PRIOR AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION
For Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Effective November 1, 2011, BCNEPA selected NIA Magellan to provide radiology network management services to its members.

Effective October 1, 2013, self-insured member groups will have the opportunity to participate in the Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BCNEPA)-NIA Magellan Radiology Benefit Management Program. Upon the member group’s annual renewal, if they elect, NIA Magellan will review and approve requests for the following advanced imaging and cardiac-related procedures:

- Stress Echo
- Computed Tomography (CT)/Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA)/Cardiac Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)/Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan
- Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine/Nuclear Cardiology /MPI

With the inclusion of the Self Funded Products (with noted exceptions), as of October 1, 2013, the BCNEPA-NIA Magellan radiology benefit management program will now apply to the following members:

- FPH and FPLIC fully insured
- FPH and FPLIC self-funded
- FPH and FPLIC individual products (excluding Special Care, BlueCare Security and BlueCare Senior)
- CHIP

Please contact NIA to initiate the authorization process at the appropriate number:

FPH HMO/CHIP 1.800.962.5353
FPLIC Traditional 1.800.638.0505
FPLIC PPO 1.866.262.5623
FPLIC EPO 1.888.345.2360

visit www.navinet.net or www.RadMD.com for the following procedures now managed by NIA Magellan:

- CT/CTA/CCTA
- MRI/MRI
- PET scan
- Nuclear cardiology/MPI
- Stress Echo
To expedite the process, please have the following information ready before logging on to NIA Magellan’s Web site, www.RadMD.com or calling the NIA Magellan Utilization Management staff (*denotes required information):

- Name and office phone number of ordering physician*
- Member name and ID number*
- Requested examination*
- Name of provider office or facility where the service will be performed*
- Anticipated date of service (if known)
- Details justifying the examination*:
  - Symptoms and their duration (including cardiac symptoms, risk factors and related history when requesting cardiac services)
  - Physician exam findings (including findings applicable to the requested services, e.g. for cardiac services, include BMI, blood pressure, whether or not patient is a smoker, history of diabetes or hypertension, family history, etc.)
  - Conservative treatment patient has already completed (e.g., physical therapy, chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation, hot pads, massage, ice packs and medication)
  - Results and/or reports of preliminary procedures already completed (e.g., X-rays, CTs, lab work, ultrasound, scoped procedures, referrals to specialist and specialist evaluation). For cardiac services, include total cholesterol, ECG results, HDL level, problems with exercise capacity and results of previous cardiac evaluation procedures (e.g. stress test, echocardiogram, catheterization, etc.)
  - Reason the study is being requested (e.g., further evaluation, rule out a disorder.)

Please be prepared to forward the following information, if requested:
- Clinical notes
- Reports of previous procedures
- Specialist reports/evaluation

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1 NIA Magellan refers to National Imaging Associates, Inc.