# Updates to the HUSKY Health Radiology Benefit Management Program







### Learning Objectives

- Review prior authorization (PA) requirements
- Clarify changes to the PA process
- Describe the clinical review process
- Present an overview of eviCore healthcare's (eviCore's) provider resources
- Provide an overview of eviCore's clinical approach and use of evidence-based guidelines



#### Transition to eviCore healthcare

eviCore will accept PA requests beginning Dec. 19, 2016 for dates of service Jan. 1, 2017 and forward

During the transition period, Dec. 19, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016 submit requests to:

- eviCore:
  - For dates of service Jan. 1, 2017 and forward
- Care to Care:
  - For dates of service prior to Jan. 1, 2017
  - For modifications to existing authorizations and requests for retrospective reviews

# Transition to eviCore healthcare Jan. 1, 2017 and Forward

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, providers should submit all radiology requests to eviCore including:

- New requests
- Modifications to existing authorizations
- Requests for retrospective reviews



# PA Requirements

#### PA required for:

CT, CTA, MRI, MRA, PET, and PET/CT

Members ages 19 and over

Dual eligible members (Medicare/Medicaid) without Medicare Part B coverage

Members with other insurance (OI)

- PA not required for services performed:
  - During an inpatient admission
  - As part of an emergency department visit
  - During an observation stay

### PA Request Submission

#### Portal:

Visit <u>www.huskyhealth.com</u>, click "*For Providers*," then click the Radiology Authorization Portal button to submit authorizations or check the status of existing authorizations

#### Phone:

1.800.440.5071 - follow prompts to radiology authorizations

#### Fax:

1.888.693.3210 - use new PA radiology fax forms

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### New PA Radiology Fax Forms

- Specific to modality, body region, and/or medical condition
- Visit <u>www.huskyhealth.com</u>:
  - Click "For Providers," "Provider Bulletins and Forms," "Advanced Imaging PA Forms," then click the Radiology Authorization Portal button
  - 2. On the eviCore website click "Resources," "Providers," "Online Forms and Resources"
  - 3. Select "HUSKY Health," "Radiology" from the Select Solution drop-down menu then "Show Results"



- Effective for dates of service Jan. 1, 2017 and forward, the use of code groupings as outlined in DSS Provider Bulletin PB 2013-48 will no longer be allowed
- Providers must follow the process to request modifications to existing authorizations



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#### Codes

- For studies performed at independent radiology facilities and physician offices:
  - Providers should request PA using the applicable CPT code
- For studies performed in an outpatient hospital:
  - Providers should request PA using the applicable CPT code

**Exception**: When the following studies are performed in an outpatient hospital setting, providers must request PA using the applicable HCPCS "C" code:

MRA abdomen	MRI breast
MRA chest	MRA lower extremity
MRA pelvis	MRA spinal canal/contents
MRA upper extremity	



- Providers must include a copy of the physician order when submitting clinical information to eviCore
- For requests submitted via phone or web portal, providers must ensure that a valid order is on file in the member's medical record





### Information Required for Review

Member ID, name, date of birth

Ordering physician name, Medicaid ID, NPI, TIN, fax number

Rendering facility name, Medicaid ID and TIN (if available), NPI, street address

CPT or HCPCS "C" code

ICD-10 diagnosis code

Supporting clinical information



#### **PA Review**

- Coverage determinations are based on an assessment of the individual and his/her unique clinical needs
- Coverage guidelines are made in accordance with the DSS definition of Medical Necessity and in line with evidence-based guidelines
- Should the guidelines conflict with the definition of Medical Necessity, the definition of Medical Necessity shall prevail
- Approved authorizations are valid for 30 days from the date the request is received - one extension is allowed upon request



#### **PA Determinations**

- Requests are processed within two business days after receipt of all necessary clinical information
- Requests for urgent studies are processed within 72 hours of the request
- Notification of approved and denied requests will be:
  - Faxed to the ordering provider
  - Mailed to the member
- Ordering providers will be notified of *denied* requests via phone and will be notified of their right to a peer-topeer review
- Determination information can also be printed as needed from the eviCore healthcare Web Portal



