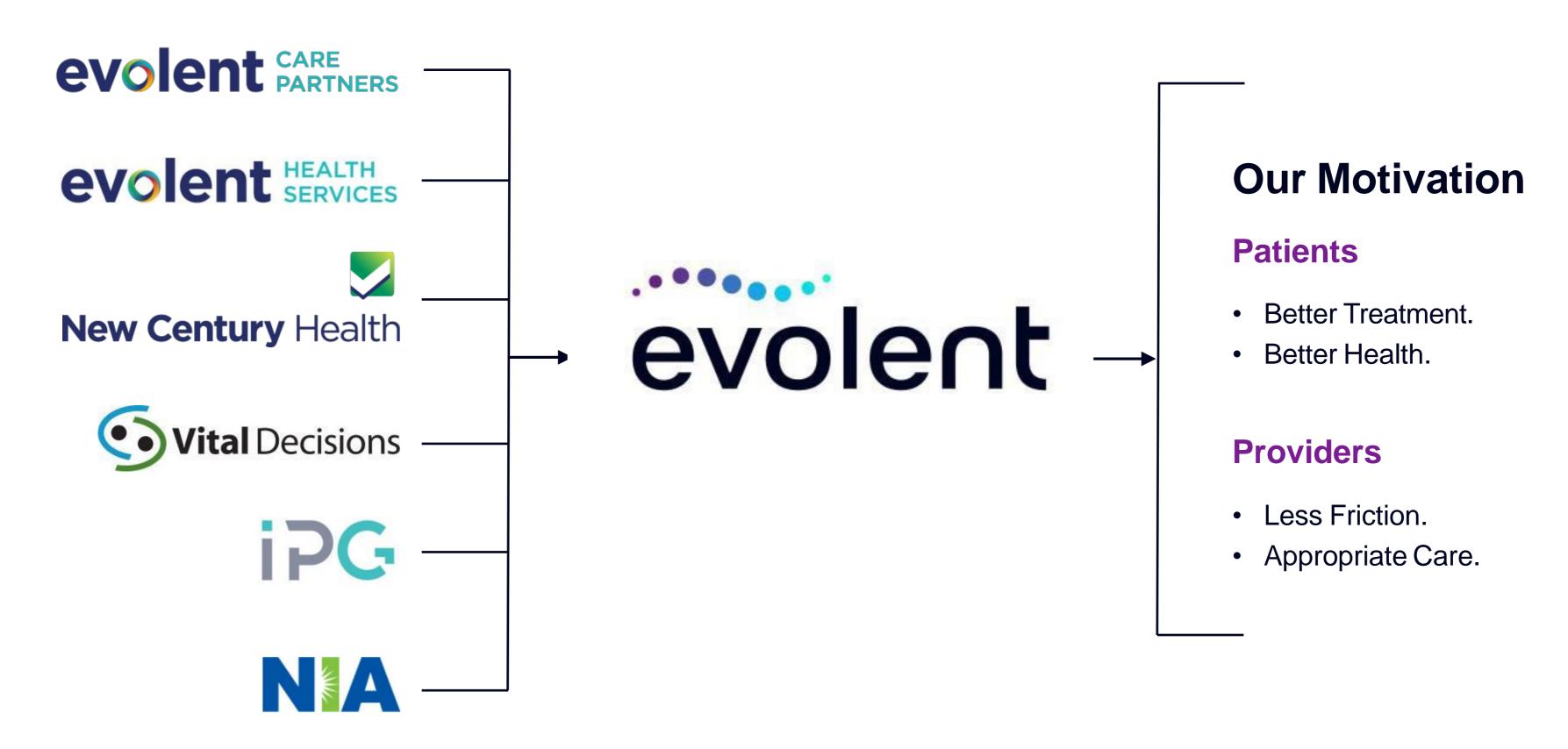
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Questions and Answers

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Connecting Our Brands is About Connecting Care



MSK Prior Authorization Program



 ConnectiCare will begin a prior authorization program through Evolent for the management of MSK Services.



