



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Health Plan Advisory 13-1 January 10, 2013

The Department sent the following announcement message to all Medicaid providers concerning the RUM program effective January 1, 2013.

“ATTENTION PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS THAT PROVIDE RADIOLOGY SERVICES RADIOLOGY UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT (RUM) PROGRAM THROUGH MSI TERMINATED FOR LEGACY MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

The Louisiana Medicaid contract with MSI to administer and provide authorizations for the Radiology Utilization Management (RUM) Program for legacy Medicaid recipients was terminated on December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2013, MSI authorizations for procedures previously included in the RUM Program are no longer required for legacy Medicaid recipients. With this elimination of authorization requirements, providers should only order services that are medically necessary.

The list of procedure codes that previously required authorization through RUM is still available on this LA Medicaid web site under the green icon Radiology Util Mgmt, link – Updated List of Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization. For legacy Medicaid recipients, an authorization is no longer needed.

Please contact Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 should you have questions related to legacy Medicaid recipients.

NOTE: This change does not impact services provided to Bayou Health Plan recipients. Providers must contact the appropriate health plan for questions related to authorization of these services for Bayou Health members.”

This policy change is relative to the fact that the overwhelming majority of Medicaid recipients are linked to a Bayou Health Plan. DHH has provided the Plans the authority to continue and/or strengthen the prior authorization requirements for these services. (See Shared 7.1.2.6, Prepaid 8.1.1.9) While the Department cannot mandate the continued prior authorization of these services through the Bayou Health Plans, the Department strongly encourages the process be continued and/or strengthened so that maximum savings can be realized.