







# Blue Shield of California Advanced Imaging Program

Provider Training

# Evolent Program Agenda

## Advanced Imaging Program

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

# Advanced Imaging Prior Authorization Program



- Evolent manages authorizations for select non-emergent advanced imaging services on behalf of Blue Shield of California (Blue Shield).



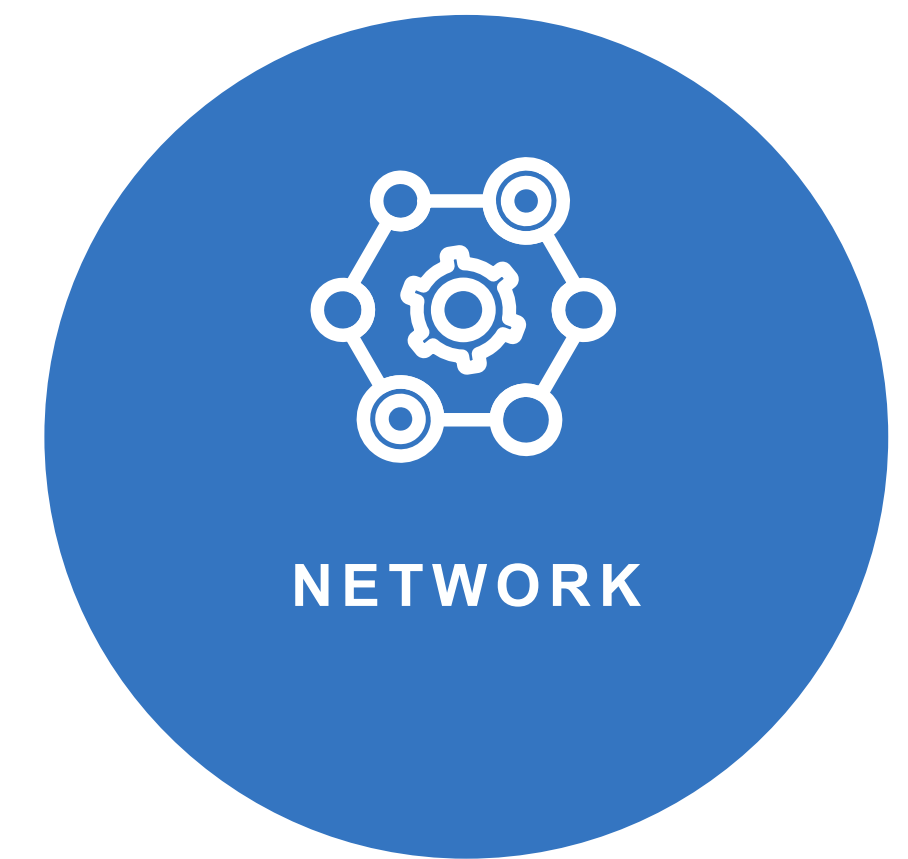
- Program start date:
- Commercial: 06/01/1999
  - Exchange: 01/01/2014
  - **Group Medicare Advantage PPO: 01/01/2026**



- Surgery Center (POS24)
- In Office (POS11)
- Hospital (POS19/22)



- Commercial
- Exchange
- **Group Medicare Advantage PPO**



- Evolent manages services through Blue Shield of California contractual relationships.

# Advanced Imaging Scope

Evolent manages the following non-emergent services performed in outpatient settings: Provider Office (POS11), Ambulatory Surgical Center (POS24) and Outpatient Hospital (POS19/22)

- CT/CTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET Scan
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)
- MUGA Scan

