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Re: Change in Prior Authorization Requirements

Dear (Provider Name):

Effective November 1, 2014, Buckeye Community Health Plan (Buckeye) is making changes to services requiring prior authorization. This letter is provided as notification of the changes and also includes additional resource information related to the specific services that will be impacted.

Please note the following important changes:

➤ **Cardiac Imaging**

November 1, 2014, prior authorization will be required for ***Cardiac Imaging** including, Nuclear Cardiology/MPI, Stress Echocardiography, and Echocardiography. As you are aware, Buckeye is currently contracted with National Imaging Associates (NIA) for management of high tech radiological procedures and will expand this oversight to include management of the cardiac imaging services requiring prior authorization. Please refer to the Cardiac Imaging Provider Guide for a list of the specific CPT codes requiring prior authorization. To request authorization, please call 866-246-4359 or online at www.RadMD.com. To obtain more detailed information, please visit Buckeye's website at www.bchpohio.com/providers or contact Provider Services at 866-296-8731.

➤ **Quantitative Drug Testing for Drugs of Abuse**

Effective November 1, 2014 prior authorization will be required for ***Quantitative Drug Testing for Drugs of Abuse**. Buckeye Utilization Management teams will be responsible for authorizing these services. You may request an authorization on our website at www.bchpohio.com or by contacting us by telephone at 866-246-4359. Please refer to the Provider Guide enclosed with this notice for additional detail.

***These prior authorization requirements do not apply to services provided in the inpatient, observation, or emergency department setting.**

To further assist you in this transition, you may access updated reference materials including Quick Reference Guides, copies of this notice and all enclosures on our website at www.bchpohio.com/provider.

Please contact Buckeye's Provider Services Department at 866-296-8731 with any questions. Thank you for your partnership and for the quality care you provide to Buckeye members.

Sincerely,

Ronald Charles, MD

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