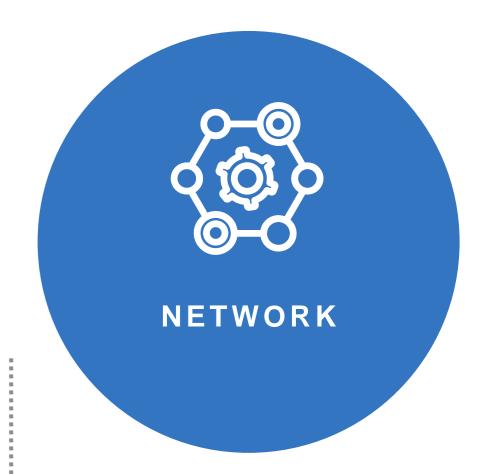
Program start date:
 Oct. 1, 2015.



- Outpatient, interventional pain management.
- Inpatient and outpatient hip, knee, shoulder, lumbar, and cervical spine surgeries.
- Surgery Center.
- In-Office Provider.
- Hospital.



- Exchange Programs.
- Commercial Programs.
- · Medicare.



 Evolent will manage services through ConnectiCare's contractual relationships.

Interventional Pain Management (IPM)

IPM Procedures Performed Outpatient

- Spinal Epidural Injections.
- Paravertebral Facet Joint Injections of Blocks.
- Paravertebral Facet Joint Denervation (Radiofrequency (RF) Neurolysis).
- Sacroiliac Joint Injections.
- Implantable Infusion Pump Insertion.
- Other Spine Procedures or Devices (No or Limited Evidence of Effectiveness).

IPM Exclusions

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- Hospital Inpatient.
- Observation.
- Emergency Room/Urgent Care Facility.



Lumbar and Cervical Spine Surgery

Lumbar and Cervical Spine Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Lumbar Microdiscectomy.
- Lumbar Decompression (Laminotomy, Laminectomy, Facetectomy, and Foraminotomy).
- Lumbar Spine Fusion (Arthrodesis) With or Without Decompression
 - Single and Multiple Levels.
- Cervical Anterior Decompression With Fusion Single and Multiple Levels.
- Cervical Posterior Decompression With Fusion Single and Multiple Levels.
- Cervical Posterior Decompression (Without Fusion).
- Cervical Artificial Disc Replacement Single and Two Levels.
- Cervical Anterior Decompression (Without Fusion).
- Lumbar Artificial Disc Single and Two Levels.
- Sacroiliac Joint Fusion.

Hip and Knee Surgery

Hip Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty.
- Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing.
- Femoroacetabular Impingement Hip Surgery (includes CAM/pincer and labral repair).
- Hip Surgery Other (includes synovectomy, loose body removal, debridement, diagnostic hip arthroscopy, and extra-articular arthroscopy knee).

Knee Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision Knee Arthroplasty.
- Total Knee Arthroplasty.
- Partial-Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty.
- Knee Manipulation Under Anesthesia.
- Knee Ligament Reconstruction/Repair.
- Knee Meniscectomy/Meniscal Repair/Meniscal Transplant.
- Knee Surgery Other (includes synovectomy, loose body removal, diagnostic knee arthroscopy, debridement with or without chondroplasty, lateral release/patellar realignment, and articular cartilage restoration).

Shoulder Surgery

Shoulder Surgeries Performed Inpatient and Outpatient

- Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty.
- Total/Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty or Resurfacing.
- Partial Shoulder Arthroplasty/Hemiarthroplasty.
- Shoulder Rotator Cuff Repair.
- Shoulder Labral Repair.
- Frozen Shoulder Repair/Adhesive Capsulitis.
- Shoulder Surgery Other (includes debridement, manipulation, decompression, tenotomy, tenodesis, synovectomy, claviculectomy, and diagnostic shoulder arthroscopy).

