

# Provider Update

## Radiation oncology prior authorization to be managed by AIM®

**Summary of change:** Effective September 1, 2016, clinical appropriateness review of radiation oncology for Amerigroup Community Care members will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM).

✦ **What this means to you:** Providers should contact AIM to obtain preservice review for the following nonemergency, outpatient radiation oncology modalities:

- Brachytherapy
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
- Proton Beam Radiation Therapy (PBRT)
- Stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS)/stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT)
- 3D Conformal Therapy\* (EBRT) for bone metastases and breast cancer
- Hypofractionation for bone metastases and breast cancer when requesting EBRT and IMRT
- Special procedures and consultations associated with a treatment plan ([CPT codes 77370 and 77470])
- Image guided radiation therapy (IGRT)

Note: Radiation oncology performed as part of an inpatient admission is not part of the AIM program.

To see a list of CPT codes that will require preauthorization, to request prior authorization, or to check on the status of your previous orders, please refer to the AIM Provider Portal at [www.providerportal.com](http://www.providerportal.com) (registration required).

### **Voluntary Notification for 3-D conformal radiation therapy (EBRT)**

For EBRT, preservice review is required only for procedures involving bone metastases and breast cancer. Additionally, Amerigroup is requesting that ordering providers contact AIM to review all other 3D-conformal therapy requests on a voluntary basis. Clinical review will be performed to confirm appropriateness and to ensure the ordering physician is aware of alternative treatments where applicable. Once clinical review is completed, an order number will be issued. Claims will not be denied as a result of this voluntary process.

**Where can I find additional information?**

To find additional information, order-entry checklists, a step-by-step tutorial, clinical guidelines and FAQs, visit the AIM website or call AIM at:

- Web: [www.aimprovider.com/radoncology](http://www.aimprovider.com/radoncology)
- Phone: 1-800-252-2021

**What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication, received it in error, or need assistance with any other item, call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.