

Provider Update

Select Cardiac Services to Be Reviewed

Appropriate care is the key to achieving the best outcomes for our Medicare Advantage members. To help ensure that Amerigroup Washington members receive evidence-based care, Amerigroup is collaborating with NIA Magellan to ensure that previous invasive cardiac procedures were reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of coronary artery disease. Cardiac Catheterizations and Percutaneous Coronary Interventions that occurred in 2012 – 2015 for Medicare Advantage members will be the focus of a claims data analysis that may result in a medical record audit.

Providers who have submitted claims for either of these services for Amerigroup Medicare Advantage members during this time period may receive a request for records and related digital images. The process for submitting records and related images will be streamlined by providing you with a HIPAA-compliant, secure internet portal for uploading the needed information. Instructions on this process will be included with the request. Requests will be delivered beginning second quarter, 2015.

A board-certified cardiologist will review the records and images to determine if the services were reasonable and necessary for the patient's underlying health status. Should you receive a medical record request, we would appreciate your timely compliance. We look forward to working with you to help ensure that our Medicare Advantage members receive the highest quality care.

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Amerivantage is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Washington Medicaid program. Enrollment in Amerivantage depends on contract renewal.

