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TO: All Medicaid Providers

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RE: Radiology Management Program

The Nebraska Medical Assistance Program intends to contract with MedSolutions to implement a radiology prior authorization (PA) program effective July 1, 2009. MedSolutions is a radiology services organization that specializes in managing diagnostic services.

For all MRI's, MRA's CT scans, CTA's, and PET scans performed on or after July 1, 2009, ordering providers will be required to request prior authorization from MedSolutions. MedSolutions will begin accepting prior authorization requests on July 1, 2009, for dates of service beginning July 1, 2009. Medicaid will provide a grace period to allow providers sufficient time to acclimate to the change. Providers will be required to submit prior authorizations during this grace period. Medicaid will not deny any claims for these services performed from July 1st through July 31st due to no prior authorization. However, beginning on August 1, 2009, any claims that are submitted for these radiological services for dates of service August 1, 2009, and thereafter without prior approval will be denied.

Exclusions from the PA requirement will be:

1. scans performed as an inpatient hospital service,
2. scans performed as an emergency room service, and
3. scans for Medicaid recipients who are also covered by Medicare.

MedSolutions will soon be sending you more information to facilitate a smooth and successful transition to our radiology management program.

Providers with questions regarding the information in this bulletin may contact Nola Pollmann, RN, Program Specialist Radiology Services at nola.pollmann@nebraska.gov or 402-471-9342.