Surgery Exclusions

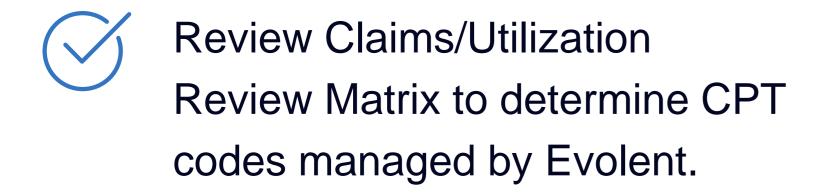
Exclusions

Emergency Surgery – admitted via the emergency room.



Reconstructive spinal deformity surgery does not require prior authorization. However, Evolent will monitor provider use of CPT codes 22800-22819.

CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (IPM Example)



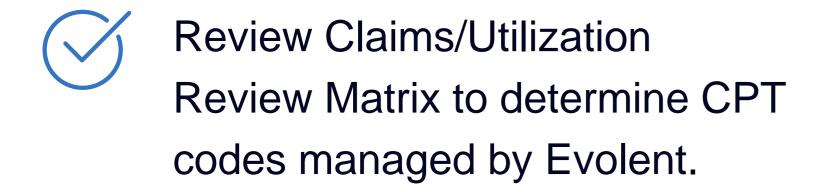




Defer to ConnectiCare's Policies for Procedures not on Claims/Utilization Review Matrix.

		IPM PROCEDURES	
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings	Ancillary Procedures/Code
Sacroiliac Joint Injection	27096	27096, G0260	
Spinal Cord Stimulator Trial	63650	63650, 63655	L8680, L8681, 95970, 95971, 95972, 77002
Spinal Cord Stimulator Insertion, Revision, or Removal	63655	63650, 63655, 63661, 63662, 63663, 63664, 63685, 63688	L8679, L8680, L8682, L8683, L8684, L8685, L8686, L8687, L8688, L8689, L8695, C1767, C1816, C1820, C1822, C1823, 95970, 95971 95972, 77002
Sympathetic Nerve Block	64510	64510, 64517, 64520, 64530	77003

CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Spine Surgery Example)





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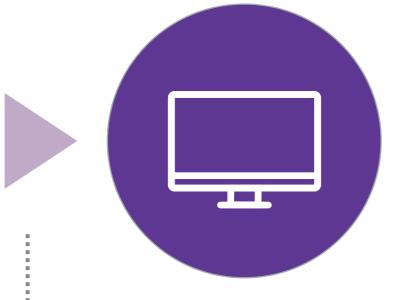
		LUMBAR SPINE SURGE	RY PROCEDURES	
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Code	Ancillary Procedures/Code
Lumbar Microdiscectomy	63030	62380, 63030, +63035		
Lumbar Decompression	63047	63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035	
Lumbar Fusion – Single Level	22612	22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633, +63052, +63053	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035 Decompression: 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939

Prior Authorization Process Overview

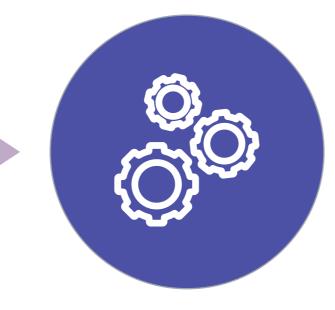


Ordering physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization

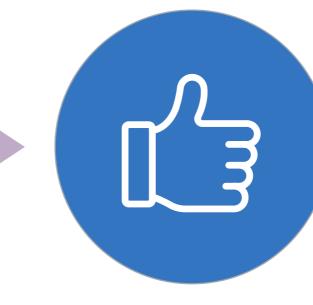
MSK provider may be both ordering and rendering.



Submit requests online through RadMD.com or by phone.



Information evaluated via algorithm and medical records.



Service authorized.



Rendering provider verifies authorization was obtained and provides service.



eClaims.

Evolent's Clinical Foundation and 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 ConnectiCare 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 focused on MSK.
- 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.

