

ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES

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Related Policies

- [Cardiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement](#)
- [Credentialing Guidelines: Participation in the eviCore healthcare Network for New York and New Jersey](#)
- [Oxford's Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral](#)
- [Radiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement](#)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The services described in Oxford policies are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the member's contract or certificate. Unless otherwise stated, Oxford policies do not apply to Medicare Advantage members. Oxford reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify policies as necessary without prior written notice unless otherwise required by Oxford's administrative procedures or applicable state law. The term Oxford includes Oxford Health Plans, LLC and all of its subsidiaries as appropriate for these policies.

Certain policies may not be applicable to Self-Funded members and certain insured products. Refer to the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage to determine whether coverage is provided or if there are any exclusions or benefit limitations applicable to any of these policies. If there is a difference between any policy and the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage, the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage will govern.

APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS/PRODUCTS

This policy applies to Oxford Commercial plan membership.

PURPOSE

To outline the process and accreditation requirements for radiologists, radiology centers and multi-speciality provider groups interested in participating in the Oxford network, a United Healthcare Company.

DEFINITIONS

- ACR:** American College of Radiology
- AIUM:** American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
- ASBS:** American Society of Breast Surgeons
- IAC:** Intersocietal Accreditation Commission
- TJC:** The Joint Commission

POLICY

In diagnostic imaging, accreditation programs have emerged as key initiatives to advance the quality and safety of imaging studies. It is important that Members receive services from facilities whose equipment, technologists, and physicians are in compliance with established accreditation performance standards.

All freestanding facilities and physician offices performing outpatient radiology advanced imaging studies in the eviCore imaging network are required to obtain and maintain accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for the below services. Radiologists seeking reimbursement for advanced imaging must have the laboratory/facility accreditation on file.

Provider Specialty	Accreditation	Modality/Procedure
Radiology Facilities	ACR	MRI, Breast MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine*, PET, Ultrasound, Breast Ultrasound, Mammography, Stereotactic Biopsy
	AIUM	Ultrasound, Breast Ultrasound
	ASBS	Breast Ultrasound, Stereotactic Breast Biopsy
	IAC	MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine*, PET, Ultrasound
	RadSite (except cardiac procedures)	MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine (SPECT)*, PET
	TJC	MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine*, PET, Ultrasound, X-ray, Breast Ultrasound, Stereotactic Breast Biopsy

Note: *Nuclear Medicine procedures noted with an (*) are only reimbursable to radiologists when they have the appropriate certification.

Please see the policy titled [Radiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement](#) for applicable CPT codes requiring precertification.

Oxford has engaged eviCore healthcare to manage the accreditation process for our provider network. Accreditations should be faxed to eviCore healthcare at 866-699-8160 with the Accreditation Fax Cover Sheet that can be found on the [eviCore healthcare website](#). To ensure prompt handling of the accreditation please ensure that all applicable facility and physician information is included.

If you have specific questions about the application process for accreditation, contact the ACR or IAC on their websites or by phone. For questions about Oxford's accreditation requirements, call 1-800-666-1353.

In addition to accreditation, all radiologists and radiology centers in New York (NY) and New Jersey (NJ), who are interested in participating in the Oxford network and/or radiologists and radiology centers that already participate in the Oxford network and want to add a modality to their practice must also be credentialed. Please refer to the policy titled [Credentialing Guidelines: Participation in the eviCore healthcare Network](#) for additional information.

Exceptions:

- Radiologists and radiology centers performing outpatient radiology imaging studies in Connecticut (CT) are excluded from credentialing requirements (accreditation requirements are applicable).
- Hospitals performing outpatient radiology imaging studies are excluded from the accreditation requirements.

All radiology centers and cardiologists in NY, NJ, and CT who are currently participating in the Oxford network or wish to participate in the Oxford network and perform Coronary CT Angiography (CCTA) must also be credentialed. Refer to the policy titled [Credentialing Guidelines: Participation in the eviCore healthcare Network](#) for additional information.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This policy is only applicable to radiology centers.

- For diagnostic imaging performed by primary care physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals in office settings, refer to the policy titled [Oxford's Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral](#) for accreditation and certification requirements.
- This policy is not applicable to radiology services performed during an inpatient stay, ambulatory surgery, emergency room visit, or pre-operative/pre-admission testing.
- All X-rays performed at an urgent care facility are payable.
- **Some radiology and cardiology procedures require precertification.**
 - Refer to the following policies for additional information:
 - Radiology Procedures: [Radiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement](#)
 - Cardiology Procedures: [Cardiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement](#)
 - Or contact eviCore via one of the two options listed below:

- Providers can call eviCore at 1-877-PreAuth (773-2884); or
- Providers can log onto the [Prior Authorization and Notification App](#).

POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

Date	Action/Description
12/01/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised policy guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replaced language indicating “all freestanding facilities and physician offices performing outpatient radiology imaging studies are required to obtain and maintain accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for the [listed] services” with “all freestanding facilities and physician offices performing outpatient radiology <i>advanced</i> imaging studies in the <i>eviCore imaging network</i> are required to obtain and maintain accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for the [listed] services” ○ Added language to indicate radiologists seeking reimbursement for advanced imaging must have the [listed] laboratory/facility accreditation on file ○ Updated accreditation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modified list of impacted provider specialty types; removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-specialty provider groups - Radiologist ▪ Added language to clarify the noted accreditation requirements correspond with “appropriate module” ▪ Modified list of applicable modalities/procedures for Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed echocardiography - Replaced “ultrasound (<i>vascular</i>)” with “ultrasound” ○ Updated instruction pertaining to related policy guidelines to clarify the policy titled <i>Radiology Procedures Requiring Precertification for eviCore healthcare Arrangement</i> should be referenced for applicable CPT codes <i>requiring precertification</i> ○ Removed language indicating all <i>radiologists</i> in New York (NY), New Jersey (NJ), and Connecticut (CT) who are currently participating in the Oxford network or wish to participate in the Oxford network and perform Coronary CT Angiography (CCTA) must also be credentialed • Revised procedures and responsibilities; removed language indicating this policy applies to radiologists and multi-specialty provider groups • Archived previous policy version ADMINISTRATIVE 248.8 T0