



## CareCore Authorization Update Radiation Therapy Management (RTM) Program

Healthfirst has implemented a Radiation Therapy Management (RTM) Program to promote quality and patient safety for our members who require radiation therapy services. In order to support this program, we have also expanded our partnership with CareCore National, LLC.

CareCore has developed disease-specific, evidence-based criteria used by CareCore Medical Directors to manage the appropriate utilization of radiation therapy services, and will complete medical necessity reviews and authorizations for outpatient radiation therapy services. The criteria used has been vetted by an expert physician review board of nationally recognized radiation oncologists to ensure that authorizations are consistent with published research and guidelines from specialty societies such as the American Society for Radiation Oncology, the American College of Radiology, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

On **May 15, 2015**, CareCore will begin accepting treatment plan authorization requests online and over the phone for applicable radiation therapy services with dates of service beginning on **June 1, 2015**. **Radiation oncologists and other specialists who provide radiation oncology services are required to contact CareCore for prior authorization of any new radiation treatment plan.** This can be done by logging in to the CareCore dedicated provider portal at [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com) or by calling **1-877-773-6964**, Monday to Friday, 7am–7pm. A list of new procedure codes requiring preauthorization under the RTM program is on the next page for reference.

To help guide providers through this new process, CareCore will be hosting online webinar tutorials. For your convenience, there will be three sessions available:

- **May 6, 2015 – 2:00 PM**
- **May 12, 2015 – 11:00 AM**
- **May 20, 2015 – 1:00 PM**

You may attend one of these FREE provider trainings by going to [www.carecorenational.com/news/healthfirst-radiation-therapy-program.aspx](http://www.carecorenational.com/news/healthfirst-radiation-therapy-program.aspx) and clicking on the session of your choice.

Thank you for working with us to provide coordinated care services to our members. Our RTM program will help patients receive the most appropriate treatment and will promote the highest levels of clinical quality. Remember, you can always verify eligibility and can review authorization and claims status by logging in to Healthfirst's secure Provider Portal at [www.healthfirst.org](http://www.healthfirst.org).

## RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM CODES

CareCore Authorization Required:

1-877-773-6964 / [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com)

| CODE   | DESCRIPTION                                   |
|--|---|
| 77401<br>77402<br>77407<br>77412<br>G6003–G6014    | Standard Conformal Radiation Therapy (2D, 3D) |
| 77385<br>77386<br>G6015<br>G6016                   | Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)  |
| 77520<br>77522<br>77523<br>77525                   | Proton Beam Therapy                           |
| 77600<br>77605<br>77610<br>77615<br>77620          | Hyperthermia                                  |
| 77424<br>77425                                     | Intraoperative Radiation Therapy              |
| 77750<br>77761–77763<br>77776–77778<br>77785–77787 | Brachytherapy                                 |
| 77371<br>77372<br>77432<br>77435<br>G0339<br>G0340 | Stereotactic Radiosurgery                     |
| 77387<br>G6001<br>G6002<br>G6017                   | Image Guidance Radiation Therapy (IGRT)       |