



Important CT and MR Prior Authorizations Exemption Reminder

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To Our Valued Referring Offices,

We are writing to share an important update regarding CT and MR Prior Authorizations for **Fully Insured Commercial Plans** doing business in Rhode Island. Recent Rhode Island Legislation has established a three-year pilot program that prohibits Prior Authorizations for medically necessary healthcare services ordered by RI Primary Care Physicians (PCPs).

This change specifically impacts all CT and MR exams ordered by RI PCPs and designated Mid-Level Providers credentialed as PCPs with Fully Insured Commercial Plans. **This does not apply for any out-of-state PCPs or Rhode Island Specialty Care Clinicians.**

Effective October 1, 2025, eligible RI PCPs will no longer need to obtain Prior Authorizations for CT and MR exams. When going through the Insurance Company website (or third-party vendor) for Prior Authorizations, you should see that Prior Authorizations are no longer needed for CT and MR exams.

However, it is imperative you provide written documentation on every CT and MR referral in your fax correspondence to our Scheduling Department. Please specify **“CT/MR Prior Authorization Exempt”** on the referral so we can schedule your patients in a timely manner. If this is not indicated on your referral, patients will not be scheduled. Rhode Island Medical Imaging will be confirming that Authorizations are Exempt with the Insurance Company as well.

Again, this Legislation for Prior Authorization Exemption does not apply to Specialty Care Physicians and Providers or for PCPs located outside of Rhode Island. If you have any questions, please contact the Insurance Companies directly.

We thank you for your continued support. We consider it a privilege to serve you and your patients.

Sincerely,

The Rhode Island Medical Imaging (RIMI) Team