

UPDATE: Medicare-Medicaid Plan providers: Contact AIM for outpatient radiation oncology prior authorizations

Prior authorization of outpatient radiation therapy services for Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) members is managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM). Prior authorization for these services was previously managed directly by Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP.

AIM's Radiation Therapy Program reviews certain treatment plans against clinical appropriateness criteria to help ensure that care aligns with established medical best practices. To request prior authorization, providers should contact AIM for the radiation therapy modalities and services as noted below:

- Intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
- Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) and stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS)
- Brachytherapy
- Proton beam radiation therapy (PBRT)
- 3D conformal therapy (EBRT)

Radiation therapy performed as part of an inpatient admission will continue to be reviewed through the Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP inpatient precertification process.

Clinical appropriateness for the radiation therapy services is defined by Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP Medical Policy. These policies can be accessed on the [Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines page](#).

To submit your request, go to the AIM *ProviderPortal*sm at www.aimspecialtyhealth.com. From the dropdown menu, select *Amerigroup MA*. For additional assistance, you may also call AIM toll free at 1-800-714-0040, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time.

Required information for radiation therapy requests

Please use the list below as a guideline to help ensure you have all the information necessary for a radiation therapy request:

- Treatment planning and treatment start date (date of service)
- Member's identification number, name, date of birth, and health plan
- Ordering physician information (name, location)
- Radiation therapy provider information (name, location)
- Treatment modality being requested (for example, IMRT, SBRT, SRS)
- Cancer type and stage
- Goal (curative, palliative)
- Pathology (e.g., squamous cell for lung cancer)
- Performance status

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- Body part
- Patient age, height, weight, gender
- Whether a boost will be administered
- Total dose, fractions, and dose per fraction
- Clinical symptoms/indications (intensity/duration)
- Servicing provider information (name, location)

Coverage of services will continue to be subject to all of the terms and conditions of the member's health benefit plan and applicable law.

For questions regarding these changes, please contact AIM at 1-800-714-0040.

For more information

Go to www.aimspecialtyhealth.com for resources to help your practice get started with radiation therapy authorization requests.