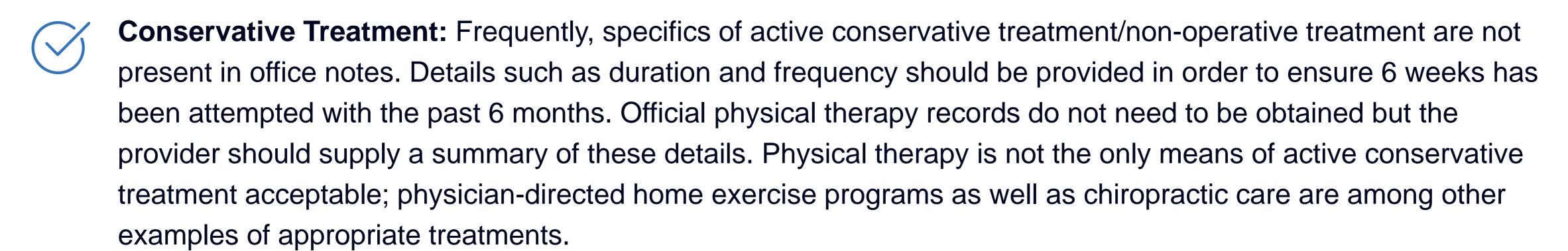
Authorization for IPM

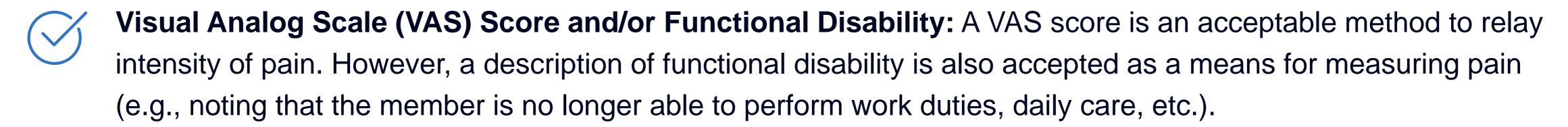
Special Information

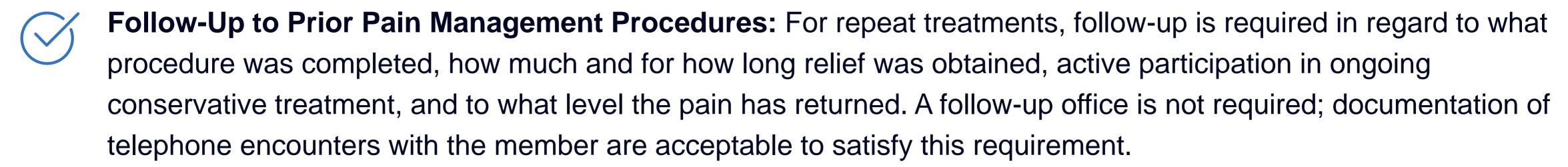
- Every IPM procedure performed requires a prior authorization; Evolent will not authorize a series of epidural injections.
- Bilateral IPM injections performed on the same date of service do not require a separate authorization. An authorization will cover bilateral as well as multiple levels on the same date of service. (Please refer to clinical guidelines for potential restrictions.)
- Add-on codes do not require separate authorization and are to be used in conjunction with the approved primary code for the service rendered.

IPM Clinical Checklist Reminders

IPM Documentation







Authorization for Surgery

Special Information

- Most surgeries require only one authorization request. Evolent provides a list
 of surgery categories to choose from and the surgeon's office must select the
 most complex and invasive surgery being performed as the primary surgery.
 - Example 1: A lumbar fusion authorization includes decompression, instrumentation, etc.
 - Example 2: A knee ligament reconstruction includes meniscectomy, debridement, etc.
- Bilateral hip, knee, or shoulder surgeries require authorization for both the left and right side. Anterior cervical discectomy and fusion (ACDF) and posterior cervical fusion require authorization for each procedure. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently.
- The ordering physician must obtain prior authorization with Evolent prior to performing the surgery/procedure.
- Date of service is required.
- Inpatient admissions continue to be subject to concurrent review by ConnectiCare.
- Facility admissions do not require a separate prior authorization. However, the facility should ensure that an Evolent prior authorization has been obtained prior to scheduling the surgery/procedure.

