

Medicare Advantage plans

Medical policy and criteria

MEDICAL POLICY UPDATE

Premera Blue Cross Medicare Advantage reviews all medical policies and criteria annually. The Premera Medicare Advantage [Policies and Prior Authorization Resources page](#) has been updated. You can access this page from the Medicare Advantage provider website at premera.com/wa/provider/medicare-advantage/. Simply click on *View medical and pharmacy policy updates* located on the right side of the [Medicare Advantage provider landing page](#).

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

the following revenue code was removed from the prior authorization list:

Code	Description
0761	Treatment Room / Crisis Obs

EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON AND AFTER APRIL 14, 2024: UPDATES TO CARELON CLINICAL APPROPRIATENESS GUIDELINES.

The following updates will apply to the Carelon Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines (formerly AIM Specialty Health guidelines). As part of the Carelon guideline annual review process, these updates are focused on advancing efforts to drive clinically appropriate, safe, and affordable health care services.

Updated Guidelines:

- **Radiology**
 - Cardiac imaging /imaging of the heart
 - Oncologic imaging
 - Brain imaging
 - Head and neck imaging
 - Chest imaging
 - Abdomen-pelvis imaging
- **Musculoskeletal:** Interventional pain management
- **Radiation oncology**
- **Radiation therapy:** All other radiation oncology guidelines are reaffirmed without changes.

For questions related to guidelines, please email Carelon at MedicalBenefitsManagement.guidelines@Carelon.com. You can also access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

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