#### Peer-to-Peer Review

- Must be scheduled within two business days from the date of denial
- Can be scheduled for a time that is convenient to the ordering physician
- Allows further clinical discussion
- Additional information provided during the discussion may be sufficient to approve the requested study



- eviCore will process both first and second level provider appeals; requests should be directly submitted to eviCore following the instructions located within the provider denial letter:
  - Level one appeals must be submitted to eviCore by phone or in writing within 7 calendar days of the date of the provider denial letter
  - Level two appeals must be submitted to eviCore in writing within 14 calendar days of the date of the level one uphold letter



# PA Modification Requests Prior to Date of Service

- Providers may request a site change or down-code from a study with contrast to a study without contrast prior to date of service without additional medical necessity review
- Providers may request a change in CPT code based on:
  - Change in modality (CT to MRI)
  - Change in body region (abdomen to abdomen and pelvis)
  - Up-code from a study without contrast to a study with contrast with additional medical necessity review

# PA Modification Requests After Date of Service

- Providers must request modifications to existing authorizations within 180 days from the date of service
- Providers may request a site change or down-code from a study with contrast to a study without contrast without additional medical necessity review
- Providers may request a change in CPT code based on:
  - Change in modality
  - Change in body region
  - Up-code from a study without contrast to a study with contrast with additional medical necessity review

## Retrospective Requests - Urgent

- Providers have 3 business days to submit requests for urgent studies performed after hours
- eviCore will review the request to determine if it was truly urgent in nature
  - If found to be urgent and submitted within 3 business days, request will be reviewed for medical necessity
  - If found to be non-urgent, it will be treated as a standard retrospective request
  - If not received within 3 business days, an administrative denial will be issued for failure to obtain authorization prior to service being rendered; providers may submit an administrative appeal request to Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. (CHNCT)



### Retrospective Requests - Standard

- Requests for non-urgent services performed without authorization will be administratively denied
- Providers may submit an administrative appeal request to CHNCT; providers must show good cause why authorization was not obtained prior to the service being rendered



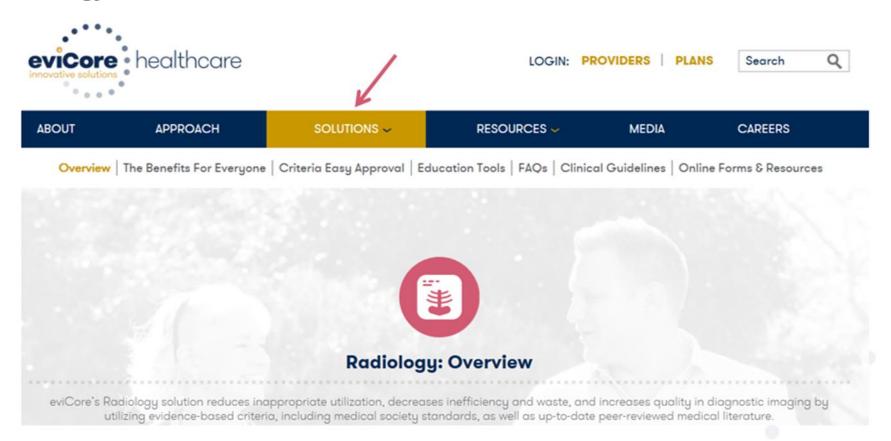
- Authorization requests received retrospectively for members granted retro-eligibility will be accepted and processed
- Providers have up to one year after services are rendered to submit the request



# eviCore Provider Resources

## Radiology Online Resources

Clinical Guidelines, FAQ's, Online Forms, and other important resources can be accessed at <a href="www.huskyhealth.com">www.huskyhealth.com</a>, click "For Providers", then "Radiology Authorization Portal Button". Click "Solutions" from the menu bar, and select Radiology.



