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## **Prior authorization for outpatient radiation therapy services**

**Summary:** Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) requires prior authorization (PA) for outpatient radiation therapy services for Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) members.

### **What is the impact of this change?**

Providers should continue to request PA for the radiation therapy modalities and services listed below:

- Intensity-modulated radiation therapy
- 3-D conformal/external beam radiation therapy
- Brachytherapy
- Proton beam therapy
- Stereotactic body radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery

The type of review needed will determine the PA steps that should be taken:

- Planning: PA is administered by contacting Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP via the Availity Web Portal.
- Planning and delivery: PA is administered by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM).
- Delivery: PA is administered by AIM.

If you are only requesting PA for planning codes, and you are not yet ready to request PA for delivery codes or the radiation therapy is being performed as part of an inpatient admission, you may request approval by contacting Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP at 1-855-878-1785 or through the provider website, <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX>.

AIM reviews PAs for planning and delivery services under the umbrella of radiation therapy modalities. They evaluate certain treatment plans against clinical appropriateness criteria to ensure the care aligns with established medical best practices and Medicare/Medicaid guidelines as appropriate.

If you are ready to deliver any of the services listed above, please contact AIM. To submit your request, go to the AIM ProviderPortal at [www.aimspecialtyhealth.com](http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com). For additional assistance, contact AIM toll free at 1-800-714-0040 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. ET.