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## **URGENT NOTICE REGARDING IMAGING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Dear Provider,

Effective November 16, 2018 MetroPlus Health Plan is transitioning utilization management for hi-tech radiology services. As of that date, eviCore will no longer manage high-tech Radiology UM services. Certain imaging services will still require prior-approval, but these services will now be reviewed and managed directly by MetroPlus. Effective November 16, 2018, MetroPlus will require notification and authorization for the following high-tech radiology services:

- **All PET Scans will continue to require authorizations. See CPT Code listing below.**
- **All spinal MRIs administered after an initial spinal MRI in the prior 12-month period will require authorization. The initial spinal MRI (if one has not been administered to the member in the prior 12-months) will not require authorization. See CPT Code listing below.**
- **Multiple high-tech imaging services performed on the same day and on the same organ system will require authorization. High-tech imaging is defined as MRI, MRA, PET and CT.**

The table below contains the CPT codes that apply to our radiology notification and prior authorization programs

<b>Effective November 16th, 2018:</b>
<b>PET Imaging CPT Codes that continue to require Prior Authorization</b>
<b>78459, 78491, 78492, 78608, 78609, 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816</b>
<b>MRI CPT Codes that continue to require Prior Authorization, following an initial spinal MRI within past 12 months</b>
<b>72141, 72142, 72146, 72147, 72148, 72149, 72156, 72157, 72158, 72159</b>

Providers should contact 800-303-9626 to request an authorization for these services. You may reach out to your Provider Relations Representative with any questions related to these new requirements at 212-908-3636.

Thank you for your continued participation in MetroPlus Health Plan and thank you for the services you provide to our members.

Sincerely,  
MetroPlus Health Plan