

## Utilization Review Guideline (URG) Updates

Policy Title	Effective Date	Coverage Rationale
NEW		
<a href="#">Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computed Tomography (CT) Scan - Site of Care</a>	<del>Jan. 1, 2019</del> Feb. 1, 2019	<p><b>Notice of Implementation Delay:</b> This Utilization Review Guideline will not be effective on Jan. 1, 2019 as previously announced; implementation has been postponed until <b>Feb. 1, 2019</b>.</p> <p><b>An advanced radiologic imaging procedure in the hospital outpatient department is considered medically necessary for individuals who meet ANY of the following criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 10 years of age</li> <li>• Require obstetrical observation</li> <li>• Require perinatology services</li> <li>• Have a known contrast allergy</li> <li>• Have a known chronic disease with prior radiology imaging procedures for the diagnosis, management or surveillance of the disease at the hospital outpatient department</li> <li>• Have pre-procedure imaging where the surgery or procedure is being performed at the hospital</li> </ul> <p><b>An advanced radiologic imaging procedure in the hospital outpatient department is considered medically necessary when there are no geographically accessible appropriate alternative sites for the individual to undergo the procedure, including but not limited to the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate or deep sedation or general anesthesia is required for the procedure; or</li> <li>• The equipment for the size of the individual is not available; or</li> <li>• Open magnetic resonance imaging is required because the member has a documented diagnosis of claustrophobia and/or severe anxiety</li> </ul> <p><b>An advanced radiologic imaging procedure in the hospital outpatient department is considered medically necessary when imaging in a physician's office or freestanding imaging center would reasonably be expected to delay care and adversely impact health outcome.</b></p> <p><b>All other advanced radiologic imaging procedures in the hospital outpatient department are considered not medically necessary when the above criteria are not met.</b></p>