# Provider Resources: Prior Authorization Call Center



8:00 AM - 6:00 PM EST: (800) 440.5071

- Urgent requests
- Obtain pre-certification or check the status of an existing case
- Discuss questions regarding authorizations and case decisions
- Change facility or CPT Code(s) on an existing case

eviCore fax number: (888) 693-3210

# Provider Resources: Web-Based Services



#### www.evicore.com

To speak with a Web Specialist, call (800) 575-4594 or email portal.support@evicore.com

- Request authorizations and check case status online
- Print case summary reports
- Attach clinical documents during <u>and</u> after case creation
- Auto save no data lost
- Export and print work lists
- View cases by individual user and office

## Provider Resources: Implementation Document



Provider Enrollment Questions - Contact HUSKY Health at 1.800.440.5071

**HUSKY Health Implementation Page - includes all implementation documents:** 

- CPT code list of the procedures that require prior authorization
- Quick reference guide
- eviCore clinical guidelines
- FAQ documents and announcement letters

Visit the HUSKY Health Implementation Page: https://www.evicore.com/healthplan/HUSKYhealth

To obtain a copy of this presentation, please contact the Client Services department at <u>clientservices@evicore.com</u>

## eviCore Web Portal

#### **HUSKY Health Website**

Go to:

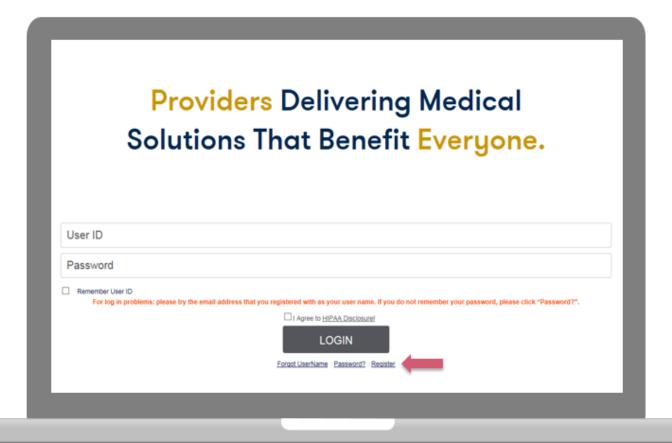


Click on the "For Providers" link

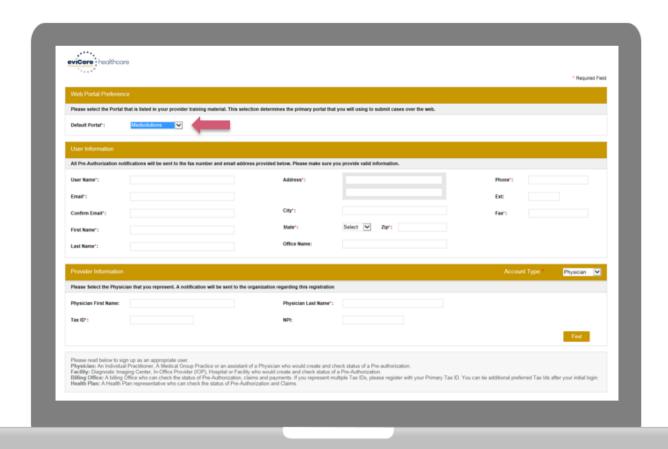
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**Radiology Authorization Portal** 

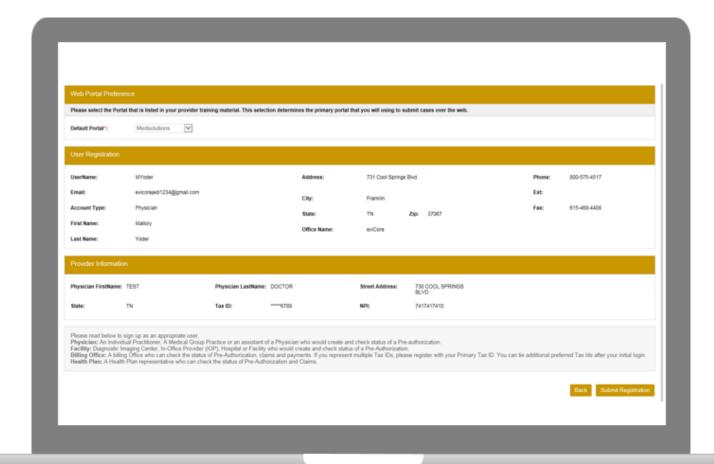
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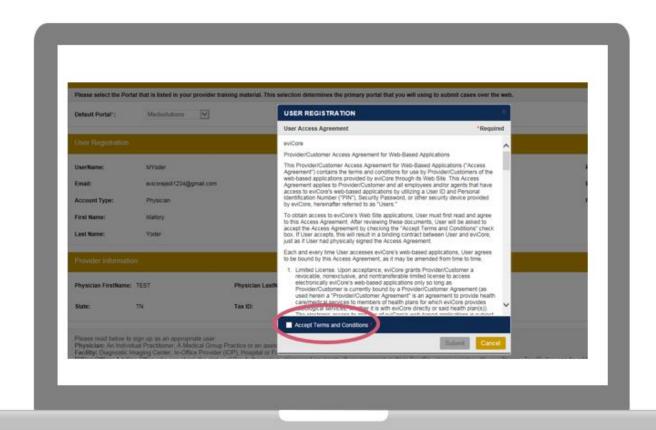
To create a new account, click Register.



