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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 now requires 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

The comment received and response is [available here](#).

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>.

eviCore has provided a Vermont Medicaid resource website for cardiac imaging: <https://www.evicore.com/implementation/pages/ImplementationResourceDetails.aspx?ImpID=59>.

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

Information about the Gold Card program, which exempts providers from the PA requirement is they are shown to be in high compliance, is available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/advisory-boards/goldcardradiologyprocedures.pdf>.

The CPT codes that require prior authorization are as follows:

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