## Program Exclusions:

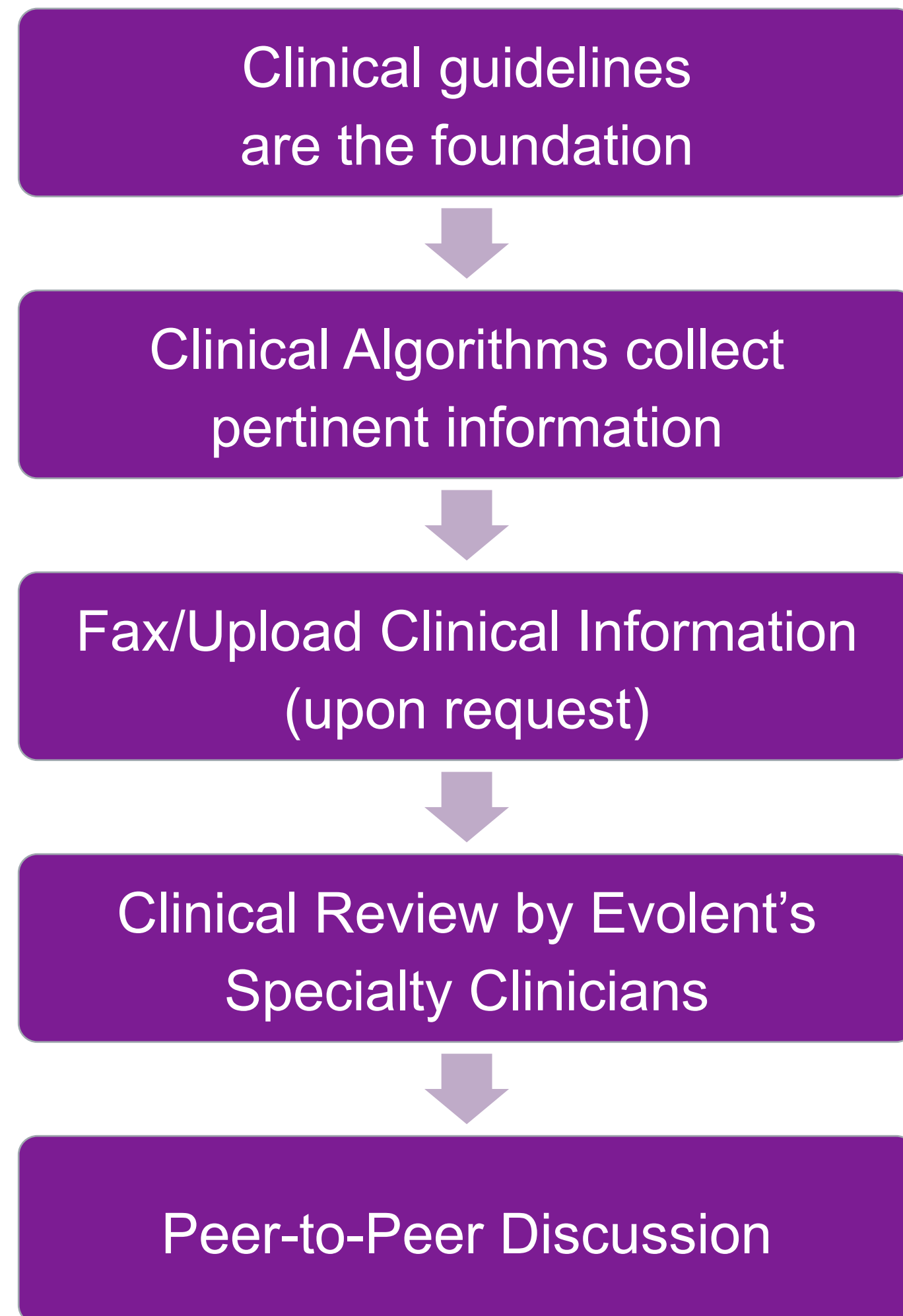
- Hospital Inpatient (POS21)
- Observation (POS22 following ER admit)
- Emergency Room (POS23)

# CPT Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Advanced Imaging Example)

- ✓ Review the Utilization Review Matrix to determine CPT codes managed by Evolent.
- ✓ Includes Primary CPT Codes and their Allowable Billable Groupings.
- ✓ Located on [RadMD.com](https://www.radmd.com).
- ✓ Defer to Blue Shield of California’s Medical Policies for Procedures not on the Evolent Utilization Review Matrix.

