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RE: Prior Authorization Radiology Updates

Dear Provider:

Health Choice Arizona (HCA) is pleased to announce its partnership with MedSolutions, Inc. (MSI) to provide authorization services for members for dates of service beginning June 1, 2010. MSI will begin accepting authorization requests on May 24, 2010.

All outpatient elective **MR, CT, Outcomes Focused Cardiology, Pet Scan, and Ultrasound** studies performed on or after this date for members whose primary insurance is Health Choice Arizona or Health Choice Generations will require prior authorization from MSI. Imaging services performed during an inpatient stay, observation or emergency room visit will continue to be managed and paid for by Health Choice Arizona and may require prior authorization as indicated on the prior authorization matrix located on the Health Choice Arizona and Health Choice Generations websites: <http://www.healthchoiceaz.com> and <http://www.hcgenerations.com>. All imaging services (excluding OB Ultrasounds; see detail below) approved by MSI will be valid for 60 days from the date issued.

Under this new program, HCA Providers (i.e. OB, FP/OB, MFM) who perform **Obstetrical imaging** services and who obtain a Total Obstetrical (TOB) authorization, will be subject to a few process changes. OB and FP/OB Providers who obtain a TOB authorization will be granted 1 (one) Nuchal Translucency ultrasound (CPT 76813/76814, valid for use between 11 and 13 weeks) and 1 routine level ultrasound (CPT 76805/76810, for fetal anatomy performed after 18 weeks) without requiring medical necessity indication review. Obstetrical Specialists (i.e. MFM) who have been granted authorization to see a pregnant member will be granted 1 "high" level ultrasound [CPT 76811/76812] per pregnancy without requiring medical necessity indication review. All additional OB ultrasound imaging request must be submitted to MSI with medical records which will undergo review to determine medical necessity. All approved OB ultrasounds will be valid for 30 days from the date issued, or to the date of the appropriate gestational age.

Over the next several weeks HCA and MedSolutions will be hosting in-services, web orientation sessions and town hall meetings. During these sessions, information will be shared regarding prior authorizations and claim submissions. A complete list of scheduled in-services can be found on the HCA websites above or MedSolutions at: <http://www.medsolutions.com/implementation>. HCA will also post additional information and FAQ's related to HCA/MSI processes.

We look forward to our continued relationship and your cooperation is appreciated. Please contact your Network Services Representative for any questions regarding the above changes.

Sincerely,

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