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**To: Cardiologists, Radiologists,
 Radiology Centers and Facilities**

Contracts affected: All lines of business

Fractional Flow Reserve - Computed Tomography (FFR-CT)

<p>Why you're receiving this stat</p>	<p>As part of the BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York Radiology Management Program FFR-CT will require preauthorization through National Imaging Associates (NIA), a Magellan Services Company.</p>								
<p>What you need to know</p>	<p>Effective February 1, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior authorization will be required for FFR-CT services after a 64- slice coronary computed tomography angiography (CCTA) is completed. • The following procedure codes will require preauthorization. <table border="1" data-bbox="389 940 1417 1255"> <tr> <td>0501T</td> <td>Noninvasive estimated coronary fractional flow reserve derived from coronary computed tomography angiography data</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0502T</td> <td>Data preparation and transmission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0503T</td> <td>Analysis of fluid dynamics and simulated maximal coronary hyperemia and generation of estimated FFR model</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0504T</td> <td>Anatomical data review in comparison with estimated FFR model to reconcile discordant data, interpretation, and report</td> </tr> </table> <p>These codes will become available January 1, 2018 related to FFR-CT as an emerging service.</p> <p>FFR-CT can only be performed when a CCTA has been completed with 64-slice technology. Upon review of the 64-slice CCTA results, if you believe that FFR-CT is medically necessary, you must request a separate preauthorization for FFR-CT.</p> <p>If the request is approved, the CCTA results will need to be sent to the vendor or rendering provider to conduct the FFR-CT analysis. The vendor or rendering provider will send FFR-CT results to you to be incorporated into your patient's plan of care.</p>	0501T	Noninvasive estimated coronary fractional flow reserve derived from coronary computed tomography angiography data	0502T	Data preparation and transmission	0503T	Analysis of fluid dynamics and simulated maximal coronary hyperemia and generation of estimated FFR model	0504T	Anatomical data review in comparison with estimated FFR model to reconcile discordant data, interpretation, and report
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<p>What you need to do</p>	<p>Beginning February 1, 2018, obtain a preauthorization with NIA if a FFR-CT is medically necessary after a 64-slice CCTA is completed.</p> <p>Submit your requests to RadMD.com, or by calling 1-800-642-7820 (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week). This call center is staffed with on-call physicians Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST. A step-by-step Quick Reference Guide on the preauthorization process is available at RadMD.com.</p>								

If you have any questions regarding this stat, please contact Provider Service at 1-800-950-0051 or (716)-884-3461.