

Changes in Services Requiring Prior Authorization and Advanced Imaging Criteria

This provider bulletin is an update about information in the CommunityConnect HealthPlanSM Provider Manual. For access to the latest Manual, go online to www.communityconnecthealthplan.com.

Services Requiring Prior Authorization

Effective **July 17, 2011**, CommunityConnect is changing the list of codes requiring prior authorization for services to our members enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus program. We are pleased to inform you that we have reduced the number of services requiring prior-authorization.

We have listed these services under the following four categories:

- **Outpatient Surgical Services** delivered in an ambulatory surgical center or outpatient hospital setting
- **Radiology Services**—for example PET/SPECT scans, CTs and MRIs (refer to the following section for additional information regarding imaging guidelines)
- **Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies**
- **Biopharmaceutical and Injectable Medications / Specialty Drugs**

You will find a more comprehensive list on our website. Go to www.communityconnecthealthplan.com > select **Providers** at top left and click **Medical Management** > choose **Services Requiring Prior Authorization**.

Change in Advanced Imaging Criteria

CommunityConnect is revising and standardizing review criteria, either pre- or post-service, to be consistent across our family of companies nationwide. **Effective April 1, 2011**, CommunityConnect will retire its Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines for advanced imaging services, also known as high tech imaging services. Retired guidelines include:

CG-RAD-07	CT/MRI Upper Extremity
CG-RAD-08	CTA/MRA Head and Neck
CG-RAD-09	CTA/MRA of the Thoracic Cavity, Abdomen, Pelvis and Extremities
CG-RAD-10	CT/MRI Abdomen, Pelvis, Kidney
CG-RAD-11	CT/MRI Brain and Head
CG-RAD-12	CT/MRI Face, Orbits, Sinuses, Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ), Neck Soft Tissue
CG-RAD-13	CT/MRI Lower Extremity
CG-RAD-14	CT/MRI Spine (Cervical, Thoracic, Lumbar)
CG-RAD-15	CT/MRI of the Thoracic Cavity and Heart
CG-RAD-16	Myocardial Perfusion Imaging in the Outpatient Setting

- CG-RAD-21 Transesophageal and Transthoracic Echocardiography in the Outpatient Setting
- CG-RAD-22 Stress Echocardiography in the Outpatient Setting
- CG-RAD-23 Cardiac Blood Pool and Infarct Imaging in the Outpatient Setting

In lieu of the above guidelines, CommunityConnect will begin utilizing Diagnostic Imaging Utilization Management Program Guidelines developed by and proprietary to American Imaging Management (AIM). You can view AIM's advanced imaging guidelines by accessing:

http://www.americanimaging.net/education/clinicalguidelines.html?utm_source=CorporateSite&utm_medium=DropNav&utm_content=ClinicalGuidelines.

In addition to the AIM guidelines, CommunityConnect will continue the use of its advanced imaging Medical Policies, which include:

- RAD 00001 Computed Tomography to Detect Coronary Artery Calcification
- RAD 00002 Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and PET/CT Fusion
- RAD 00004 Peripheral Bone Mineral Density Measurement
- RAD 00022 Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)
- RAD 00023 Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography for Noncardiovascular Indications
- RAD 00029 CT Colonography (Virtual Colonoscopy) as a Screening Test for Colorectal Cancer
- RAD 00035 Coronary Artery Imaging: Contrast-Enhanced Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA) and Coronary Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- RAD 00036 MRI of the Breast
- RAD 00037 Whole Body CT Scanning
- RAD 00042 SPECT/CT Fusion
- RAD 00043 CT Scans with or without Computer Assisted Detection (CAD) for Lung Cancer Screening
- RAD 00044 Magnetic Resonance Neurography
- RAD 00046 Cerebral Perfusion Studies using Diffusion and Perfusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- RAD 00049 Low Field and Conventional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for Screening, Diagnosing and Monitoring
- RAD 00051 Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)
- RAD 00052 Positional MRI
- RAD 00053 Cervical and Thoracic Discography
- RAD 00054 MRI of the Bone Marrow
- RAD 00055 MR Angiography (MRA) of the Spinal Canal

To learn more about our medical policies and UM guidelines, go to **www.communityconnecthealthplan.com** > select **Providers** at top left and click **Medical Policies and UM Guidelines**.

Verifying Eligibility and Benefits Reduces Denied Claims

As a reminder, providers are responsible for verifying eligibility and benefits **before** providing services to our members enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus program. Except in the case of an emergency, failure to obtain prior authorization for the services listed may result in a denial of the claim.

For Prior Authorization or More Information

To request prior authorization, report a medical admission or ask questions regarding prior authorization, please contact CommunityConnect's Utilization Management department. You also may fax prior authorization requests.

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