



| <b>Evolut</b><br><b>Medical Specialty Solutions</b><br><b>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)</b><br><b>For Partners Health Management Providers</b> |   |
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| <b>GENERAL</b>  |   |
| <b>Why is Partners Health Management implementing a Medical Specialty Solutions Program?</b>  | Partners Health Management is implementing a Medical Specialty Solutions Program to ensure clinically appropriate care and manage the increasing utilization non-emergent outpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services.  |
| <b>Why did Partners Health Management select Evolut to manage its Medical Specialty Solutions Program?</b>  | Evolut (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.) was selected to partner with Partners Health Management because of their clinically driven program designed to effectively manage quality and member safety, while ensuring appropriate utilization of resources for Partners Health Management membership.   |
| <b>Which Partners Health Management members will be covered under this relationship and what networks will be used?</b>                             | Evolut's Medical Specialty Solutions for non-emergent outpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services for Partners Health Management membership will be managed through Partners Health Management's contractual relationships.   |
| <b>PRIOR AUTHORIZATION</b>  |   |
| <b>What is the Implementation Date for the Medical Specialty Solutions Program?</b>   | <p>Implementation is July 1, 2024.</p> <p>Based on a July 1, 2024, implementation, this correspondence serves as notice under your Provider Agreement of changes to the program. Evolut will be available to begin providing prior authorizations for those services starting on Sept 23, 2024 for dates of service Oct. 1, 2024 and after.</p> <p>North Carolina Medicaid implemented several policy flexibilities at the launch of Tailored Plans to ease the</p> |

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|  | <p>administrative burden on providers and to ensure members receive uninterrupted care during the transition to Partners.</p> <p>To ensure continuous care for members during the transition, Partners is extending certain policy flexibilities originally scheduled to expire Sept. 30, 2024. The transition period for these flexibilities will continue until Jan. 31, 2025.</p> <p>In alignment with NC Medicaid, between July 1, 2024, and Jan. 31, 2025, Partners will cover services if a prior authorization request meets medical necessity criteria in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A provider fails to submit a prior authorization prior to the service being provided and submits prior authorization after the date of service; or</li> <li>2. A provider submits for retroactive prior authorization.</li> </ol> <p>Additionally, Partners will initiate a no prior authorization required period to ensure Providers with contracts will be able to file claims for dates of service from July 1, 2024 through Jan. 31, 2025 without authorization. The No Prior Auth period does not apply to concurrent reviews for inpatient admission. Those should still occur during this time.</p> |
| <p><b>What Medical Specialty Solutions Services require providers to obtain a prior authorization?</b></p> | <p>The following non-emergent, outpatient, Medical Specialty Solutions services require prior authorization through Evolent beginning on Feb. 1, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CT/CTA</li> <li>• MRI/MRA</li> <li>• PET Scan</li> <li>• MUGA Scan</li> <li>• Nuclear Stress Test</li> <li>• Echocardiography</li> </ul> <p>Emergency department/urgent care facility, observation and inpatient procedures do not require prior authorization from Evolent. If an urgent/emergent clinical situation exists outside of a hospital emergency department/urgent care facility, please contact Evolent immediately with the appropriate clinical information for an expedited review.</p>   |
| <p><b>When is prior authorization required?</b></p>  | <p>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.</p>   |

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| <b>Is prior authorization necessary for sedation with an MRI?</b>   | No, prior authorization is not required for sedation when performed with an MRI.   |
| <b>Is an Evolent authorization number needed for a CT-guided biopsy?</b>  | No, prior authorization is not required for this procedure.  |
| <b>Can a chiropractor order images?</b>   | Yes.   |
| <b>Are routine imaging services a part of this program?</b>   | No.  |
| <b>Are inpatient advanced imaging (MR/MRI, CT/CTA, PET) procedures included in this program?</b>  | No. Inpatient advanced imaging procedures are not included in this program.  |
| <b>Is prior authorization required for Medical Specialty Solutions Services performed in the emergency department/urgent care facility?</b> | No. Medical Specialty Solutions Services performed in the emergency department/urgent care facility are not included in this program and do not require prior authorization through Evolent.   |
| <b>How does the ordering provider obtain a prior authorization from Evolent for a Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient service?</b>       | Providers can request prior authorization via the internet ( <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a> ) or by calling Evolent at 1-800-327- 0639.  |
| <b>What information is required to receive prior authorization?</b>   | 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 RadMD or calling Evolent's call center (*Information is required.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and office phone number of ordering provider*</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member name and ID number*</li> <li>• Requested examination*</li> <li>• Name of provider office or facility where the service will be performed*</li> <li>• Anticipated date of service</li> <li>• Details justifying examination* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Symptoms and their duration</li> <li>▪ Physical exam findings</li> <li>▪ Conservative treatment member has already completed (e.g., physical therapy, chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation, hot pads, massage, ice packs, medications)</li> <li>▪ Preliminary procedures already completed (e.g., x-rays, CTs, lab work, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist, specialist evaluation)</li> <li>▪ Reason the study is being requested (e.g., further evaluation, rule out a disorder)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Please be prepared to provide the following information, if requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical notes</li> <li>• X-ray reports</li> <li>• Previous related test results</li> <li>• Specialist reports/evaluation</li> </ul> <p><b>*To assist in collecting information for the authorization process, you may access the specific medical specialty (prior authorization or treatment plan checklists) on <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a>.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Can a provider request more than one service at a time for a member?</b></p>              | <p>Evotent can handle multiple authorization requests per contact. Separate authorization numbers are issued by Evotent for each service that is authorized.</p>   |
| <p><b>What kind of response time can ordering providers expect for prior authorization?</b></p> | <p>Generally, within two 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.</p>   |
| <p><b>What does the Evotent authorization number look like?</b></p>                             | <p>The Evotent authorization number consists of alpha-numeric characters. In some cases, the ordering provider may receive an Evotent 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</p>   |