ADVANCED IMAGING PROCEDURES		
Procedure Name	Primary CPT Code	Allowable Billed Groupings
MRI Temporomandibular Joint	70336	70336
CT Head/Brain	70450	70450, 70460, 70470, +0722T
CT Orbit	70480	70480, 70481, 70482, +0722T
CT Maxillofacial/Sinus	70486	70486, 70487, 70488, 76380, +0722T
CT Soft Tissue Neck	70490	70490, 70491, 70492, +0722T

# Evolent's Clinical Foundation & Review Process



- **Clinical guidelines** are developed by practicing specialty physicians, through literature reviews and evidenced-based research. Guidelines are reviewed and mutually approved by Blue Shield of California and Evolent Medical Officers and clinical experts. **Clinical Guidelines are available on [RadMD.com](https://www.radmd.com)**
- RadMD portal 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's clinical team consists of specialized board-certified physician specialists.
- 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.**

# Clinical Specialty Team



## Advanced Imaging Review

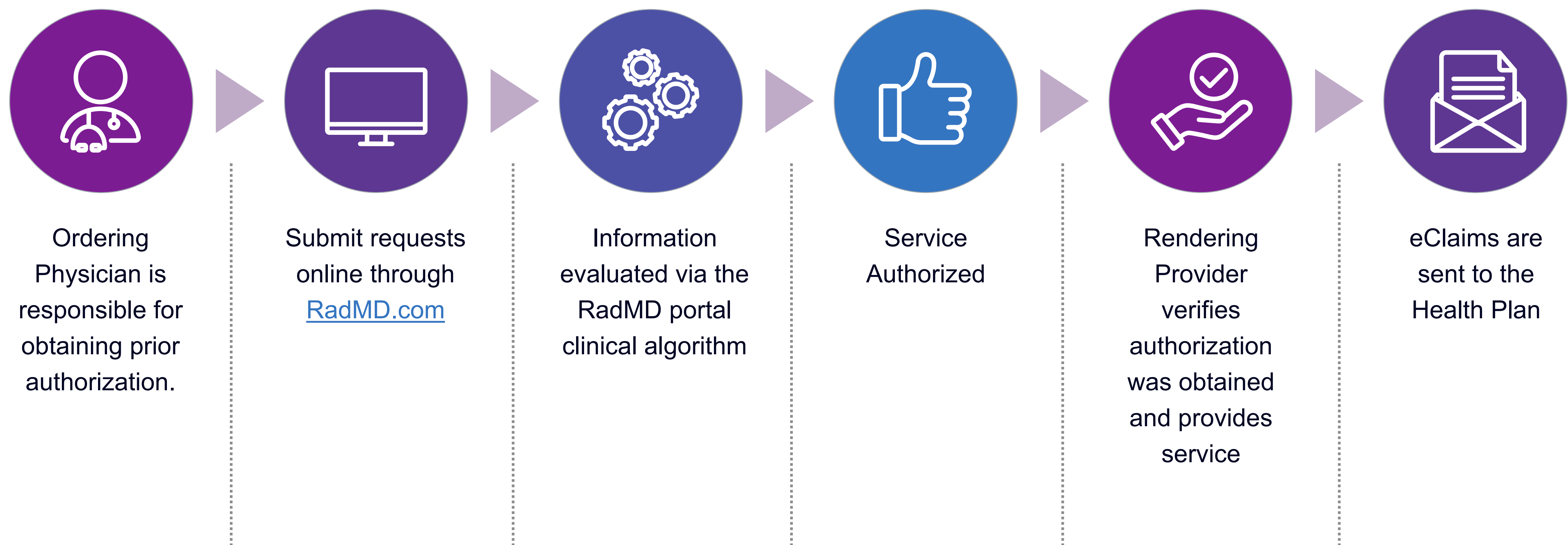
Clinical Specialization Pods  
Overseen by Medical  
Director

Physician Review Team  
consists of Physician Panel  
of Board-Certified Physician  
Specialists to meet State  
licensure requirements

