Therapeutic Radiology Services Payment Policy

Policy
Network Health covers medically necessary therapeutic radiology services for
*Network Health Together*® (MassHealth), *Network Health Forward*® (Commonwealth Care), and
*Network Health Extend™* (Medical Security Program) members.

Definition
Therapeutic radiology services are the radiation and nuclear medicine therapy a radiologist
provides for the evaluation and/or treatment of a medical condition, injury, or illness.

Therapeutic radiology services include:
- Initial consultation
- Clinical-treatment planning
- Treatment stimulation
- Radiation-treatment management

Authorization requirements

In-network providers
Network Health requires prior authorization of an inpatient stay before a provider may render
therapeutic radiology services. Network Health requires prior authorization for all outpatient
therapeutic radiology services.

Nonpreferred in-network and out-of-network providers
Network Health requires prior authorization for all therapeutic radiology services.

Billing and reimbursement
Network Health reimburses for therapeutic radiology services in accordance with MassHealth
regulations or contracted reimbursement rates. Network Health does not reimburse for interpretation
services performed solely for the purpose of quality control or experimental treatment.

Network Health requires providers to submit all professional charges on a CMS-1500 form and
all hospital charges on a UB04 form, including appropriate Current Procedural Terminology
(CPT)/Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and the following
modifiers: professional component (26), technical component (TC), left (LT), or right (RT).
Providers may submit charges via Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-
compliant electronic formats.

Please note: For information about radiology imaging services reimbursement, see our
Radiology Imaging Services Payment Policy.