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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama's **Radiation Therapy Management (RTM) Program** helps to ensure that the radiation therapy services provided to members are consistent with nationally recognized clinical guidelines. It promotes quality and patient safety for members who require radiation therapy services. Participation in RTM is required for Preferred Medical Doctors (PMDs) in Alabama and contiguous counties. You can determine if precertification is required for a member's radiation therapy treatment plan by checking eligibility and benefits through **ProviderAccess** on our website, **AlabamaBlue.com/providers**, or your practice management software.

In partnership with eviCore healthcare the RTM Program will utilize disease-specific, evidence-based criteria to manage the appropriate utilization of radiation therapy services and will include medical necessity reviews and authorizations for outpatient radiation therapy services.



The RTM Program will officially launch on December 1, 2014, with a 120-day grace period to give physicians the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the precertification process.

Prior to the May 1, 2015, effective date for eviCore's RTM policies, all treatment plans will continue to be subject to current Blue Cross claims processing guidelines.

Dates	RTM Implementation
December 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015	Grace Period – Providers encouraged to begin RTM precertification through eviCore. No adverse impact to claims due to RTM. Treatment plans subject to current Blue Cross claims processing guidelines.
April 1 – 30, 2015	Precertification through eviCore required. Claims will be denied if precertification is not initiated.
May 1, 2015 and after	Precertification must be initiated and approved through eviCore and treatment plans must be followed.
<i>There will be no adverse impact to claims due to the RTM Program for patients with radiation treatment plans initiated prior to May 1, 2015, and these treatment plans will be exempt for a 240-day period from initiation. However, a precertification attempt (approval not required) through eviCore is required beginning April 1, 2015, to qualify for the 240-day exemption period.</i>	

The RTM Program will address these important areas:

- Patient's disease state and stage
- Appropriateness of technology
- Treatment plan goals
- Nationally recognized standards of care



The RTM Medical Advisory Board, consisting of nationally recognized radiation oncologists, reviews and approves the criteria/medical policies that are used to compare against the treatment plan requests. These policies are based on guidelines of the:

- **American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)**
- **American College of Radiology (ACR)**
- **National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)**
- **American Medical Association (AMA)**

The criteria utilized by eviCore Medical Directors have been vetted by an expert physician review board of nationally recognized radiation oncologists to ensure that authorizations are consistent with published research and guidelines. Peer-to-peer conversations for non-covered or partially covered treatment plans will always be conducted with a board-certified radiation oncologist.

Two Ways to Initiate a Precertification: (Choose Option 1 or 2)

1 Online Precertification

COVERED TAB

Select Service Type
"Radiation Therapy"
from the drop-down list.
Click on update result
Scroll down and click
on "Initiate Online
Precertification for
Radiation Therapy."

- Log into **ProviderAccess**.
- Select **"Provider Functions"** and choose provider.
- Select **"Eligibility and Benefits."**
- Verify benefits.

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Home > Providers > ProviderAccess > Eligibility and Benefits

Professional Benefits

SHOW RESULTS RELATED TO:
☐ In-Network
☐ Out-of-Network
☒ All

CHANGE SELECTIONS TO UPDATE RESULTS

Patient: JOHN A SMITH Address
 DOB: 09/01/1987
 Gender: M Relationship To Insured: Self

Insured: JOHN A SMITH Address
 Contract: XAA123456789 Group/Div: 12345
 Eligibility Date: 01/01/2014 – 12/31/9999 More

Service Type: Health Benefit Plan Coverage
 Date of Service*: 05/29/2014 Update Result

Physical Medicine
 Physical Therapy
 Physician Visit – Office: Sick
 Physician Visit – Office: Well
 Podiatry
 Professional (Physician) Visit – Home
 Professional (Physician) Visit – Inpatient
 Professional (Physician) Visit – Office
 Professional (Physician) Visit – Outpatient
 Psychiatric – Inpatient
 Psychiatric – Outpatient
 Psychotherapy
 Radiation Therapy
 Routine Physical
 Screening X-ray
 Screening laboratory
 Skilled Nursing Care
 Speech Therapy
 Substance Abuse
 Substance Abuse Facility – Inpatient

PRECERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR SOME SERVICES
 Check Status of Precertification for Radiation Therapy

PRECERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR RADIATION THERAPY
 Utilization Management Organization: eviCORE HEALTHCARE
 Information Contact: eviCORE HEALTHCARE
 Phone: 1-866-803-8002

Initiate Online Precertification for Radiation Therapy

ADDITIONAL COVERAGE TAB

Under Coverage
Basis, scroll down
and click on
"Initiate Online
Precertification for
Radiation Therapy."

