Helping to improve quality and cost outcomes for imaging and cardiac procedures.

UnitedHealthcare offers Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization to help consistently manage imaging and cardiac procedures through evidence-based medicine.

How it works.
The Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization process is designed to help ensure that members get access to the right imaging study for the right reason. As an enhancement to Medical Necessity, the Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization programs help members avoid costly procedures, unnecessary radiation exposure and duplicative services.

Radiology services subject to prior authorization include:
- Computerized Tomography (CT).
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA).
- Positron-Emission Tomography (PET).
- Nuclear Medicine and Nuclear Cardiology studies.

Cardiology services subject to prior authorization include:
- Outpatient diagnostic catheterizations, echocardiograms and stress echocardiograms.
- Inpatient and outpatient electrophysiology implants.

Improving cost control and outcomes.
Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization helps promote appropriate utilization of imaging and cardiac procedures, addresses variations in the quality and safety of care provided to our members, and delivers average annualized net savings of $0.16 PMPM, for a 1.4 ROI.¹ This is incremental savings above the $1.43 PMPM consistently yielded by our Notification program.

¹ Based upon 2016 financial performance and savings for ASO National and Key Account clients with Medical Necessity. All data is post appeals. Insurance coverage provided by or through UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or its affiliates. Administrative services provided by United HealthCare Services, Inc. or their affiliates. Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization is available for select fully insured and self-funded medical plans with coverage documents that have been amended to support medical necessity.

Contact your UnitedHealthcare representative to learn more about how the Radiology and Cardiology Prior Authorization programs can help provide better cost control and deliver better health outcomes for your company.