# Radiation Therapeutic Services Prior Authorization Program for Network Health Wisconsin

**Provider Orientation Session** 

Effective January 21, 2019













# **Corporate Overview**



End-to-End Solution Integrated platform



Radiology



Cardiology



Musculoskeletal



Sleep Management



**Medical Oncology** 



**Specialty Drug** 



Radiation Therapy



Lab Management



Post-Acute Care



## Headquartered in Bluffton, SC Offices across the US including:

- Lexington, MA
- Colorado Springs, CO
- Franklin, TN
- · Greenwich, CT

- Melbourne, FL
- Plainville, CT
- Sacramento, CA





The industry's most comprehensive clinical evidence-based guidelines



4k+ employees including **1k clinicians** 

Engaging with 570k+ providers



Advanced, innovative, and intelligent technology







#### Radiation Therapy Solution - Our Experience

20+ Regional

and National Clients

300k+

Cases built per day

9 Years

**Managing Radiation Therapy Services** 





#### **Members Managed**

- 19.7M Commercial Memberships
- 5.3M Medicare Memberships
- 4M Medicaid Memberships







#### **Radiation Therapy by the Numbers**

15 mm

Radiation oncologists on staff

17 Radiation Therapytrained nurses on staff

#### **Case Statistics**

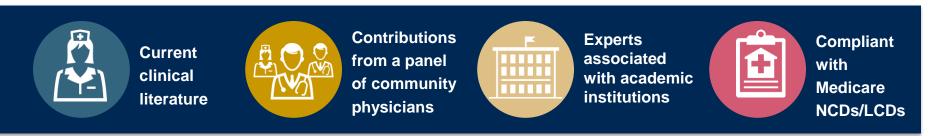


Cases Immediately Approved

31
Million lives
covered

#### **Evidence-Based Guidelines**

#### The foundation of our radiation therapy solution:





#### Aligned with National Societies



- American College of Radiology
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
- Medicare Guidelines



#### **Advisory Board Members**

- Dr. Anthony Berson eviCore healthcare
- Memorial Sloan-Kettering, NY
- Stanford University Medical Center, CA
- Shields Oncology, MA
- Center for Radiation Oncology, NY
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Harvard, MA
- Detroit Medical Center, Sinai Grace Hospital, MI

### Service Model

#### **Client Provider Operations**

The Client Provider Operations team is responsible for high-level service delivery to our health plan clients as well as ordering and rendering providers nationwide

## Client Provider Representatives



Client Provider Representatives are cross-trained to investigate escalated provider and health plan issues.

#### Client Service Managers



Client Service
Managers lead
resolution of complex
service issues and
coordinate with partners
for continuous
improvement.

#### Regional Provider Engagement Managers



Regional Provider Engagement Managers are on-the-ground resources who serve as the voice of eviCore to the provider community.

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#### **Why Our Service Delivery Model Works**



One centralized intake point allows for timely identification, tracking, trending, and reporting of all issues. It also enables eviCore to quickly identify and respond to systemic issues impacting multiple providers. Complex issues are escalated to resources who are the subject matter experts and can quickly coordinate with matrix partners to address issues at a root-cause level.

by a <u>team</u> of representatives who are cross trained to respond to a variety of issues. There is no reliance on a single individual to respond to your

needs.

# Radiation Therapeutic Services Prior Authorization Program for Network Health-Wisconsin



#### **Program Overview**

# eviCore will begin accepting Radiation Therapy requests on the new platform

**January 21, 2019** 

# Prior authorization applies to services that are:

- Outpatient
- Elective/non-emergent

# Prior authorization does not apply to services that are performed in:

- Emergency room
- Inpatient
- 23-hour observation

It is the responsibility of the ordering provider to request prior authorization approval for services. Payment for services rendered prior to requesting authorization through eviCore may be denied.

#### Prior authorization is required for all Radiation Therapy treatment techniques, included but not limited to the following:

#### **Clinical Modalities**

- 2D, 3D Conformal
- IMRT
- Brachytherapy
- SRS/SBRT
- IORT Proton Beam
- Neutron Hyperthermia

#### **Non- Clinical Modalities**

- SIM
- Planning
- Devices
- Imaging
- Physics
- Management

To find a list of CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) codes that require prior authorization through eviCore, please visit:

https://www.evicore.com/healthplan/nhpwi

#### **Applicable Membership**

<u>Authorization is required</u> for Network Health Wisconsin members enrolled in the following programs:

