

# SPECIAL BULLETIN

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## ATTENTION NETWORK ONCOLOGISTS AND UROLOGISTS: EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2014, TWO PROCEDURE CODES TO BE ADDED TO HIGHMARK'S RADIATION THERAPY AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM

On Jan. 1, 2012, Highmark launched a Radiation Therapy Authorization Program to help enhance patient safety; ensure that the radiation therapy services provided to our members are consistent with nationally recognized clinical guidelines; and promote quality, medically appropriate care and value for our employer group customers and their employees. Highmark contracted with CareCore National, LLC, to provide medical necessity review and authorization where applicable for select radiation therapy services.

Effective with dates of service of March 17, 2014, and beyond, Highmark will add two procedure codes to the list of radiation therapy services that are included in the program. The procedure codes listed in the following chart will be added to the Radiation Therapy Authorization Program, effective March 17, 2014:

Code	Description
77293	RESPIRATORY MOTION MANAGEMENT SIMULATION
S2095	TRANSCATHETER OCCLUSION OR EMBOLIZATION FOR TUMOR DESTRUCTION, PERCUTANEOUS, ANY METHOD, USING YTTRIUM-90 MICROSPHERES

To obtain the complete list of procedure codes that are included in Highmark's Radiation Therapy Authorization Program — along with the program's requirements and the Highmark products to which the program applies — visit the *Highmark Radiation Therapy Authorization Program* link under *Clinical Reference Materials* on our online Provider Resource Center, which is accessible via NaviNet® or under Helpful Links on our website. Click on *Highmark Radiation Therapy Authorization Program Administrative Guide*, which includes the list of procedure codes that require authorization. For general information about CareCore, visit [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com).

### REQUESTING AUTHORIZATIONS ELECTRONICALLY IS THE FASTEST AND EASIEST WAY TO DO SO

Submitting your authorization requests for radiation therapy for your Highmark patients is fast and easy when you use NaviNet or the appropriate HIPAA electronic transactions. Electronic submission of your authorization requests is the preferred method because your request will be received almost instantly and a decision will be returned to you in seconds, if your request includes all of the necessary information and doesn't require physician review. Also, please be sure to use NaviNet or the appropriate HIPAA electronic transactions to check members' eligibility and benefits and whether the Radiation Therapy Authorization Program applies to them. Ordering providers who don't yet have NaviNet or who don't have access to the HIPAA electronic transactions may call their regional Highmark Provider Service Center; Western Region providers must call, toll-free, 1-800-547-3627, Option 5; Central, Eastern and Northeastern Region providers must call, toll-free, 1-866-731-8080, Option 5.



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