Surgery Clinical Checklist Reminders

Surgery Documentation

- Details regarding the member's symptoms and their onset/duration.
- - Physical exam findings.
- - Conservative treatment modalities with dates and duration (e.g., physical therapy, home exercise plan, injections, medications, and activity modification).
- Diagnostic imaging results.

Ordering physician's surgical plan (including a discussion about the potential risks and benefits of the procedure) (BMI, smoking history, and mental status for some surgeries).

Evolent to Physician: Request for Clinical Information



A fax is sent to the provider 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 time frame begins after receipt of clinical information.



Failure to receive requested clinical information may result in non-certification.

Date: March

ORDERING PHYSICIAN	VI.	Dr. Clifford	
FAX NUMBER:			TRACKING NUMBER:
RE: Authorization	Request	MEMBER ID:	1.
PATIENT NAME:	Cindy		
HEALTH PLAN:			

Missing Clinical: Specific dates and duration of conservative treatment for 6 consecutive weeks in the last 6 months. Must include at least two of the following: physical therapy, physician-directed home exercise plan, epidural steroid

injections, and/or medications.

Additional information is still needed.

We have received your request for Lumbar Decompression along with additional records. However, the information provided still does not support the medical necessity of these services to make a determination on this case. Please see the documentation needed below which may allow us to make a positive determination. Only sending daily notes may delay authorization.

Missing Clinical: Specific dates and duration of conservative treatment for 6 consecutive weeks in the last 6 months. Must include at least two of the following: physical therapy, physician-directed home exercise plan, epidural steroid injections, and/or medications.

You may submit records for this episode of care as requested by uploading them on www.radmd.com. Please do not resend the information previously submitted.

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.

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 877-607-2363.



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



Clinical Specialty Team: Focused on IPM



Initial clinical review performed by specialty-trained IPM nurses.

Clinical review team will contact provider for additional clinical information.

Anesthesiologists and pain management specialists conduct clinical reviews and peer-to-peer discussions on IPM requests.

Clinical Specialty Team: Focused on MSK



Initial clinical review performed by specialtytrained surgery nurses.

Surgery concierge team will contact provider for additional clinical information.

Orthopedic surgeons or neurosurgeons conduct clinical reviews and peer-topeer discussions on surgery requests.

MSK Clinical Review Process

Physicians' Office Contacts Evolent for Prior Authorization

✓ RadMD.

✓ Telephone.

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 and specialized clinical MSK team interacts with provider community.

Request Evaluated
Based on Information
Entered

Additional clinical information required.

Evolent Specialty Physician Reviewers

- Evolent physician approves case without peer-to-peer.
- ✓ 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-to-peer.
- Physician denies case based on medical criteria.

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 877-607-2363.
- Turnaround time is within 1 business day not to exceed 72 business calendar hours.

Authorization Validity Period

- IPM
 - 60 days from date of request or final determination.
- Surgery
 - Inpatient: 60 days from date of request or final determination.
 - Outpatient: SDC/Ambulatory 60 days from date of request or final determination.
- The date of service that is selected at the time of the preauthorization request will be used to determine the validity period.

Denial Notification

- Notifications include an explanation of services denied and the clinical rationale.
- Reconsideration peer-to-peer discussions can be initiated once the adverse determination has been made.
- Reconsideration may be available with new or additional information.
- Reconsideration must occur within 15 calendar days from the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
- Medicare: Once a denial determination has been made, it is considered final.
- A request to reopen may be initiated by the requesting provider within the following time frames:
 - o From the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
 - Anytime to correct a clinical error on which the determination was made.
- Reopen peer-to-peer discussions are offered prior to the final denial decision for any request that does
 not meet medical necessity guidelines. The peer-to-peer must take place prior to the denial decision
 being issued.
- 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 ConnectiCare.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to use EDI claims submission.

Appeals Process:

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

IPM Points



Injections in all regions of spine are managed.



Date of service is required for all requests.



Each IPM procedure must be prior authorized.



No series of epidural injections.



Specialty nurses and physicians review IPM requests.

