

Preferred radiology service protocol

M.D. IPA, M.D. IPA Preferred, Optimum Choice and Optimum Choice Preferred

This protocol is specific to Mid-Atlantic Health Plan radiology services. This protocol applies to members with MD-Individual Practice Association, Inc. (M.D. IPA), M.D. IPA Preferred, Optimum Choice®, Inc. (OCI) and Optimum Choice Preferred health plans, and all network physicians and health care professionals.

Radiology services for members with M.D. IPA and OCI benefits

A participating radiology facility must perform the radiology services ordered by a primary care provider or specialists. Beginning April 1, 2025, members may receive services at any participating radiology facility, regardless of location. Any geographic restriction that may appear on a member's ID card relating to radiology services is not applicable.

You can view the member's ID card in the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal. To get started, go to UHCprovider.com and select Sign In in the top-right corner. Then, sign in with your One Healthcare ID and password.

Prior authorization

Some radiology services require prior authorization. For a complete list of services requiring prior authorization, visit our [Advance Notification and Prior Authorization requirements](#) page and select **Mid-Atlantic Health Plans**. You can also view **Previous requirements by plan type** on that page.

Exceptions

- Radiology services rendered during an inpatient stay or in the emergency room won't be subject to this policy
- A PCP or specialist may order radiological studies by using either a prescription or requisition, except for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies, cardio-diagnostic studies, vascular studies, interventional radiology studies and radiation oncology
- All pre-operative, post-operative and routine outpatient radiology should be performed by the participating radiology vendor
- Physicians may bill for "STAT" radiology services only if such services are necessary for immediate treatment of the patient, using their M.D. IPA or OCI benefits. For these services, you must use the modifier "ST" or "ET" in the appropriate space provided on the claim form.



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