Physician clinical reviewers  
conduct peer reviews on  
specialty products

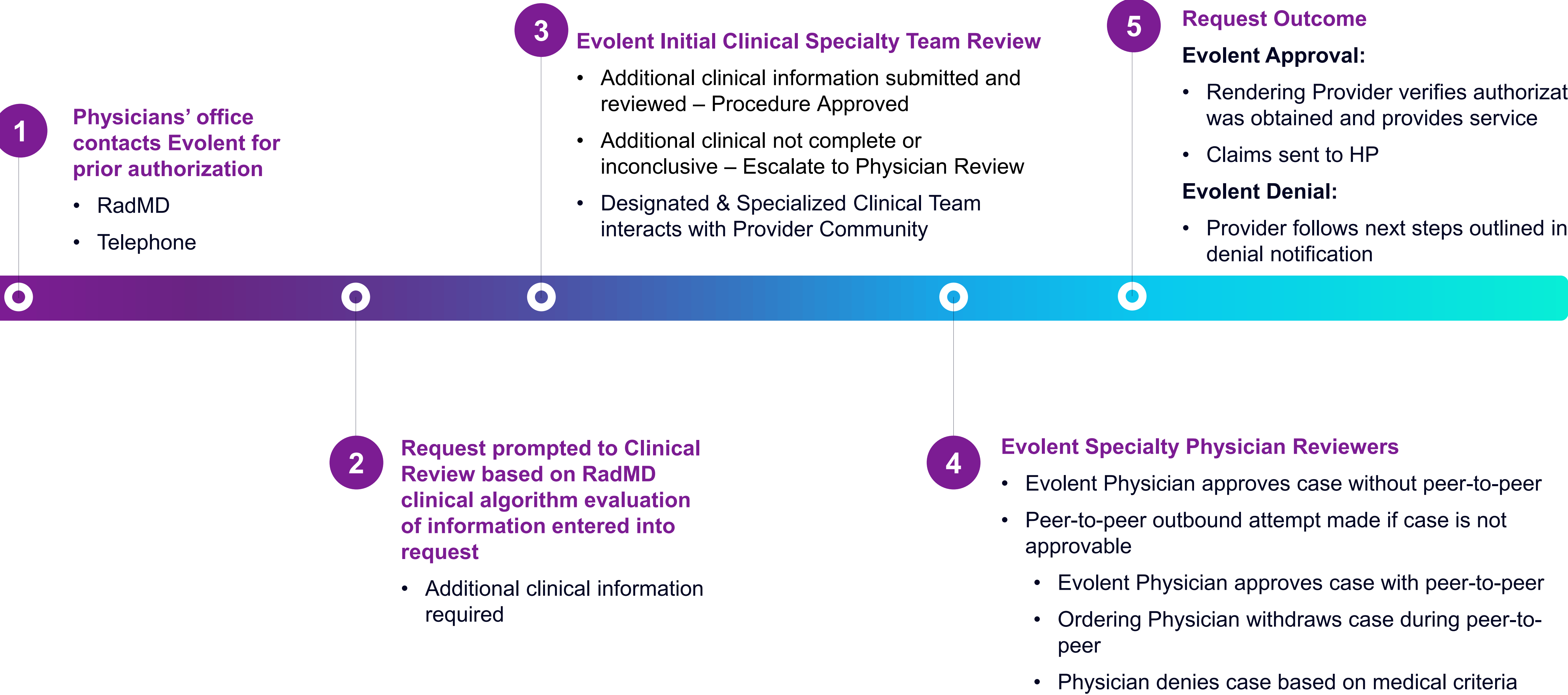


# Prior Authorization Real-Time Approval Path









# Prior Authorization - Clinical Review



# Required Information for Advanced Imaging Authorization

- Ordering physician information, member information, rendering provider information, and requested examination.
- Clinical information that will justify examination, symptoms and their duration, and physical exam findings.
- Preliminary procedures already completed (i.e., x-rays, CTs, lab work, ultrasound reports, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist, specialist evaluation).
- Reason the study is being requested (i.e., further evaluation, rule out a disorder).
- Refer to Prior Authorization Checklists on [RADMD | Advanced Imaging](#) for more specific information.

# Evoltent to Physician: Request for Clinical Information

-  A fax is sent to the provider detailing what clinical information that 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.