MSK Surgery Points: Lumbar/Cervical Spine Surgery



Inpatient and outpatient non-emergent surgeries.



Spine surgery is focused on lumbar and/or cervical spine surgeries.



For spinal surgeries, only one authorization request per surgery. For example, a lumbar fusion authorization includes decompression, instrumentation, etc.



Reconstructive spinal deformity surgery does not require prior authorization. However, Evolent will monitor provider use of CPT codes 22800-22819.

MSK Surgery Points: Hip, Knee, or Shoulder Surgery



Bilateral hip, knee, or shoulder surgeries require authorization for both the left and right side. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently. ACDF and posterior cervical fusion require authorization for each procedure. These requests can be entered at the same time and will be reviewed concurrently.



Surgeries addressing the following are not included in the MSK program: trauma, amputation, fracture, active infection, pediatric conditions, congenital malformation, dysplasia (hip), palsy/plegia, osteochondritis dissecans (knee), osteotomy (knee), tumor, cyst, cancer, arthrodesis, girdle resection (hip), denervation (hip), joint dislocation, hemiarthroplasty (hip), hardware, and foreign body removal.

MSK Surgery Points: All Surgeries



Specialized orthopedic surgeons or neurosurgeons will review surgery requests. Inpatient admissions will continue to be subject to concurrent review by ConnectiCare.



The ordering physician must obtain prior authorization with Evolent prior to performing the surgery/procedure.

Facility admissions do not require a separate prior authorization. However, the facility should ensure that an Evolent prior authorization has been obtained prior to scheduling the surgery/procedure.



Authorizations are valid for 60 days from the date of request. Evolent must be notified of any changes to the date of service.

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



877-607-2363

Available Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET

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.
 - MSK providers are typically both the ordering and the rendering provider.

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 drop-down, 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.)

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 drop-down, 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.

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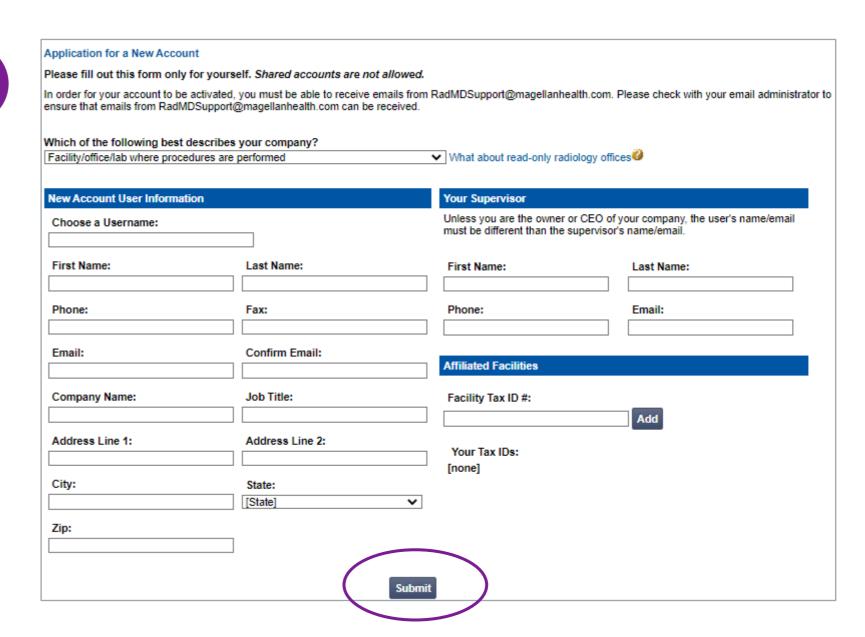
- Users are required to have their own separate username and password due to HIPAA regulations.
- Designate an "Administrator" for the facility who manages access for users.
- If multiple staff members entering authorizations need to view approved, pended, and in-review authorization requests, they will each need to complete and submit a new user application. The account administrator is responsible for granting rendering access for each employee.



