
An Introduction to Appropriate Use Criteria Requirements Under PAMA

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Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC)



- Created by Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA)
- Applies to advanced diagnostic imaging
- Requires that the ordering professional consult a clinical decision support mechanism (CDSM) prior to ordering ADI
 - Service is appropriate, not appropriate, or not applicable
- CY2019 PFS final rule allows consultations by clinical staff under the direction of the ordering professional

Appropriate Use Criteria



- Reporting required on hospital outpatient and professional claims (rendering)
 - CY2019 PFS final rule added IDTFs
- Question: how to report ordering professional on institutional claim
- Exceptions apply for emergencies, inpatient imaging services, and ordering professionals meeting MU hardship exception (lack of Internet access)
 - How to establish duration of emergency
- Effective January 2020; required January 2021
- Goal to identify outlier ordering professionals
 - Could be subject to prior authorization

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