

Advanced Imaging and Spine/Pain Utilization Management





Excessive medical services can cost employers millions of dollars each year, as well as make busy employees miss work and pay more out of pocket. How well are you managing your healthcare costs for your organization?

Blue Shield of California's prior authorization programs guard against excessive or unnecessary services, so your covered population receives medically appropriate services that are effective for their condition. Members save time and money—and you keep your group's healthcare spending under control.

Advanced imaging utilization management includes the following non-emergency, advanced outpatient imaging services:

- Computed tomography (CT)
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)
- Positron emission tomography (PET)
- Cardiac nuclear medicine

Spine and pain utilization management includes:

-  Outpatient and non-emergency inpatient lumbar and cervical spine surgery
-  Outpatient and non-emergency interventional pain management



Urgent physician orders are processed within 72 hours;
non-urgent requests are processed within 5 business days.

This program is one of several offerings our self-funded clients can purchase to help make sure their population receives the right care, in the right setting, at the right time. For more information on how our value-added services can support your benefits program, talk to your Blue Shield of California representative.