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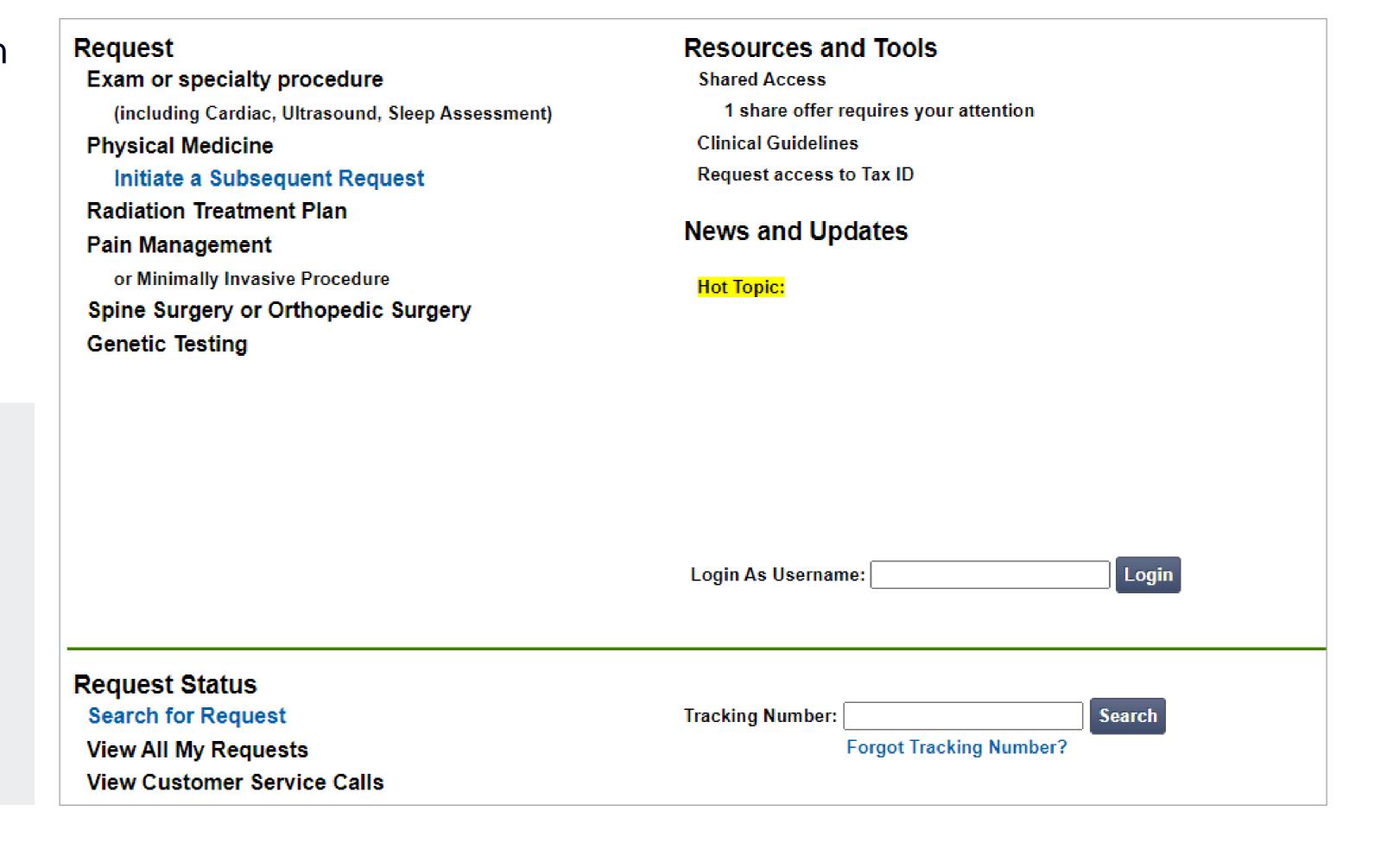
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Shared Access

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: <u>RadMD.com</u>
- 877-607-2363

Initiating a peer-to-peer consultation

877-607-2363

Provider Service Line

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

Provider education requests or questions specific to Evolent

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RadMD Demonstration

Questions and Answers



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