

## Evolent's Peer-to-Peer Process What to expect when calling in for a peer-to-peer discussion:

- A peer-to-peer discussion may be initiated at any time during the authorization process by calling:
  - Keystone First: 1-800-642-2602
  - Keystone First Community HealthChoices: 1-877-907-2363
- A peer-to-peer discussion may not be necessary if the requested clinical documentation is sent prior to contacting Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.).
- A peer-to-peer may be initiated by the office staff (non-clinical) but the case discussion must be conducted by a licensed clinician from the provider's office.
- Ad hoc peer-to-peer discussions are available for the Advanced Imaging/Cardiac programs. For these programs, plan to call a few minutes prior to licensed clinician's availability to provide necessary member and case information.
- This information will need to be provided before the call is transferred to an appropriate clinical reviewer that is specific to the case and modality.
- The case will then be discussed, including any additional information that may be necessary for the case to meet medical necessity. \*
- Verbal clarification of clinical information from the medical records that were submitted may be discussed during the peer-to-peer. Examples include clarification of conflicting information in the notes or typographical errors.
- Any new information necessary to approve the request must be submitted in writing by uploading to <u>RadMD.com</u> or faxing to 1-800-784-6864 before a new determination can be made. \*
- If the case cannot be approved following the peer-to-peer or with additional information; the ordering/rendering provider is asked to follow the appeal instructions provided within the denial notification.

If you would like to provide feedback regarding a peer-to-peer discussion, please contact your Evolent dedicated Provider Relations Manager.

\* Re-review is available for Keystone First/Keystone First Community HealthChoices' Medicaid re-review is allowed for 5 business days from date of the denial letter. If the re-review time frame has expired, the discussion will be for consultation purposes only. Providers must then follow the appeal instructions in the denial notification.