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|   | request online or through an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system.   |
| <b>If requesting authorization through RadMD and the request pends, what happens next?</b>  | You will receive a tracking number and Evolent will contact you to complete the process.  |
| <b>Can RadMD be used to request an expedited authorization request?</b>   | 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.   |
| <b>What happens if a member is authorized for a service and the provider feels an additional study is needed?</b>   | 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.   |
| <b>Can the rendering facility obtain authorization in the event of an urgent service?</b>   | Yes. If they initiate the process, Evolent will follow-up with the ordering provider to complete the process.   |
| <b>How long is the prior authorization number valid?</b>  | The authorization number is valid for 60 days from the date of request. When a procedure is authorized, Evolent uses the date of the initial request as the starting point for the 60-day period in which the examination must be completed.  |
| <b>Is prior authorization necessary for a Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient service if Partners Health Management is NOT the member's primary insurance?</b> | No.   |
| <b>If a provider obtains a prior authorization number does that guarantee payment?</b>  | An authorization number is not a guarantee of payment. Authorizations are based on medical 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. |

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| <b>Does Evolent allow retro- authorizations?</b>   | 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 <b><u>should not</u></b> schedule services without prior authorization.   |
| <b>Can a provider verify an authorization number online?</b>   | Yes. Providers can check the status of member authorizations quickly and easily by going to the Evolent website at <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a> .   |
| <b>Will the Evolent authorization number be displayed on the Partners Health Management website?</b>   | No.   |
| <b>SCHEDULING SERVICES</b>   |   |
| <b>How does Evolent determine where to schedule Medical Specialty Solutions Services for Partners Health Management members?</b>                               | Evolent manages Medical Specialty Solutions services through the Partners Health Management' s contractual relationships.   |
| <b>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?</b> | 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.   |
| <b>WHICH MEDICAL PROVIDERS ARE AFFECTED?</b>   |   |
| <b>Which medical providers are affected by the Medical Specialty Solutions program?</b>  | 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordering providers, including Primary Care Providers (PCPs) and Specialty Care providers.</li> <li>• Delivering/Servicing providers who perform Medical Specialty Solutions Services at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Freestanding diagnostic facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ambulatory Surgical Centers</li> <li>▪ Hospital outpatient diagnostic facilities</li> <li>▪ Provider offices</li> <li>▪ Radiation Treatment Facilities</li> <li>▪ Rehab Facilities</li> </ul>  |
| <b>CLAIMS RELATED</b>   |   |
| <b>Where do providers send their claims for Medical Specialty Solutions outpatient services?</b>            | Providers should continue to send claims to the address indicated on the back of the Partners Health Management member ID card. Providers are also encouraged to follow their normal EDI claims process.  |
| <b>How can providers check claims status?</b>   | Providers should check claims status on the Partners Health Management secure portal, ProviderCONNECT at: <a href="https://providers.partnersbhm.org/category/providerconnect/">https://providers.partnersbhm.org/category/providerconnect/</a>   |
| <b>Who should a provider contact if they want to appeal a prior authorization or claims payment denial?</b> | In the event of a prior authorization or claims payment denial, providers may appeal the decision through Partners Health Management. Providers should follow the instructions on their non-authorization letter or Explanation of Payment (EOP) notification.  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>  |   |
| <b>How is medical necessity defined?</b>  | <p>Evolut defines medical necessity as a service that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Is appropriate to the illness or injury for which it is performed as to type of service and expected outcome;</li> <li>• Is appropriate to the intensity of service and level of setting;</li> <li>• Provides unique, essential, and appropriate information when used for diagnostic purposes;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Is not furnished primarily for the convenience of the member, the attending provider, or other provider.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Where can a provider find Evolut's Guidelines</b>  | Evolut's Clinical Guidelines can be found on Evolut's website, <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a> under Online Tools/Clinical Guidelines. Evolut's guidelines for Medical Specialty   |

