

NETWORK Notification

HEALTHCARE COOPERATIVE

Notice Date: October 15, 2024

To: Wisconsin Marketplace Providers

From: CareSource

Subject: Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.)

Effective Date: December 1, 2024

Summary

In keeping with our commitment of promoting continuous quality improvement for services provided to Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative (CGHC) health plan members, CGHC has entered into an agreement with Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc.) to implement a Medical Specialty Solutions program. This program includes **prior authorization** of non-emergent, advanced outpatient imaging and related services for CGHC members. The decision to implement this program is consistent with industry-wide efforts to ensure clinically appropriate quality of care and to manage the increasing utilization of these services.

Impact

Prior authorization will be required for the following outpatient procedures:

- CT/CTA
- MRI/MRA
- PET Scan
- MUGA Scan
- Nuclear Stress Test
- Echocardiography

Please note:

- The ordering physician is responsible for obtaining authorization prior to rendering the above-listed services.
- Providers rendering the services listed above should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained by visiting <u>RadMD.com</u> or by calling Evolent at **1-800-327-0641**. Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your claim.
- Emergency room, observation and inpatient procedures do not require authorization.

Importance

Under terms of the agreement between CGHC and Evolent, CGHC will oversee the Evolent program and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication. Evolent will manage Medical Specialty Solutions services through contractual relationships.

Based on a December 1, 2024, implementation, this correspondence serves as notice of changes to the program. Providers may begin contacting Evolent on December 1, 2024, to seek prior authorization.

Questions?

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. If you have questions, please contact CGHC Provider Services department at **1-877-514-2442**.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you to ensure that CGHC members receive quality, clinically appropriate care.
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