

Provider Update

Low tech radiology and site of service redirection

Summary: As of May 1, 2015, low tech radiology procedures performed in an outpatient hospital setting will no longer be redirected to a free-standing radiology facility. This includes medically necessary perinatology ultrasounds and X-rays. The precertification tool located on the provider website at providers.amerigroup.com/MD will be updated to indicate that redirection is not required for low tech radiology CPT codes.

✦ **What this means to you:** For your information only; no immediate action is necessary.

Is there a change to high tech radiology procedures?

No. Site of service redirection to a free-standing radiology facility will still apply to high tech radiology procedures such as MRI/MRA, PET scans, CT scans, echocardiograms and nuclear cardiac studies. AIM Specialty Health (AIM) will continue to review high tech radiology procedures for medical necessity determination and redirect procedures to free-standing radiology facilities when possible.

Is there a change to policy regarding payment for medically necessary ultrasounds?

No. There is no change to policy regarding payment for medically necessary ultrasounds. Amerigroup Community Care covers one routine prenatal ultrasound for fetal anatomic survey per pregnancy. Additional prenatal ultrasounds require a medical diagnosis other than routine pregnancy. The complete ultrasound policy can be found on the provider website at providers.amerigroup.com/MD.

What if I need assistance?

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