



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive, Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

August 22, 2016

GCR 15-058
PROPOSED

Cardiac Imaging Prior Authorization

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) is dedicated to ensuring that Medicaid beneficiaries receive the most appropriate, medically necessary care. To this end, AHS is proposing to require prior authorization for cardiac imaging. This includes: Nuclear Stress Tests, Stress Echocardiograms, Myocardial Perfusion Images, and Echocardiography Studies. The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is contracting with eviCore healthcare (Medsolutions Inc.) to perform these prior authorizations.

Effective Date:

Dates of services beginning October 1, 2016.

Effective September 19, 2016, eviCore healthcare will accept prior authorization requests for services beginning October 1, 2016.

Authority/Legal Basis:

This change is being made under the Medicaid State Plan, available here:

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Medicaid Rule 7405 Laboratory and Radiology Services and Medicaid Rule 7102 Prior Authorization are available here: <http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/dvha/medicaid-covered-services-7100-7700-1/view>

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

	State Fiscal Year 2017 Savings	State Fiscal Year 2018 Savings
State	-\$242,842	-\$324,323
Federal	-\$290,408	-\$386,677
Total	-\$533,250	-\$711,000

Public Comment Period:

August 12, 2016 – Sept 12, 2016

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
280 State Drive, Center Building
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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events. Comments received will be posted to the DVHA website by October 1, 2016 at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.

Additional information:

A guidance letter from eviCore healthcare regarding the prior authorization process is available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/evicore-healthcare-cardiac-imaging.pdf>.

The Vermont Medicaid Prior Authorizations, Tools, and Clinical Coverage Guidelines website is available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/clinical-coverage-guidelines>.

The CPT codes that require prior authorization are as follows:

78451	93306
78452	93307
78453	93308
78454	93312
78466	93313
78468	93314
78469	93318
78472	93320
78473	93321
78481	93325
78483	93350
78494	93351
78496	93352
78499	