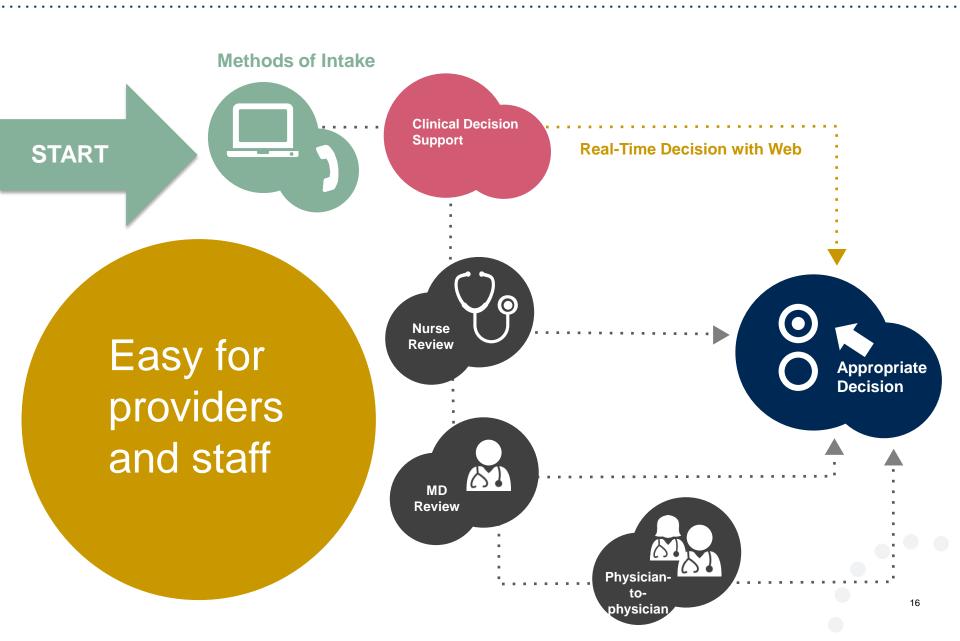
Commercial and Medicare

#### **Prior Authorization Requests**

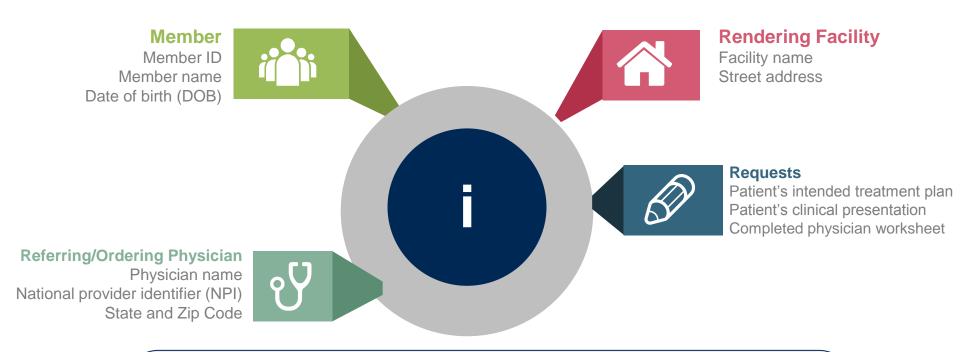
#### How to request prior authorization:



#### **Clinical Review Process**



#### **Needed Information**



#### If clinical information is needed, please be able to supply:

- Prior tests, lab work, and/or imaging studies performed related to this diagnosis
- The notes from the patient's last visit related to the diagnosis
- Type and duration of treatment performed to date for the diagnosis

#### **Holistic Treatment Plan Review**

eviCore healthcare relies on information about the patient's unique presentation and physician's intended treatment plan to authorize all services from the initial simulation through the delivery of the last fraction of radiation.

- Providers specify a diagnosis rather than request individual CPT codes
- Diagnosis and treatment plan compared to the evidence-based guidelines developed by our Medical Advisory Board
- If request is authorized/covered or partially authorized/covered, then the treatment technique and number of fractions will be provided
- For questions about specific CPT codes that are included with each episode of care, please reference the eviCore Radiation Therapy Coding Guidelines located online: <a href="https://www.evicore.com/resources/pages/providers.aspx?solution=Radiation%20Therapy#">https://www.evicore.com/resources/pages/providers.aspx?solution=Radiation%20Therapy#</a> ReferenceGuidelines
- Correct coding guidelines are based on ASTRO/ACR Radiation Therapy coding resources.

#### **Prior Authorization Outcomes**



- All requests are processed within 2 business after receipt of all necessary clinical information.
- Authorizations are typically good for 45 days from the date of determination.



