

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Solutions Radiology Authorization Program Expansion

Dear Valued Medical Society Leader:

I am writing to let you know that UnitedHealthcare and its family of companies are working together to simplify our processes and physician interactions with us. Recent published literature, as well as concerns expressed by expert external scientific advisors, indicates that advanced imaging procedures are a major and growing source of ionizing radiation in the U.S. and can result in high cumulative levels of radiation for patients. In addition, significant variations exist in the quality, safety and appropriate utilization of imaging services in health care delivery.

As such, we are expanding the scope of our radiology protocols to include Medicare Advantage Plans offered by SecureHorizons® and Evercare®. **Effective June 7, 2010, we will require all participating physicians to contact us and obtain prior-authorization when ordering select advanced imaging procedures rendered to our Medicare Advantage members administered on UnitedHealthcareOnline.com and subject to the UnitedHealthcare Provider Administrative Guide.**

The following states with SecureHorizons® and Evercare® Medicare Advantage plans administered on UnitedHealthcareOnline.com and subject to the UnitedHealthcare Provider Administrative Guide are not participating in the program at this time: CT, ID, NE, NJ, RI, OR & WA. All other states are included in the June 7, 2010 effective date except Florida, which has an effective date of March 1, 2010.

Hospitals, rendering physicians and facilities will receive a 90 day advanced notification letter next week, including the following enclosures:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Plan specific inclusion and exclusion grid
- Quick Reference Guide

This communication package will begin mailing Friday, February 19, 2010 through the end of the month with delivery to all impacted providers no later than March 5, 2010.

Please note: This program does not apply to SecureHorizons® and Evercare® Medicare Advantage plans administered through PacifiCare or Oxford.

The Radiology Prior Authorization Program includes CT scans, MRIs, MRAs, PET scans, and nuclear medicine studies, including nuclear cardiology. To learn more about the program please visit UnitedHealthcareOnline.com > Clinical Resources > Radiology > Radiology Notification & Authorization.

If you have questions regarding how this will affect your physicians please refer to the Web site for additional resources or contact Jennifer Searfoss, Vice President, External Provider Relations at jennifer_1_searfoss@uhc.com or 714.226.3208.