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Radiology Changes:

As we announced at the beginning of April, effective July 1, 2008 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) and The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) are partnering with American Imaging Management (AIM) to manage outpatient advanced diagnostic imaging services.

Any prior approvals received by BCBSVT on June 1, 2008 or after for requested services beginning on July 1, 2008 or after will be returned to the requesting provider ask that they make the request through AIM.

The AIM website www.americanimaging.net and call center (800) 701-0080 will be available for prior approval requests on June 16, 2008.

Program Services and Locations

Imaging Modalities Included in Program

- *Computed Tomography Scans (CT), including Computed Tomographic Angiography (CTA)*
- *Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), including Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), MRI of the Breast and Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)*
- *Positron Emission Tomography (PET)*
- *TCodes, including Virtual Colonoscopy*
- *Functional Brain MRI*

Covered Locations

- ***Prior approval is not required for imaging study taking place at any of the following locations:***
 - *Inpatient*
 - *Emergency Room*
 - *Observation*

Important Dates:

June 1, 2008 – if PA for radiology date of service is scheduled on or after July 1, 2008 it will need to be requested through AIM beginning June 16, 2008.

June 16, 2008 – AIM website and call center are open for BCBSVT/TVHP radiology prior approval requests

July 1, 2008 – AIM and BCBSVT radiology management program go live.