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Beginning September 1, 2021, WellCare of Kentucky is pleased to announce we are expanding our partnership with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA)¹ to provide utilization management for the following Medical Specialty Solutions Programs:

- Interventional Pain Management (IPM)
- Rehabilitative and Habilitative Physical Medicine

These programs include management of Medical Specialty Solutions services to include prior authorization for WellCare of Kentucky Medicaid and Medicare members. This decision is consistent with industry efforts to ensure clinically appropriate quality of care and to manage the increasing utilization of these services.

WellCare of Kentucky will oversee NIA’s programs and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication. NIA will conduct utilization management for the services listed below through WellCare of Kentucky’s existing contractual relationships.

Based on a September 1, 2021, implementation, this correspondence serves as notice under your WellCare of Kentucky Provider Agreement of changes to these programs.

Prior authorization will be required for the following outpatient services:

IPM Procedures	Rehabilitative and Habilitative Physical Medicine Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spinal Epidural Injections ▪ Paravertebral Facet Joint Injections or Blocks ▪ Paravertebral Facet Joint Denervation (Radiofrequency (RF) Neurolysis) ▪ Sacroiliac Joint Injections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical therapy services ▪ Occupational therapy services ▪ Speech therapy services

In addition, prior authorization will also be required for the following CPT codes through NIA’s Rehabilitative and Habilitative Physical Medicine Program effective September 1, 2021. Prior to September 1, 2021, the CPT codes did not require prior authorization.

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¹National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) is a subsidiary of Magellan Healthcare, Inc.

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Please note the following:

- **The ordering physician** must obtain authorization before rendering the previously listed services. To obtain authorization, the provider should go to www.RadMD.com, or through NIA's dedicated toll-free numbers for (Medicaid) 1-866-249-1584 or (Medicare) 1-800-424-5388.
- **Providers rendering the services** previously listed should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained by visiting www.RadMD.com, or by calling NIA at (Medicaid) 1-866-249-1584 or (Medicare) 1-800-424-5388. Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your claim.
- Emergency room and inpatient Medical Specialty Solutions services do not require authorization through NIA.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your assistance in assuring that WellCare of Kentucky members receive these services delivered in a quality, clinically appropriate manner.

We will provide additional information as we get closer to the implementation date. If you have questions at this time, please call WellCare of Kentucky Provider Services at **1-877-389-9457**.

Sincerely,

WellCare of Kentucky