- Faxed to ordering provider and rendering facility
- Mailed to the member
- Information can be printed on demand from the eviCore healthcare Web Portal



- Communication of denial determination
- Communication of the rationale for the denial
- How to request a Clinical Consultation



- Faxed to the ordering provider
- Mailed to the member

#### **Prior Authorization Outcomes – Medicare / Medicare Advantage**

# **Pre-Decision Consultation**

- If your case requires further clinical discussion for approval, we welcome requests for clinical determination discussions from referring physicians prior to a decision being rendered.
- In certain instances, additional information provided during the predecision consultation is sufficient to satisfy the medical necessity criteria for approval

#### **Prior Authorization Outcomes - Commercial**

#### Clinical Consultation

- If a request is denied and requires further clinical discussion for approval, we welcome requests for clinical determination discussions from referring physicians. In certain instances, additional information provided during the consultation is sufficient to satisfy the medical necessity criteria for approval.
- Clinical Consultation reviews can be scheduled at a time convenient to your physician.

#### **Prior Authorization Outcomes - Commercial**



- Additional clinical information can be provided without the need for a physician to participate
- Must be requested within 3 business days from the date of determination
- If an appeal has already been filed, reconsideration is not allowed.

#### Retrospective Review:

- Retro requests must be submitted within 15 business days following the treatment start date. Requests submitted after 15 business days will be administratively denied.
- Retro cases are reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity.

#### **Special Circumstances**



#### **Appeals**

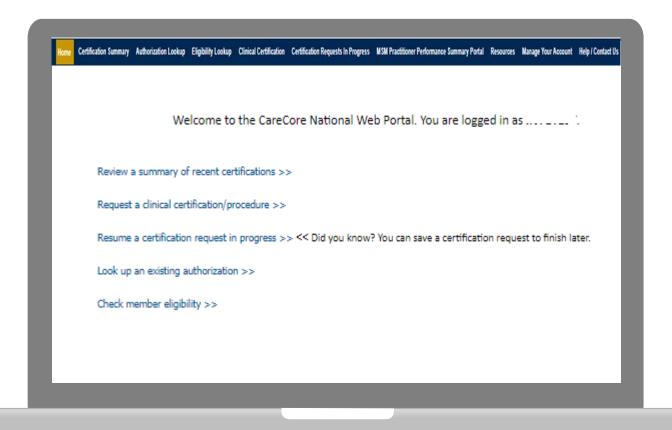
 eviCore healthcare will not be delegated for appeals. All appeals will need to be reviewed via Network Health



- Contact eviCore by phone to request an expedited prior authorization review and provide clinical information
- Urgent Cases will be reviewed with 72 hours of the request.

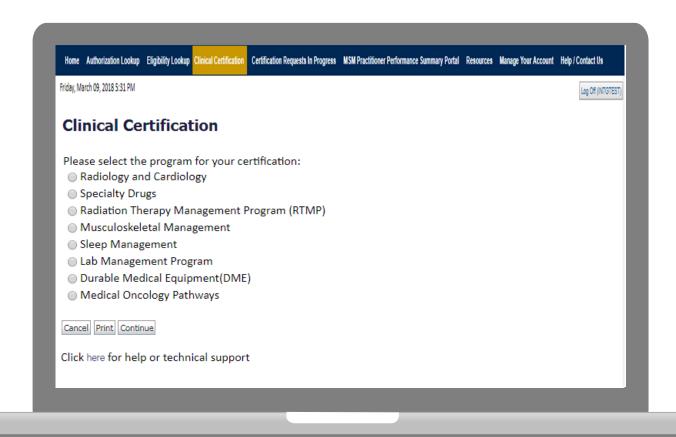
# **Case Initiation**

#### **Initiating A Case**



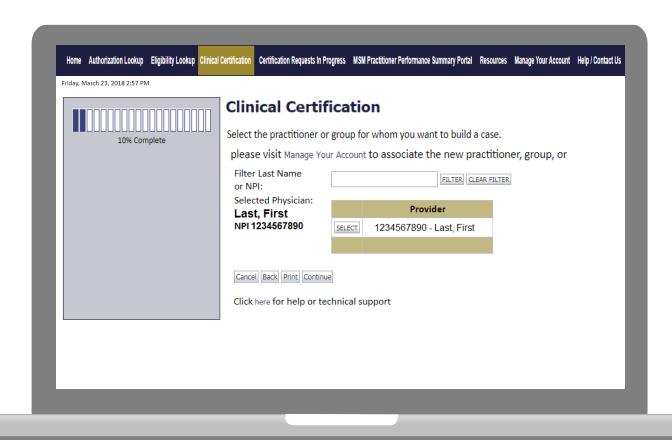
 After logging into your account, a welcome screen provides options. Choose "request a clinical certification/procedure" to begin a new case request.

