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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers indicated**

**SUBJECT: I. Prior Authorization (PA) for High Tech Radiology Services  
II. Training Schedule for High Tech Radiology Services**

### **I. Prior Authorization (PA) for High Tech Radiology Services**

As part of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) continuing efforts to provide cost-effective care for its recipients, we are implementing a radiology management program for outpatient radiology scans in partnership with MedSolutions.

For all covered outpatient MRI, MRA CT, CTA and PET radiology services performed on or after July 1, 2011, referring providers will be required to request Prior Authorization (PA) for all beneficiaries participating in Fee For Service (FFS) or Medical Homes Networks (MHN). MedSolutions will begin accepting PA requests on June 20, 2011 for dates of service beginning July 1, 2011. Claims submitted for services rendered without an approved authorization will be denied.

The following classes of beneficiaries in the FFS and MHN programs will be excluded from obtaining a PA for high tech radiology services:

- Beneficiaries with current Medicare Coverage
- Beneficiaries with third party HMO coverage
- Beneficiaries that are incarcerated
- Beneficiaries enrolled in the Hospice Program
- Beneficiaries enrolled in the PACE Program
- Beneficiaries with Limited Benefits

Imaging services performed in conjunction with an inpatient stay or emergency room visit will not be subject to PA requirements. For information regarding emergency services please refer to the manual.

The Physicians, Laboratories and Other Medical Professionals Provider manual will be updated July 1, 2011 to reflect this policy update. The manual can be found on our website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov). The procedure list will also be available in the above titled manual, see "Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization" in Section 4.

## II. Training Schedule for High Tech Radiology Services

SCDHHS and MedSolutions will be providing training for providers on the PA process. The following dates and times are being offered.

<b>Charleston, South Carolina</b>	<b>Orangeburg, South Carolina</b>
June 7, 2011	June 8, 2011
College of Charleston Stern Center Ballroom	Quality Inn & Suites Downtown
66 George Street 29424	1415 John C. Calhoun Drive 29115
Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
<b>Conway, South Carolina</b>	<b>Florence, South Carolina</b>
June 9, 2011	June 13, 2011
Comfort Suites	Florence Darlington Tech Auditorium, Bldg 400
2480 East Highway 501 29526	2715 West Lucas Street 29501
Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
<b>Greenwood, South Carolina</b>	<b>Spartanburg, South Carolina</b>
June 14, 2011	June 15, 2011
Greenwood Genetics Bioteck Facility	Hampton Inn
117 Gregor Mendel Circle 29646	801 Spartan Boulevard 29301
Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
<b>Greenville, South Carolina</b>	<b>Columbia, South Carolina</b>
June 16, 2011	June 17, 2011
Greenville Tech TRC Auditorium	Palmetto GBA Building 1-2-3
506 South Pleasantburg Drive 29606	17 technology Circle 29223
Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Please RSVP with Ms. Suzanne Votteler at MedSolutions via fax 866-226-1335. Please include your National Provider Identification number (NPI), name of practice, number of attendees, and the training location you are requesting registration.

This bulletin affects fee-for-service policy and applies only to those recipients in this service option or the Medical Home Network (MHN). Please contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO) for their coverage policy.

Your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated. Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin to the SCDHHS Physician Services Program Manager at (803) 898-2660.

/S/  
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 Director

### Attachment

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## Radiology Procedure Codes Requiring Authorization Effective July 1, 2011

70336	70551	72146	73222	74185	77084
70450	70552	72147	73223	74261	78451
70460	70553	72148	73225	74262	78452
70470	70554	72149	73700	74263	78453
70480	70555	72156	73701	75557	78454
70481	71250	72157	73702	75559	78459
70482	71260	72158	73706	75561	78466
70486	71270	72159	73718	75563	78468
70487	71275	72191	73719	75565	78469
70488	71550	72192	73720	75571	78472
70490	71551	72193	73721	75572	78473
70491	71552	72194	73722	75573	78481
70492	71555	72195	73723	75574	78483
70496	72125	72196	73725	75635	78491
70498	72126	72197	74150	76376	78492
70540	72127	72198	74160	76377	78494
70542	72128	73200	74170	76380	78496
70543	72129	73201	74175	76390	78499
70544	72130	73202	74176	76497	78608
70545	72131	73206	74177	76498	78609
70546	72132	73218	74178	77058	78811
70547	72133	73219	74181	77059	78812
70548	72141	73220	74182	77078	78813
70549	72142	73221	74183	77079	78814
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