

Updates to *AIM Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines for Radiation Oncology*

The following updates will apply to the AIM Specialty Health* *Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines for Radiation Oncology* for claims with dates of service on and after March 14, 2021. Please note that there are no restrictive changes in this update.

Radiation oncology

Special treatment procedure:

- Removed IV requirement for chemotherapy

Central nervous system cancer — Intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) for glioblastomas, other gliomas, brain metastases:

- Eliminated the plan comparison requirement based on feedback from reviewers that all cases were able to meet criteria — same change for high-grade and low-grade gliomas.
- Added new indication for hippocampal sparing whole brain radiotherapy.

Lung cancer — IMRT and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) for non-small cell, SBRT for small cell; fractionation for non-small cell:

- Eliminated the plan comparison requirement for IMRT to treat stage 3, non-small cell lung cancer.
- Removed *due to a medical contraindication* language.
- Added new indication as an alternative to surgical resection when certain conditions apply.
- Adjusted fractions of thoracic radiotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer.

Proton beam therapy

- Added new indication for hepatocellular carcinoma and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma.

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM Specialty Health* (AIM) in one of several ways:

- Access the AIM *ProviderPortal*_{SM} directly at <https://aimspecialtyhealth.com/providerportal>.
 - Online access is available 24/7 to process orders and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity* Portal at <https://availability.com>
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number at **1-800-714-0040** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CT

If you have questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM by email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-800-454-3730**.

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