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Web Announcement 1692

Prior Authorization Required for Radiology Scans - POSTPONED

Update to [Web Announcement 1684](#): The prior authorization (PA) requirement for medically necessary Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans has been postponed until November 1, 2018.

Effective on claims with dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, PA is required for medically necessary MRI, MRA, MRS and PET scans. **Please note:** While the PA requirement was effective November 1, 2018, the change was not reflected in the Electronic Verification System (EVS) until November 3, 2018.

The PA requirement applies to provider types 12 (Hospital, Outpatient), 20 (Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.), 22 (Dentist), 24 (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse), 27 (Radiology and Non-Invasive Diagnostic Centers) and 77 (Physician's Assistant).

The Billing Guide for Provider Type 27 (Radiology) has been updated to reflect the PA requirement. The Billing Guide is posted on the [Providers Billing Information](#) webpage.