Select a Default Portal. Choose the Account Type, and complete the registration form. There are (4) account types: Facility, Physician, Billing Office, and Health Plan









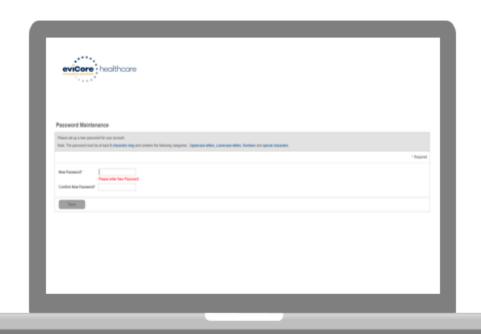


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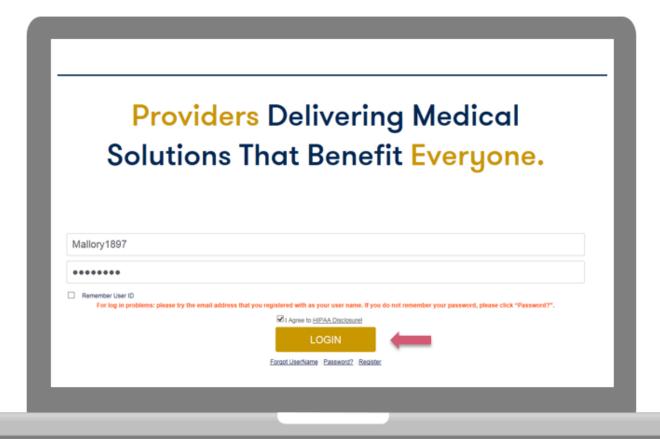
#### Create a Password

Your password must be at least (8) characters long and contain the following:

- Uppercase letters
- Lowercase letters
- Numbers
- Characters (e.g., ! ? \*)

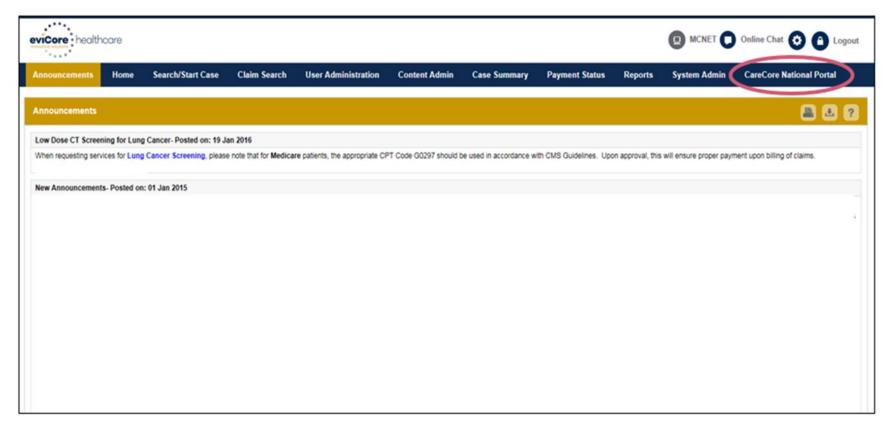


## **Account Login**



To log-in to your account, enter your User ID and Password. Agree to the HIPAA Disclosure, and click "Login."