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| <b>for Medical Specialty Solutions Services?</b>  | Solutions Services have been developed from practice experience, literature reviews, specialty criteria sets and empirical data.  |
| <b>Will the Partners Health Management member ID card change with the implementation of this Medical Specialty Solutions Program?</b> | No. The Partners Health Management member ID card will not contain any Evolent information on it and the member ID card will not change with the implementation of this Medical Specialty Solutions Program.  |
| <b>What is an OCR Fax Coversheet?</b>   | By utilizing Optical Character Recognition (OCR) 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 <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a> or contact Evolent to obtain one. 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.  |
| <b>RE-REVIEW AND APPEALS PROCESS</b>  |   |
| <b>Is the Re-review process available for the outpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services once a denial is received?</b>          | <p>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 five business days from the date of denial and prior to submitting a formal appeal.</p> <p>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. Providers can call the phone number(s) above 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.</p> |
| <b>Who should a provider contact if they want to appeal a prior authorization decision?</b>   | Providers are asked to please follow the appeal instructions given on their non-authorization letter or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) notification.   |



| <b>RADMD ACCESS</b>  |   |
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| <b>What option should I select to receive access to initiate authorizations?</b> | <p>Selecting “<b>Physician’s office that orders procedures</b>” will allow you access to initiate authorization requests for outpatient exams and/or specialty procedures.</p>  |
| <b>How do I apply for RadMD access to initiate authorization requests?</b>       | <p>Prospective users should go to our website <a href="http://RadMD.com">RadMD.com</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click New User</li> <li>• Choose “<b>Physician’s office that orders procedures</b>” from the drop-down box</li> <li>• Complete application with necessary information</li> <li>• Click Submit</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>   |
| <b>What is rendering provider access?</b>  | <p>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 <b>designate an administrator</b> through the account application process on RadMD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click New User</li> <li>• Choose “<b>Facility/Office where procedures are performed</b>” from the drop-down box</li> <li>• Complete application with necessary information</li> <li>• Click Submit</li> </ul> <p>Examples of a rendering facility that only need to view approved authorizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital facility</li> <li>• Billing department</li> <li>• Offsite location</li> </ul> <p>A user in another location who is not interested in initiating authorizations</p> |

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| <p><b>Which link on RadMD will I select to initiate an authorization request for an outpatient exam or specialty procedure?</b></p>        | <p>Clicking the "<a href="#">Exam or specialty procedure</a>" link will allow the user to submit a request for an outpatient exam or specialty procedure.</p>  |
| <p><b>How can providers check the status of an authorization request?</b></p>  | <p>Providers can check on the status of an authorization by clicking the "Search for Request" link on RadMD's main menu.</p>   |
| <p><b>How can I confirm what clinical information has been uploaded or faxed to Evolent?</b></p>   | <p>Clinical Information that has been received via upload or fax can be viewed by clicking the member's name via the "Search for Request" link from the main menu. At the bottom of the "Exam Request Verification: Detail" page, click "View" in the "Documents Received" section and select the appropriate link for the upload or fax.</p>  |
| <p><b>Where can providers find their case-specific communication from Evolent?</b></p>   | <p>Links to case-specific communication to include requests for additional information and determination letters can be found via the "Search for Request" link.</p>   |
| <p><b>If I did not submit the initial authorization request, how can I view the status of a case or upload clinical documentation?</b></p> | <p>The "Track an Authorization" feature will allow users who did not submit the original request to view the status of an authorization, as well as upload clinical information. This option is also available as a part of your main menu options using the "Search for Request" feature. A tracking number is required to use this search method.</p>  |
| <p><b>Can I share my RadMD access with my coworkers?</b></p>   | <p>Yes, through our "Shared Access" feature. This process allows providers to view authorization requests initiated by other RadMD users within your 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.</p> |

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| <p><b>Paperless Notification:</b><br/> <b>How can I receive notifications electronically instead of paper?</b></p> | <p>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.</p> <p>Users will be sent an email when determinations are made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No PHI will be contained in the email.</li> <li>• The email will contain a link that requires the user to log into RadMD to view PHI.</li> </ul> <p>Providers who prefer paper communication will be given the option to opt out and receive communications via fax.</p> |
| <p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Who can I contact if we need RadMD support?</b></p>  | <p>For assistance, please contact <a href="mailto:RadMDSupport@evolent.com">RadMDSupport@evolent.com</a> or call 1-800-327-0641.</p> <p>RadMD is available 24/7, except when maintenance is performed every third Thursday of the month from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. PST.</p>   |
| <p><b>Who can a provider contact at Evolent for more information?</b></p>  | <p>You may contact your dedicated Evolent Senior Provider Relations Manager:</p> <p>Priscilla Singleton<br/> 314-387-5023<br/> <a href="mailto:psingleton@Evolent.com">psingleton@Evolent.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Who can a provider contact at the Partners Health Management if they have questions or concerns?</b></p>     | <p>Contact Partners Health Management provider services at 1-877-398-4145.</p> <p>Providers may access the Partners Health Management portal: <a href="https://www.partnersbhm.org">https://www.partnersbhm.org</a></p>   |