#### **Select Program**



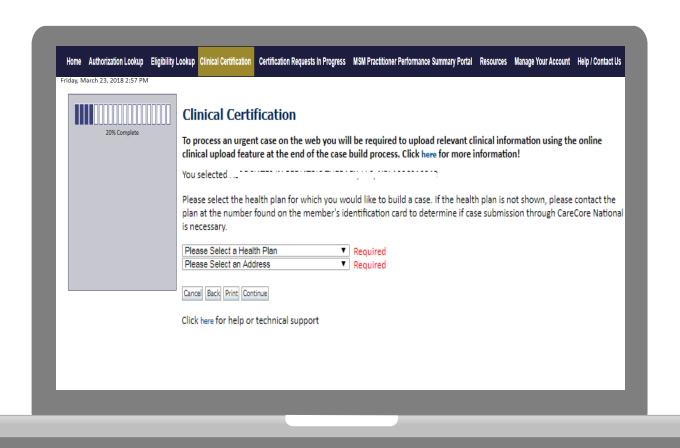
Select the **Program** for your certification.

#### **Select Provider**



Select the Practitioner/Group for whom you want to build a case.

#### **Select Health Plan**



Choose the appropriate Health Plan for the case request. If the health plan does not populate, please contact the plan at the number found on the member's identification card.\

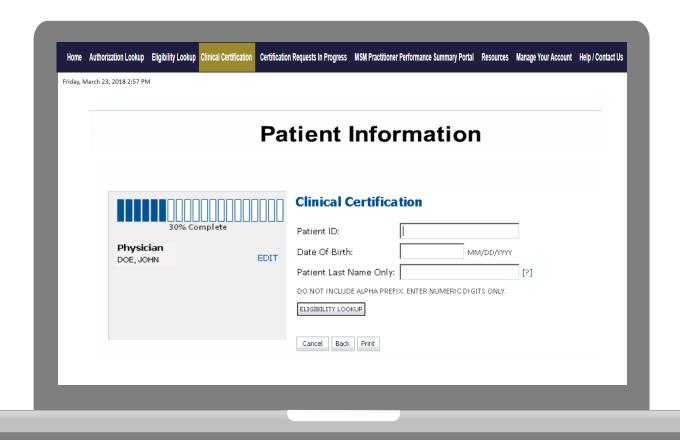
Select the Physician's address.

#### **Contact Information**

	30% Complete  Provider and NPI	Clinical Certification		
		Provider's Name		[?]
		Who to Contact	eviCore	[?]
		Fax	(999) 999-9999	[?]
		Phone	(999) 999-9999	[?]
		Ext.		[?]
		Cell Phone		
		Email	Test@test.com	
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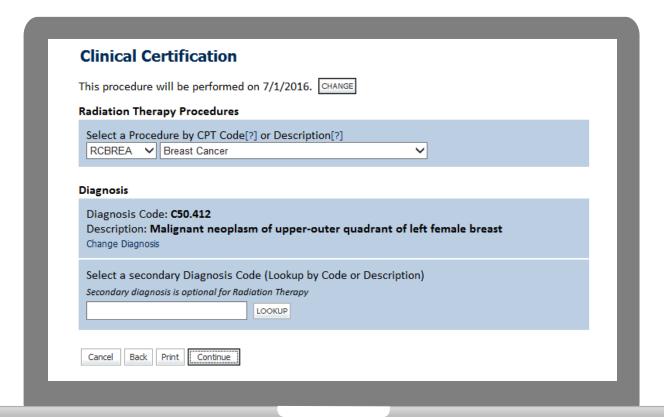
Enter the Physician's name and appropriate information for the point of contact individual.

#### **Member Information**

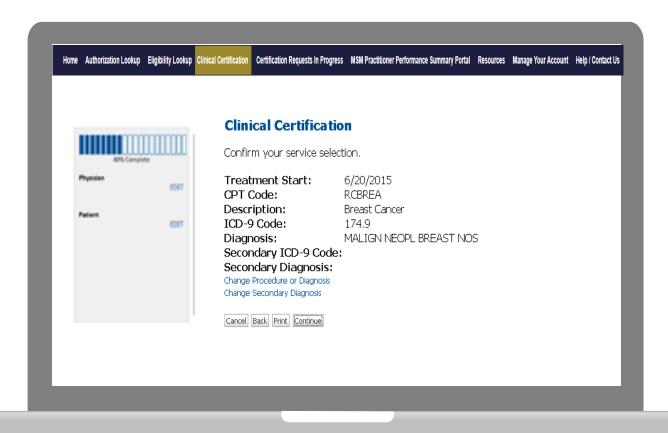


Enter the member information including the Patient ID number, date of birth, and patient's last name. Click "Eligibility Lookup."