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FAXC

ABDOMEN - PELVIS CT

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: 1-800-784-6864

Date: TODAY

ORDERING PHYSICIAN:	REQ_PROVIDER		
FAX NUMBER:	FAX_RECIP_PHONE	TRACKING NUMBER:	CC_TRACKING_NUMBER
RE:	Authorization Request	MEMBER ID:	MEMBER_ID
PATIENT NAME:	MEMBER_NAME		
HEALTH PLAN:	HEALTH_PLAN_DESC		

We have received your request for Abdomen - Pelvis CT. As we are unable to approve based on the information provided to date, please respond to this fax as soon as possible.

Study Requested was: Abdomen - Pelvis CT

For documentation ALWAYS PROVIDE:

1. The most recent office visit note

2. Any office visit note since initial presentation of the complaint/problem requiring imaging

3. Any supporting documentation such as diagnostic or imaging reports that corroborate abnormalities or the requirement for follow-up imaging

Further specifics and examples are listed below:

FAX QUESTIONS\_ADDL

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a) Abdominal pain evaluation:

Provide details regarding history of abdominal pain (history- onset, trauma mechanism, if relevant, effect on/change w/ bowel or urinary habits, relevant past medical history- bowel disease or surgery, etc; examination, including pelvic/rectal examinations; diagnostic work-up- submit reports demonstrating abnormalities; prior treatment/consultation, if any).

b) Abnormal finding on examination, imaging or laboratory test:

Provide the office visit note(s) or lab/imaging report that documents the abnormality found and any needed explanation of the relevance to the request for abdomen/pelvis CT imaging

c) Suspicion of cancer:

Provide the office visit/consultation notes indicating rationale for suspicion of cancer, along with relevant examination, diagnostic/imaging reports indicating the relevance of an imaging test in further evaluation of a possible malignancy

d) History of cancer:

Provide the office visit note describing the current symptoms or issue and the history; report of the biopsy and/or relevant treatment reports that will document the cell type of the cancer and treatment to date.

e) Pre-operative evaluation:

Provide the office visit note/consultation by the surgical specialist indicating the operation planned and indications. It is usually expected that planned pre-operative evaluation will be ordered by the surgeon in conjunction with surgical scheduling so that the two coincide within a four week/30 day period.

f) Post-operative evaluation:

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# Submitting Additional Clinical Information

- Records may be submitted:
  - Upload to [RadMD.com](#)
  - Fax using Evolent coversheet
- Location of Fax Coversheets:
  - Can be printed from [RadMD.com](#)
  - Call 1-888-642-2583
- Use the case specific fax coversheet when faxing clinical information to Evolent

Exam Request Verification: Detail

Upload Clinical Document

Print Fax Cover Sheet

Request Additional Visits

Cases in this Request

Member		Provider	
Name:	Evo Lent	Name:	Memorial Hospital
Gender:	Female		
Date of Birth:	5/24/1971	Address:	123 Main St, New City, ST 12345
Member ID:	AB123456	Phone:	123-456-7890
Health Plan:	ABC Health Plan HMO	Tax ID:	987654321
		UPIN:	
Spoken Language:	ENGLISH	Specialty:	
Written Language:	ENGLISH		

# 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](https://www.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 1-888-642-2583.

# Authorization Information

## Authorization Validity Period:

- Authorization are valid for 180 days from the date of request.

## Denial Notification:

- Notifications include an explanation of services denied and the clinical rationale.
- A peer-to-peer discussion can be initiated once the adverse determination has been made.
- Commercial LOB: Reconsiderations are available with new or additional information for an unlimited timeframe and prior to submitting a formal appeal.
- Medicare LOB: Re-opens are only allowed if the request complies with the CMS definition of a re-open. Providers will continue to have the option to submit an appeal utilizing the health plan's process.
- In the event of a denial, providers are asked to follow the instructions provided in their denial letter.



# Claims and Appeals

## Claims Process:

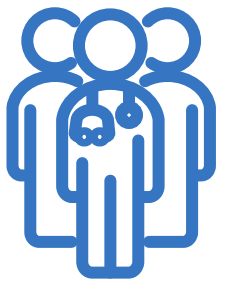
- Providers should continue to submit their claims to Blue Shield of California.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to use EDI claims submission.

