

# Prior Authorization Tips & Tricks

Provider Portal



## Important Notes

- The terms “referrals” and “prior authorizations” are used interchangeably in prior auth management.

## Questions?

Please reach out to your Practice Engagement Manager or email [office@portlandipa.com](mailto:office@portlandipa.com) with any questions.

# Beginning the prior authorization process

## Patient & Provider search

### Patient Search:

- If a patient is not listed in the portal, you can search in Patient Search (search all patients) to find the patient. This will then load the patient into Tapestry.

Search My Patients
 Search All Patients <sup>☆</sup>

Fill out the required fields to gain access to a patient/member. Enter additional information for a more accurate match.

**Patient Select**

Name (Last, First): <input type="text"/>	Sex: <input type="text"/>
Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy): <input type="text"/>	Last 4 digits of SSN: <input type="text"/>
Patient MRN: <input type="text"/>	Member ID: <input type="text"/>
ZIP Code: <input type="text"/>	

### Referred to Provider Search:

- Less is more with the provider search. If you do not know the name of the provider, enter in the Providers' Specialty. If the provider does not show up in the specialty you search, search for similar specialties, i.e., Orthopedic or Orthopedic surgery.
- Within the search criteria, it is helpful to sort by city. The search criteria will automatically default to Tier 1 (In-Network providers) first, listed under Network Level.
- If you want to see all providers regardless of tier level or network status, click All Providers. If you want in-network providers, click All In-Net Levels.

Flowsheets
Allergies
Histories
Demographics
Misc. Reports
Coverages
**New Referral**
Referral by Member

### ☆ Provider Search

Name: <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text"/>
State: <input type="text"/>	ZIP: <input type="text"/>
Internal Department: <input type="text"/>	Provider Specialty: <input type="text" value="Orthopedic [156]"/>
Gender: <input type="text"/>	Language: <input type="text"/>

### ☆ Provider Search

**Search Criteria**
(More Level 1) (All In-Net Levels) (All Providers)

**Search Results: 101 providers found**

Name	Network Level	City ▲	State	ZIP	Gender	Multiple External Department	Multiple Provider Specialties	Multiple Languages
▲								

# New referral (prior authorization)

Documentation

**New Referral** 🖨️

✓ Referral Type
✓ General Information
Diagnoses/Services
Criteria Review

**Diagnoses**

Cervicalgia [M54.2] 🔍

+ Add

**Services**

97001 - PHYS THERAPY EVALUATION 🔍 3 Unit type 🔍

+ Add

**Notes**

Note summary

PT Evaluation C-spine ✕

⚠️ You have SmartTools that must be resolved or removed ([More Information](#)).

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Reason for Referral: \*\*\*

Additional Detail: \*\*\*

Please attach documentation to support medical necessity for requested services. Failure to do so may delay decision turnaround time.

- Delete the yellow highlighted text in the Notes box. In this Notes box, copy and paste the notes from the Note summary box above.

- Clicking the Launch MCG AutoAuth box will take you to MCG AutoAuth, which will automatically authorize the majority of referrals requested



## Speed Up Your Authorization

This referral can be reviewed automatically through MCG AutoAuth.

 **Launch MCG AutoAuth**

# Add guidelines when No Guideline Applies

## Guidelines

Geographic Regions

**Procedure Code:** 97001 (CPT/HCPCS)  
**Requested Units:** 3

Guideline Title	Product	Code	Action
No Guideline Applies			<a href="#">add</a>

- Many procedure codes will not have guidelines. On procedure codes where no guideline applies, click 'Add' to enter a guideline and a short description and click 'Save'.

Geographic Regions

**Procedure Code:** 97001 (CPT/HCPCS)  
**Requested Units:** 3

No Guideline Applies

PT evaluation

987 characters left for notes.

# MRIs and CTs

## Guidelines

Geographic Regions

 Clear

**Procedure Code:** 72141 (CPT/HCPCS)

**Requested Units:** 3

Guideline Title	Product	Code	Action
NCD Magnetic Resonance Imaging (220.2) Version 6	MCR	N2202v6	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Cardiac Event Detection Monitoring (L34953) Revision 5	MCR	L34953R005	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Vestibular and Audiologic Function Studies (L35007) Revision 12	MCR	L35007R012	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD MRI and CT Scans of the Head and Neck (L35175) Revision 15	MCR	L35175R015	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Multiple Imaging in Oncology (L35391) Revision 3	MCR	L35391R003	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Oximetry Services (L35434) Revision 5	MCR	L35434R005	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF) (L35448) Revision 17	MCR	L35448R017	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD Electroretinography (ERG) (L37371) Revision 4	MCR	L37371R004	<a href="#">add</a>
LCD MRI and CT Scans of the Head and Neck (L37373) Revision 8	MCR	L37373R008	<a href="#">add</a>
Cervical Spine MRI	AC	A-0057	<a href="#">add</a>
No Guideline Applies			<a href="#">add</a>

- Most MRI and CTs, or other procedures, will have guidelines. Choose the product MCR for Medicare. Please read the guideline titles carefully to ensure you have selected the correct guideline and the latest revision of that guideline if revisions apply.

# Prompts

## Guidelines

Geographic Regions All Clear

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**Requested Units:** 3

N2202v6 - NCD Magnetic Resonance Imaging (220.2) Version 6 - (MCR)  
*This guideline is a National Coverage Determination (NCD) that identifies circumstances under which services are considered covered or noncovered by Medicare. MCG Health may have made minor modifications in the language of the NCDs for clarity or to facilitate documentation in MCG software solutions.*

The healthcare resource is/was needed for appropriate care of the patient because of ...

- Diagnostic testing meets ...
- Patient safe for diagnostic testing, as indicated by ...

The healthcare resource is/was not covered because of ...

- Patient-specific contraindication, as indicated by ...
- MRI of cortical bone and calcifications, and procedures involving spatial resolution of bone and calcifications [?](#)
- Patient with metallic clips on vascular aneurysm [?](#)

Save Cancel

Submit Request Cancel Request Back

- Once you select a guideline, several questions populate. As you choose the appropriate box, other boxes with questions may open to answer

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The healthcare resource is/was needed for appropriate care of the patient because of ...

- Diagnostic testing meets ...
  - MRI, as indicated for ...
  - MRA, as indicated for ...
- Patient safe for diagnostic testing, as indicated by ...
  - Patient without implanted pacemaker, ICD, cardiac resynchronization therapy pacemaker (CRT-P), or cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator (CRT-D) [?](#)
  - Patient with implanted pacemaker, ICD, CRT-P, or CRT-D that meets ...

The healthcare resource is/was not covered because of ...

- Patient-specific contraindication, as indicated by ...
- MRI of cortical bone and calcifications, and procedures involving spatial resolution of bone and calcifications [?](#)
- Patient with metallic clips on vascular aneurysm [?](#)

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