

BULLETIN

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
and Blue Plus

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American Imaging Management contract terminating

The current contract between American Imaging Management (AIM) and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus for high-technology diagnostic imaging (HTDI) radiology quality initiative (RQI) services is being terminated effective December 18, 2008. Providers should continue with their current HTDI process through December 18, 2008. Additional provider communications regarding process changes after December 18, 2008 are forthcoming. No new applications for HTDI designated status are being accepted effective September 18, 2008.

Continue to follow current process

- **Designated** providers continue with the current Blue Cross-approved HTDI process until December 18, 2008. Those providers that have been approved for HTDI designated status but have not yet implemented their appropriateness criteria through Medicalis, Nuance (Commissure), or EMR (EPIC) may continue implementation, realizing that processes will change after December 18, 2008.
- **Non-designated** providers (including providers who have not applied for designation or have applied for designation and have been approved for HTDI status but choose to not implement their appropriateness criteria) should continue to use AIM for decision support of HTDI imaging until December 18, 2008. Watch for future communications regarding HTDI process changes.

Next year

For 2009, Blue Cross is exploring alternative options to process all HTDI orders using a common set of appropriateness criteria for decision support at the point of service (when the doctor and patient are together, before ordering a test). Process specifics are still in the development stage.

Questions

If you have questions about the above information, please contact provider service at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.

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