

# **PROVIDER ALERT**

## **CHANGES TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES**

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**Beginning March 1, 2019** outpatient radiology services will be redirected to be performed by freestanding radiology network providers. This change impacts all members of University of Maryland Health Partners (Maryland Medicaid) and University of Maryland Health Advantage (Medicare D-SNP).

The following preventive and screening radiology services **do not** need an authorization, but should be directed to freestanding radiology network providers: mammograms, AAA ultrasound, OB ultrasound, and low dose lung CT.

Radiology services performed by **freestanding radiology** network providers **do not** require prior authorization. This includes CT, CTA, Digital Xray, MRI, MRA, PET, Nuclear Stress Test, and Ultrasound.

**Important:** When submitting a request for radiology service(s) to be performed at an outpatient hospital setting, please remember to include the reason the service(s) cannot be performed by a freestanding radiology network provider. All requests will be reviewed administratively for place of service. If the service can be performed by a freestanding radiology network provider, the request will be redirected.

Authorization forms, guidelines, and a complete list of participating free-standing facilities can be found by visiting:

- Univ of Maryland Health Advantage  
[www.ummedicareadvantage.org](http://www.ummedicareadvantage.org)
- Univ of Maryland Health Partners  
[www.umhealthpartners.com](http://www.umhealthpartners.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Relations at 410-779-9359 or 800-730-8543 for additional explanation of guidance.