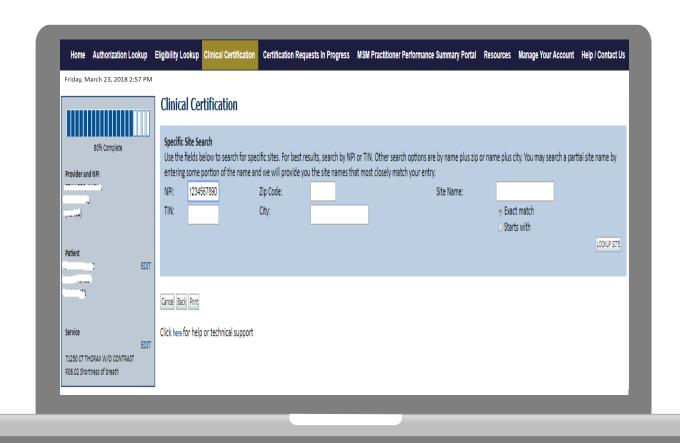
#### **Clinical Details**



#### **Verify Service Selection**



#### **Site Selection**



Select the appropriate site for the request.

#### **Clinical Certification**

# Clinical Certification You are about to enter the clinical information collection phase of the authorization process. Once you have clicked "Continue," you will not be able to edit the Provider, Patient, or Service information entered in the previous steps. Please be sure that all this data has been entered correctly before continuing. In order to ensure prompt attention to your on-line request, be sure to click SUBMIT CASE before exiting the system. This final step in the on-line process is required even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time. Failure to formally submit your request by clicking the SUBMIT CASE button will cause the case record to expire with no additional correspondence from CareCore National. Cancel Back Print Continue Click here for help or technical support

- Verify all information entered and make any needed changes prior to moving into the clinical collection phase of the prior authorization process.
- You will not have the opportunity to make changes after that point.

#### **Contact Information**

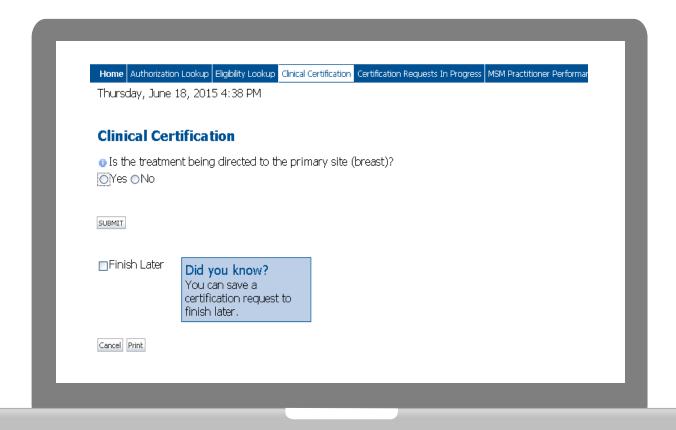
Select an Urgency Indicator and Upload your patient's relevant medical records that support your request.

If your request is urgent select No, if the case is standard select Yes.



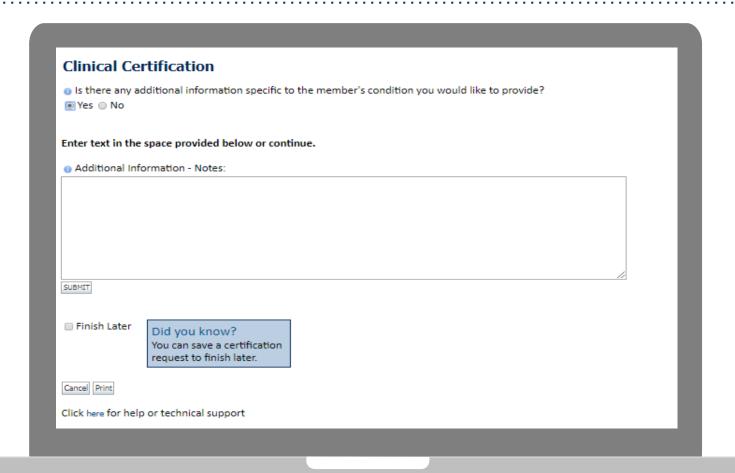
You can upload up to **FIVE documents** in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. Your case will only be considered Urgent if there is a successful upload.

