STAT Bulletin

To: Cardiologists, Radiologists, Radiology Centers and Facilities

Contracts affected: All lines of business

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Fractional Flow Reserve - Computed Tomography (FFR-CT)

Why you’re receiving this stat

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.

What you need to know

Effective February 1, 2018:

- 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.

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<td>Noninvasive estimated coronary fractional flow reserve derived from coronary computed tomography angiography data</td>
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These codes will become available January 1, 2018 related to FFR-CT as an emerging service.

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.

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.

What you need to do

Beginning February 1, 2018, obtain a preauthorization with NIA if a FFR-CT is medically necessary after a 64-slice CCTA is completed.

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.

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