

SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

OCT. 31, 2014

IMPORTANT IMAGING UPDATE FOR ORDERING AND PERFORMING PROVIDERS:

LOW-DOSE CT FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING TO BE ADDED TO RADIOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE 1/1/15

Highmark maintains a Radiology Management Program to promote quality and patient safety of selected outpatient, non-emergency imaging tests for our group customers and members. We retain the services of National Imaging Associates Inc. (NIA), an affiliate of Magellan Health, Inc., to support the program. Using Highmark medical policy and nationally accepted clinical criteria, we work closely with NIA, imaging providers and ordering physicians to ensure our members receive the appropriate imaging tests and avoid the inconvenience and expense of unnecessary and/or duplicative services.

As you know, physicians ordering selected outpatient, non-emergency imaging studies for their Highmark patients must obtain prior authorization through NIA. This bulletin is being sent to notify you that one CPT® code and one allowable billed grouping will be added to our Radiology Management Program, effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Beginning with dates of service of Jan. 1, 2015, and beyond, providers will need to request an authorization prior to ordering the following outpatient, non-emergency imaging procedure:

Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Billed Groupings
S8032	LOW-DOSE CT FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING	S8032

Patients covered under the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) and who meet the criteria listed in the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force are eligible for expanded benefits. The Task Force recently created a Grade B recommendation for screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography in certain patients. The criteria consider, but are not limited to, indications such as age and history/duration of smoking. To incorporate this recommendation, Highmark will expand this benefit to patients meeting these new criteria, beginning Jan. 1, 2015. NIA will review all requests for these screening studies to assure the member meets the medical necessity criteria and that the performing provider has obtained the enhanced privileging for CT scanning. As a reminder, all performing providers should have received a mailing in mid-October informing them that they must submit proof of their certification as an ACR Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center to Highmark by June 30, 2015, in order to continue as privileged network imaging providers who are eligible to perform low-dose CT for lung cancer screening.

PLEASE USE NAVINET® TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATIONS

Using NaviNet or the appropriate HIPAA electronic transactions is the preferred way to request authorizations for outpatient, non-emergency imaging services for our members. If you don't have NaviNet, please contact your regional Provider Service Center to request authorizations.



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