

NewYork-Presbyterian Community Health Plan

PROVIDER ALERT

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Cancellation of the Requirement for Prior-Authorizations for Radiological Procedures

In our commitment to building a stronger “partnership” with our provider community, the NewYork-Presbyterian Community Health Plan (NYPCHP) is amending its prior-authorization policy for radiological procedures. Effective **April 27th, 2007**, NYPCHP is canceling its prior-authorization requirement for radiological procedures for tests performed at participating hospitals or stand-alone facilities.

In January 2007, NYPCHP amended its prior-authorization policy to include prior-authorizations for radiological procedures including MRI’s/CT scans and DEXA as a result of the marked increase in radiology usage not congruent with the current growth of the Plan. NYPCHP will use the data from January to April 2007 to perform a retrospective utilization review analysis to identify the effects of this prior-authorization process.

We hope this amendment to the prior-authorization policy assists you and your office staff in providing care and services to our members.

If you have any questions please call Utilization Management at 1-800-390-7634 or the Provider Service Department at 212-297-5510.