

# Provider Update

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## Select Cardiac Services to Be Reviewed

Appropriate care is the key to achieving the best outcomes for our Medicare Advantage members. To help ensure that Amerigroup\* members receive evidence-based care, Amerigroup is collaborating with NIA Magellan to ensure that previous invasive cardiac procedures were reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of coronary artery disease. Cardiac Catheterizations and Percutaneous Coronary Interventions that occurred in 2012 – 2015 for Medicare Advantage members will be the focus of a claims data analysis that may result in a medical record audit.

Providers who have submitted claims for either of these services for Amerigroup Medicare Advantage members during this time period may receive a request for records and related digital images. The process for submitting records and related images will be streamlined by providing you with a HIPAA-compliant, secure internet portal for uploading the needed information. Instructions on this process will be included with the request. Requests will be delivered beginning second quarter, 2015.

A board-certified cardiologist will review the records and images to determine if the services were reasonable and necessary for the patient's underlying health status. Should you receive a medical record request, we would appreciate your timely compliance. We look forward to working with you to help ensure that our Medicare Advantage members receive the highest quality care.

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Amerivantage is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Texas Medicaid program. Enrollment in Amerivantage depends on contract renewal.

