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message from*
Provider Relations



Radiation Safety Awareness Initiative

Home State Health Plan is pleased to inform you that we will begin a Radiation Safety Awareness Initiative August 22, 2014 in conjunction with National Imaging Associates (NIA), our nationally recognized Radiology Benefits Manager. We are taking this proactive approach in order to improve patient safety and raise awareness regarding radiation exposure.

As you know, radiation exposure from medical imaging is a rapidly growing patient safety issue. Patients are now exposed to nearly **six times** more radiation from medical diagnostic tests than they were in 1980. The largest contributors to the increase in medical radiation exposure are CT scans and nuclear medicine.

How is your patient identified?

At-risk patients are identified through radiology claims which are provided to NIA by Home State Health Plan twice a year for analysis of radiation exposure based on those claims.

“At-risk” patients are those with cumulative radiation exposure equal to, or exceeding, 50 milliSieverts (mSv)—a level that has been identified as detrimental to long-term health, and thus putting them at an increased risk of developing radiation-associated complications. More information on milliSieverts is available below.

How am I notified if one of my patients is identified at risk?

You will be notified when you request a preauthorization by telephone, or through NIA’s provider Web site, RadMD.com. At that time you will be offered an NIA peer discussion should you want to discuss the case with another physician. In addition, a provider alert letter will also be sent via fax or mail with the authorization or denial letter. Your patients will not receive any notice. All communications are sent to you.

Note: The patient’s level of radiation exposure does **not** impact the preauthorization or decision-making process for requested imaging studies.

Additional information on radiation exposure can be found on NIA’s Web site at www.radmd.com.

Update in Provider Network

Home State Health Plan is pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp). This will allow LabCorp to continue to provide quality lab services and coverage to our members. There will be no gap in LabCorp’s status as an in-network provider. Home State Health Plan heard your concerns and ultimately was able to reach agreement with LabCorp. We appreciate your patience through this matter.

Quest Diagnostics remains a Home State Health Plan in-network laboratory provider and can provide laboratory services to Home State members as well.

For information regarding Quest Diagnostics or LabCorp locations and hours, please check our Find-A-Provider which can be found here: www.HomeStateHealth.com.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Provider Services at 1-855-694-HOME (4663).