

High Tech Radiology

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You have received several communications over the last several months informing you of Phoenix Health Plans (PHP) new initiatives to insure that medical services are being provided in the most cost effective setting.

All AHCCCS plans are bound by contract to ensure that medically necessary services are performed in the most cost effective place of service.

In order to achieve full alignment with this requirement, PHP continues to implement administrative changes which require that specified procedures be moved from a hospital outpatient facility to a lower cost setting whenever medically appropriate.

The latest of these initiatives requires that High Tech Radiology procedures-CAT scans, MRI, MRA and PET scans be referred to our contracted Free Standing Radiology network in lieu of hospital outpatient facilities.

You can easily find our Network Radiology providers on our Website.

<http://www.phoenixhealthplan.com/>

These services currently require Prior Authorization regardless of place of service.

Effective July 1st if a stand alone high tech radiological procedure (MRI, MRA, CT, PET) must be performed in a hospital outpatient setting due to medical necessity or other technical reason, PHP will review the PA request and issue an approval if warranted. Additional information may be needed at the time of the request.

Please direct questions to your assigned Provider Relations Representative or area Market Manager.

Again we want to thank our contracted providers for your efforts to assist in keeping the AHCCCS program viable by implementing these cost saving measures.