

Updates to AIM Specialty Health *Cardiac Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*

Effective for dates of service on and after March 14, 2021, the following updates will apply to the AIM Specialty Health®* (AIM) *Advanced Imaging of the Heart and Diagnostic Coronary Angiography Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*.

Evaluation of patients with cardiac arrhythmias:

- Updated repeat transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) criteria.
- Added restrictions for patients whose initial echocardiogram shows no evidence of structural heart disease, and follow-up echocardiography is not appropriate for ongoing management of arrhythmia.

Evaluation of signs, symptoms or abnormal testing:

- Added restrictions for TTE in evaluation of palpitation and lightheadedness based on literature.

Diagnostic coronary angiography:

- Updated criteria to evaluate patients with suspected congenital coronary artery anomalies.

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM's *ProviderPortal*SM directly at <https://providerportal.com>.
- **Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.**
- Access AIM via the Availity* Portal at <https://www.availity.com>. Call the AIM Contact Center toll free at **1-800-714-0040** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

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