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SHOW RESULTS RELATED TO:
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☐ Out-of-Network
☒ All

CHANGE SELECTIONS TO UPDATE RESULTS

Patient: JOHN Q BLUE Address
 DOB: 07/26/1972
 Gender: M Relationship To Insured: Self

Insured: JOHN Q BLUE Address
 Contract: BLU123456789 Group/Div: 12345-ABC
 Plan Date: 06/01/2008 – 12/31/9999

Service Type: Health Benefit Plan Coverage
 Date of Service*: Update Result

Covered Additional Coverage Non-Covered Limitations Payer Other Summary Plan Description

Coverage Basis
 Individual RADIATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT (RTM) PROGRAM

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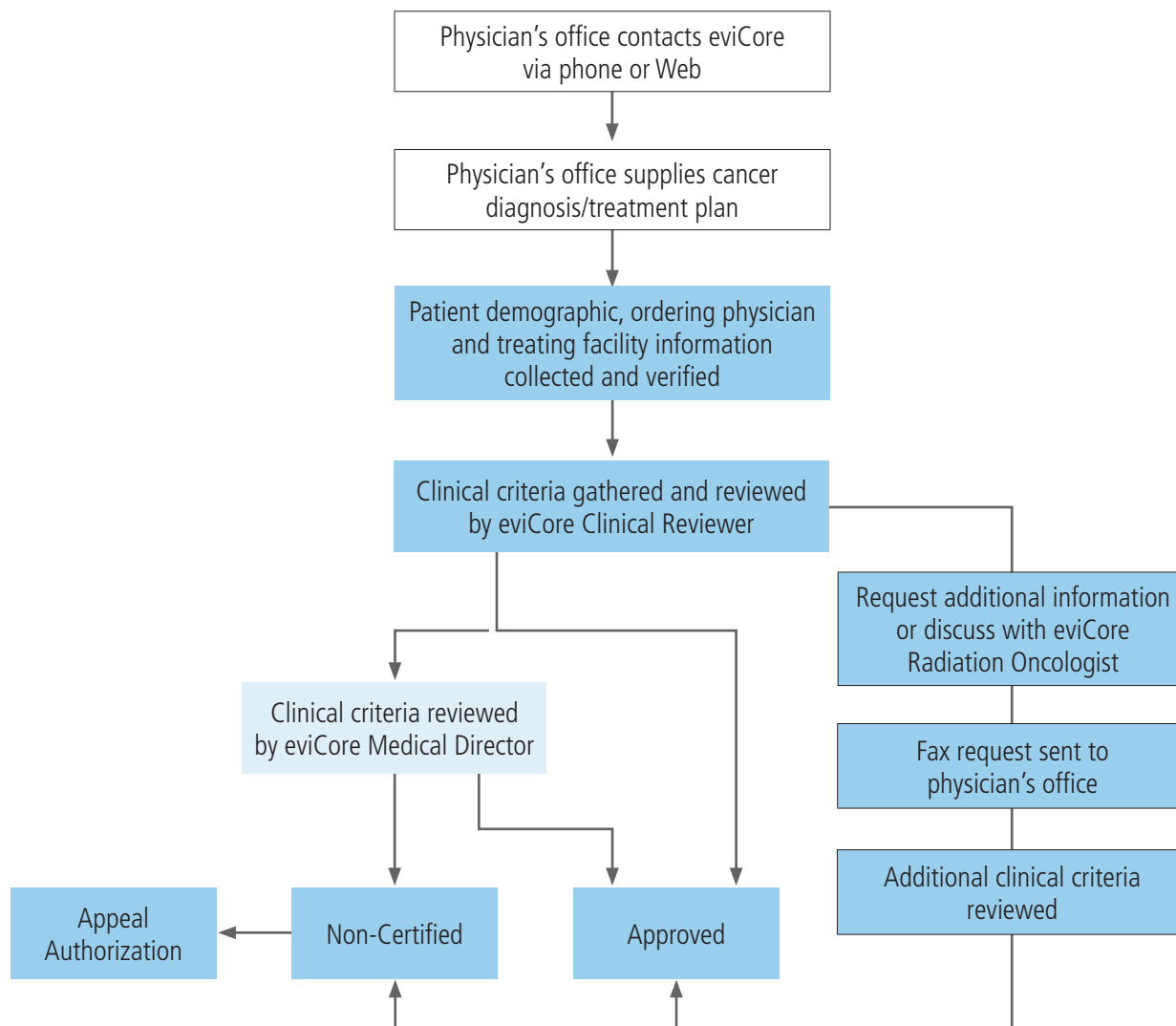
Initiate Online Precertification for Radiation Therapy

2 Telephone Precertification

1-866-803-8002

Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time

Treatment Plan Authorization Process



eviCore Radiation Oncologists/Authorization Request Status:
1-866-803-8002

Program Information:
AlabamaBlue.com/providers
Select "Radiation Therapy Management" under Provider Resources.

eviCore National, LLC is an independent company that provides specialty benefit management of radiology and radiation therapy services.



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