#### **Clinical Certification**



Questions will populate based upon the information provided. You can click the "Finish Later" button to save your progress. You have two business days to complete the case.

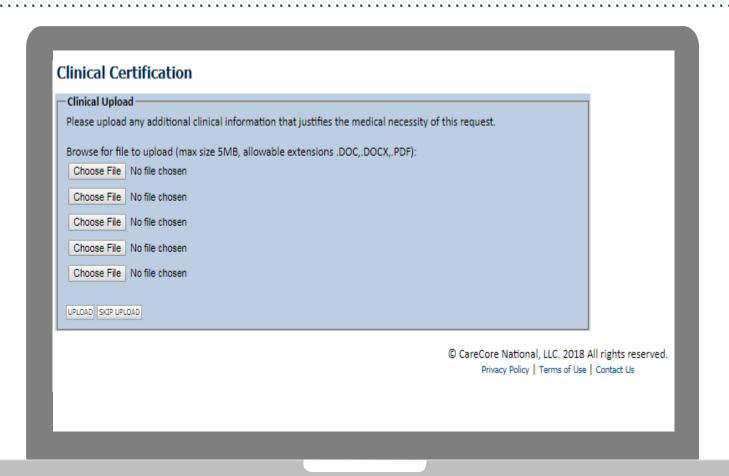
#### **Medical Review- Text Box**



If additional information is required, you will have the option to either free hand text in the additional information box, or you can mark Yes to additional info and click submit to bring you to the upload documentation page.

Providing clinical information via the web is the quickest, most efficient method.

## **Medical Review-Clinical Upload**



If additional information is required, you will have the option to either free hand text in the additional information box, or you can mark Yes to additional info and click submit to bring you to the upload documentation page.

Providing clinical information via the web is the quickest, most efficient method.

# **Medical Review-Clinical Acknowledgement**

# **Clinical Certification** I acknowledge that the clinical information submitted to support this authorization request is accurate and specific to this member, and that all information has been provided. I have no further information to provide at this time. Print SUBMIT CASE Click here for help or technical support

Acknowledge the Clinical Certification statements, and hit "Submit Case."

#### **Immediate Case Status**

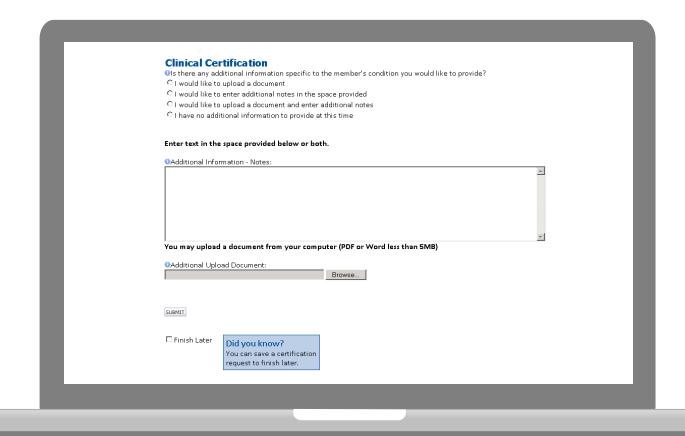
Clinical Certification

Your case has been Approved.		
Provider Name: Provider Address:		Contact: Phone Number: Fax Number:
Patient Name: Insurance Carrier:		Patient Id:
Site Name:		Site ID:
Site Address:		
Diagnosis/ ICD-10 Code:		Description:
Secondary Diagnosis:		Description:
Date of Service: CPT Code: Authorization	6/20/2015 RCBREA	Description:
Number: Review Date:	6/18/2015 4:38:37 PM	
Expiration Date: Status:	10/16/2015 Your case has been	Approved.
REQUESTED		
DENIED		
DENIAL RATIONALE		
Print Continue		

Once the clinical pathway questions are completed and the answers have met the clinical criteria, an approval will be issued.

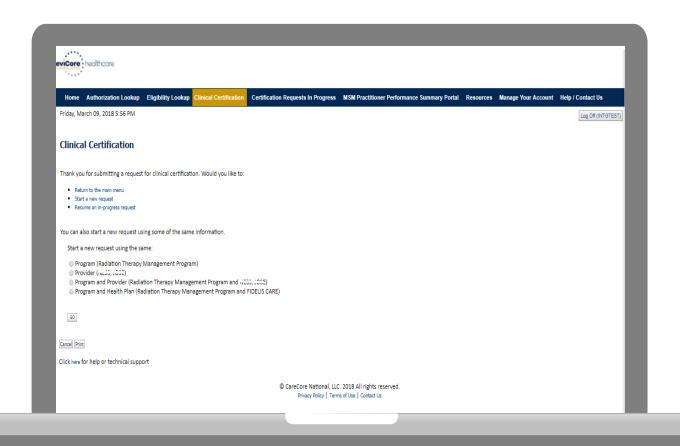
Print the screen and store in the patient's file.