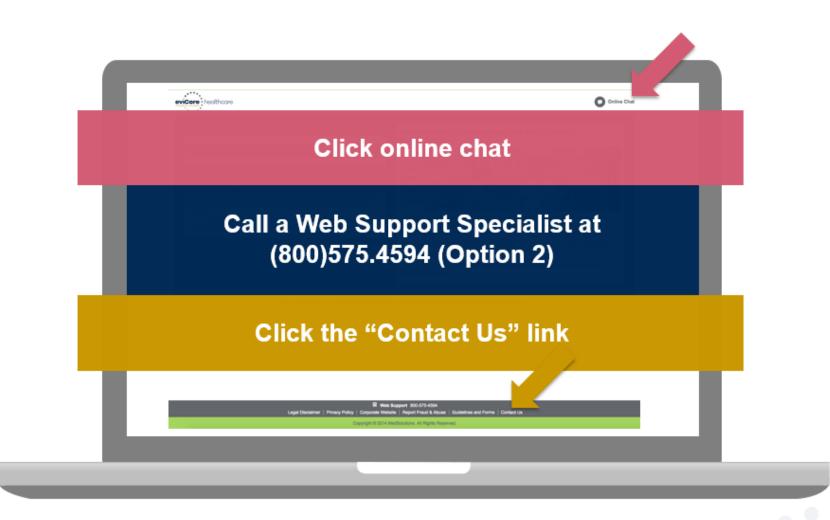
#### **Announcements**



Once you have logged in to the site, you will be directed to the main landing page that includes important announcements.

Note: You can access the CareCore National Portal at any time once registered. Click the CareCore National Portal button on the top right corner to seamlessly toggle back and forth between the two portals without having to log-in multiple accounts.

#### Web Portal Services - Assistance



# eviCore Clinical Approach

#### Clinical Platform

#### **Multi-Specialty Expertise**

Family Medicine	Oncology/Hematology
Internal Medicine	Surgery
Pediatrics	<ul> <li>General</li> <li>Orthopedic</li> <li>Thoracic</li> <li>Cardiac</li> <li>Neurological</li> <li>Otolaryngology</li> <li>Spine</li> </ul>
Sports Medicine	
OB/GYN	
Cardiology	
Nuclear Medicine	
Anesthesiology	Radiology
Radiation Oncology	Nuclear Medicine     Museuleskeletel
Sleep Medicine	<ul><li>Musculoskeletal</li><li>Neuroradiology</li></ul>

- 190+ board-certified medical directors
- Diverse representation of medical specialties
- 450 nurses with diverse specialties and experience
- Dedicated nursing and physician teams by specialty for Cardiology, Oncology, OB-GYN, Spine/Orthopedics, Neurology, and Medical/Surgical

### Organic Evidence-Based Guidelines

#### The foundation of our solutions:







Current clinical literature

#### Aligned with National Societies

- American College of Cardiology
- American Heart Association
- American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
- Heart Rhythm Society
- American College of Radiology
- American Academy of Neurology
- American College of Chest Physicians
- American College of Rheumatology
- American Academy of Sleep Medicine
- American Urological Association
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network

- American College of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology
- American Society for Radiation Oncology
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- North American Spine Society
- American Association of Neurological Surgeons
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- The Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine



## Client Service Delivery Team

The Client Provider Operations team is responsible for high-level service delivery to our health plan clients as well as ordering and rendering providers nationwide

Client Provider Representatives



Client Provider
Representatives
are cross-trained to
investigate escalated
provider and health
plan issues.

Client Service Managers



Client Service Managers lead resolution of complex service issues and coordinate with partners for continuous improvement. Regional Provider Engagement Managers



Regional Provider Engagement Managers are on-the-ground resources who serve as the voice of eviCore to the provider community.

## Why Our Service Delivery Model Works



One centralized intake point allows for timely identification, tracking, trending, and reporting of all issues. It also enables eviCore to quickly identify and respond to systemic issues impacting multiple providers.

Complex issues are escalated to resources who are the subject matter experts and can quickly coordinate with matrix partners to address issues at a root-cause level.

Routine issues are handled by a <u>team</u> of representatives who are cross trained to respond to a variety of issues. There is no reliance on a single individual to respond to your needs.



#### **Contact Information**

For questions about prior authorization, contact:

#### **CHNCT**

Phone: 1.800.440.5071

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For questions about billing or help accessing the fee schedule, contact:

#### **HPE Provider Assistance Center**

Phone: 1.800.842.8440

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