## Appeals Process:

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

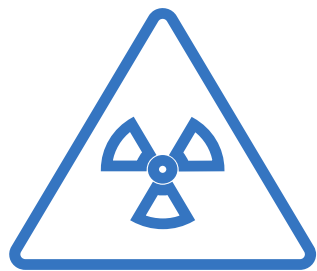


# Radiation Safety and Awareness



Studies suggest a significant increase in cancer in dose estimates in excess of 50 mSv.

- 1mSv = 4 months of natural exposure/50 chest x-rays



CT scans and nuclear studies are the largest contributors to increased medical radiation exposure.



According to the 2019 NCRP Report, a dramatic decrease in average radiation dose per person by as much as 15 – 20% has been demonstrated due to radiation safety and technological advances.



Evolent has developed a Radiation Awareness Program designed to create member and physician awareness of radiation concerns.

# 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 Other Educational Documents
- 
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for authorization tracking



RadMD.com

Available 24/7



1-888-642-2583

Available Monday - Friday

5:00 AM – 5:00 PM PST

# Evolut Website

[RadMD.com](https://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

- Evolut's Clinical Guidelines
- RadMD Quick Start Guide
- Claims/Utilization Matrices

The screenshot displays two main sections of the RadMD website. The top section, titled 'RadMD Sign In', has a green background and contains the text: 'For URGENT/EXPEDITED authorization requests, please contact the Evolut call center.' Below this text are two buttons: 'Sign In' (orange) and 'New User' (grey). The bottom section, titled 'Track an Authorization', has a light orange background. It features the text 'Authorization Tracking Number' in orange, followed by a white input field. To the right of the input field is an orange 'Go' button.



# 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 dropdown 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.

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-- 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.)

3

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		Your Supervisor	
Choose a Username: <input type="text"/>		Unless you are the owner or CEO of your company, the user's name/email must be different than the supervisor's name/email.	
First Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>
Phone: <input type="text"/>	Fax: <input type="text"/>	Phone: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Email: <input type="text"/>	Confirm Email: <input type="text"/>		
Company Name: <input type="text"/>	Job Title: <input type="text"/>		
Address Line 1: <input type="text"/>	Address Line 2: <input type="text"/>		
City: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>		
Zip: <input type="text"/>			
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>			

# 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 dropdown 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

### IMPORTANT

- 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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New Account User Information		Your Supervisor	
Choose a Username: <input type="text"/>		Unless you are the owner or CEO of your company, the user's name/email must be different than the supervisor's name/email.	
First Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>
Phone: <input type="text"/>	Fax: <input type="text"/>	Phone: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Email: <input type="text"/>	Confirm Email: <input type="text"/>		
Company Name: <input type="text"/>		Affiliated Facilities	
Job Title: <input type="text"/>		Facility Tax ID #: <input type="text"/> <a href="#">Add</a>	
Address Line 1: <input type="text"/>		Your Tax IDs: [none]	
Address Line 2: <input type="text"/>			
City: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>		
Zip: <input type="text"/>			

[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.

Request

Exam or specialty procedure

(including Cardiac, Ultrasound, Sleep Assessment)

Physical Medicine

[Initiate a Subsequent Request](#)

Radiation Treatment Plan

Pain Management

or Minimally Invasive Procedure

Spine Surgery or Orthopedic Surgery

Genetic Testing

Resources and Tools

Shared Access

1 share offer requires your attention

Clinical Guidelines

Request access to Tax ID

News and Updates

Hot Topic:

Login As Username:

Login

Request Status

[Search for Request](#)

View All My Requests

View Customer Service Calls

Tracking Number:

Search

[Forgot Tracking Number?](#)

# When to Contact Evolent

Initiating or checking the status of an authorization request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Website: <a href="https://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a></li><li>Toll-free number: 1-888-642-2583</li></ul>
Initiating a Peer-to-Peer Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Toll-free number: 1-888-642-2583</li></ul>
Provider Service Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="mailto:RadMDSupport@Evolent.com">RadMDSupport@Evolent.com</a></li><li>Call 1-800-327-0641</li></ul>
Provider Education requests or questions specific to Evolent	<p>Charles Allison <i>Provider Engagement Manager</i> 1-602-572-2390 • <a href="mailto:acallison@evolent.com">acallison@evolent.com</a></p>



# RadMD Demonstration



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