#### **Medical Review**



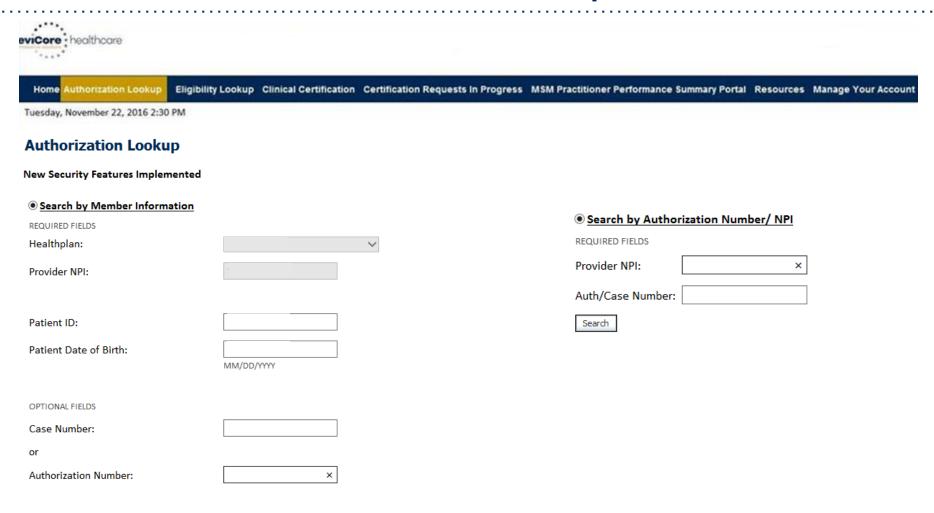
If additional information is required, you will have the option to either upload documentation, enter information into the text field, or contact us via phone.

### **Building Additional Cases**



Once a case has been submitted for clinical certification, you can return to the Main Menu, resume an in-progress request, or start a new request.

### **Authorization look up**



- Select Search by Authorization Number/NPI. Enter the provider's NPI and authorization or case number. Select Search.
- You can also search for an authorization by Member Information, and enter the health plan, Provider NPI, patient's ID number, and patient's date of birth.

#### **Authorization Status**

**Authorization Number:** 

Case Number:

Status: Approved

Approval Date: 6/4/2015 11:55:06 AM

Service Description: Breast Cancer

Site Name:

Expiration Date: 10/25/2015

Date Last Updated: 6/18/2015 12:08:52 PM

Correspondence: VIEW CORRESPONDENCE

# **Provider Resources**





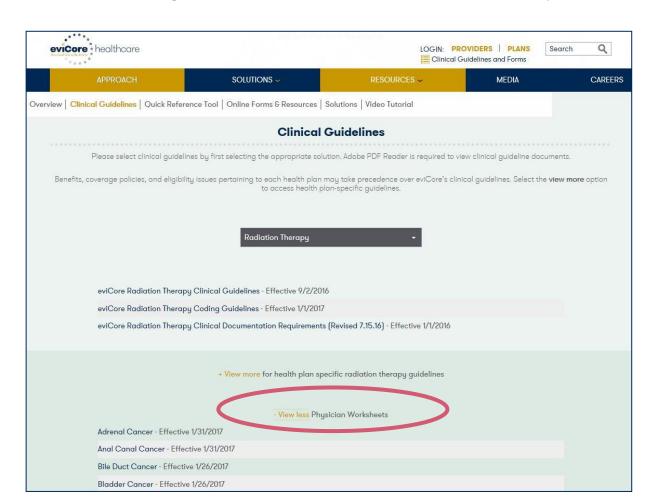




### **Radiation Therapy Resources**

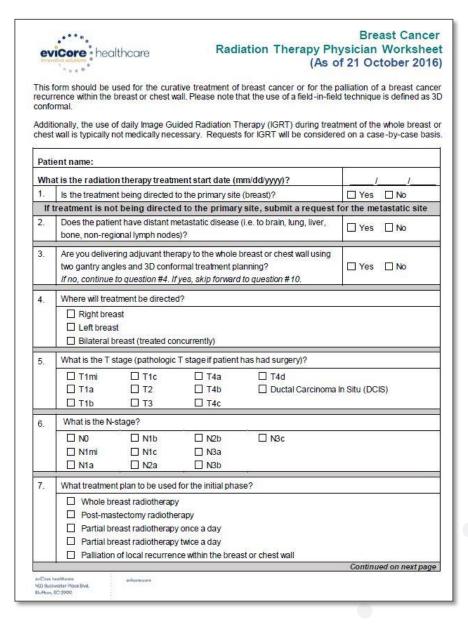
Clinical Guidelines, Physician Worksheets, and other resources can be accessed online:

