Get ready for mandatory appropriate use criteria for advanced imaging

Beginning **January 1, 2020**, providers who order advanced diagnostic imaging services for Medicare patients must consult appropriate use criteria (AUC) through a qualified clinical decision support mechanism (CDSM) prior to submitting the order.

How to submit imaging orders to our facilities for Medicare patients
For advanced imaging studies, consulting the AUC is **required** by CMS and PAMA for all orders, both internal and external. To comply, we have integrated National Decision Support Company's CareSelect into our electronic health records (EHR) to consult evidence-based clinical guidelines solutions for diagnostic imaging.

For our external providers who do not have access to our EHR, there are three options available when submitting a referral to us:

Available Options	Pros	Cons
1. **Update your Electronic Health Record** if it already has a CMS-approved qualified clinical decision support tool, and as long as all required elements are on the order (name of the approved qualified clinical decision support vendor, the decision support number that is assigned during the ordering process, and the assigned appropriateness score).	**Keep documentation in one place** **Choose your own vendor** **Use internal resources**	**Require Buy-in from other partners using your EHR** **Potential costs for system maintenance.**
2. Free **CareSelect Imaging – Open Access Portal** for ordering that provides the required decision support. (*See **Quick Tips** for help.*)	**Quick and easy sign up.** **Direct transmission to Epic**	**Physician specific access** **Separate portal – only for Radiology**
3. For high frequency external providers, access to Epic CareLink is available. **Access Epic CareLink forms to get started**.	**Providers and RN's can have access to place orders** **Access includes access to review clinical records** **Additional clinical staff or billers can also have access to review records**	**Separate portal currently only for radiology orders** **Requires legal agreements with PSJH.** **Access can take a few weeks after signing legal agreements depending on the build requirements.**

See instructions on the following pages for obtaining access to the NDSC or EpicCare Link Portal.

How to Request NDSC Portal Access

Register for an account by going to the CareSelect Imaging-Open Access Portal:
http://openaccess.careselect.org/registration

Once registered, logon to the CareSelect Imaging-Open Access Portal
https://openaccess.careselect.org

For the full version of the CareSelect User Guide, use this link.

https://caregiverheadlines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/NDSC-CareSelect-Open-Access-User-Guide.pdf

How to Request EpicCare Link Access

Visit https://caregiverheadlines.org/epic-carelink/

Download the Agreements for your region and send to the EpicCare Link support team via Fax or Email.

Upon receipt we will begin processing your request.

For more information, please contact your regional EpicCare Link Support Team:

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