- https://www.evicore.com/resources/pages/providers.aspx?solution=Radiation%20Therapy# ReferenceGuidelines
  - Click the "View Physician Worksheets" button to access specific worksheets.



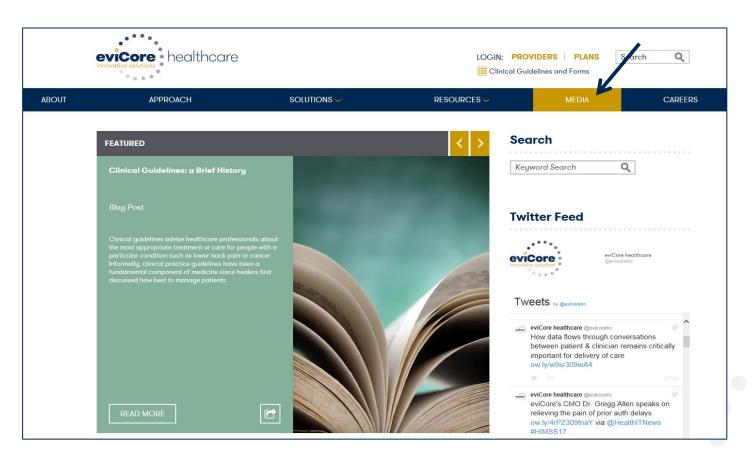
#### **Physician Worksheet**

- The physician worksheet is best completed by the physician during the initial consultation with the patient.
- Inaccurate information causes authorized services to differ from those that are actually delivered and can lead to adverse determinations.
- You can access the physician worksheets online: <a href="https://www.evicore.com/resources/pag">https://www.evicore.com/resources/pag</a> <a href="ess/providers.aspx?solution=Radiation%">es/providers.aspx?solution=Radiation%</a> <a href="20Therapy#ReferenceGuidelines">20Therapy#ReferenceGuidelines</a>



### eviCore Provider Blog Series

- The eviCore blog series focuses on making processes more efficient and easier to understand by providing helpful tips on how to navigate prior authorizations, avoid peer-to-peer phone calls, and utilize our clinical guidelines.
- You can access the blog publications from the insights tab or via the direct link at <a href="https://www.evicore.com/pages/media.aspx">https://www.evicore.com/pages/media.aspx</a>.



#### **Provider Resources: Pre-Certification Call Center**





Web-Based Services





#### 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM local time 855-727-7444

- Obtain pre-certification or check the status of an existing case
- Discuss questions regarding authorizations and case decisions
- Change facility or CPT Code(s) on an existing case

#### **Provider Resources: Web-Based Services**





Web-Based Services





#### www.evicore.com

To speak with a Web Specialist, call (800) 646-0418 (Option # 2) or email portal.support@evicore.com.

- Request authorizations and check case status online
- Auto save no data lost
- Upload electronic PDF/Word files with additional clinical documents

#### **Provider Resources: Client Provider Operations**





Web-Based Services





To reach eviCore Client Services, call (800) 646-0418 (Option #4) or email <u>clientservices@evicore.com</u>

- Eligibility issues (member, rendering facility, and/or ordering physician)
- Questions regarding accuracy assessment, accreditation, and/or credentialing
- Issues experienced during case creation
- Request for an authorization to be resent to the health plan

#### **Provider Resources: Implementation Document**





Web-Based Services





Provider Enrollment Questions Contact Network Health at 800-769-3186

Network Health Wisconsin Implementation site - includes all implementation documents:

www.evicore.com/healthplan/nhpwi

- Provider Orientation Presentation
- CPT code list of the procedures that require prior authorization
- Quick Reference Guide
- eviCore clinical guidelines
- FAQ documents and announcement letters

You can obtain a copy of this presentation on the implementation site listed above. If you are unable to locate a copy of the presentation, please contact the Client Provider Operations team at <u>ClientServices@evicore.com</u>.

# Thank You!

