



Absolute Total Care is pleased to announce the expansion of its partnership with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA). In addition to the services that currently require prior authorization through NIA, certain cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization beginning **November 1, 2022**. Providers may begin contacting NIA on **November 1, 2022**, to seek prior authorization for procedures scheduled on or after **November 1, 2022**. The program expansion is applicable for all Absolute Total Care Medicaid members, Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) members and Ambetter from Absolute Total Care (Health Insurance Marketplace) members.

Program Components

- Evidence-based clinical guidelines and proprietary algorithms to support clinically appropriate options for each member.
- Clinical reviews will be conducted by NIA board-certified internists with specialized cardiac training and board-certified cardiologists related to elective cardiac diagnostic imaging when peer-to-peer review is required.

Absolute Total Care Medicaid and Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care	Ambetter from Absolute Total Care
<p>Outpatient prior authorization through NIA is currently required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT/CTA • MRI/MRA • PET Scan • CCTA • Physical Medicine Services (Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy) 	<p>Outpatient prior authorization through NIA is currently required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT/CTA • CCTA • MRI/MRA • PET Scan • MUGA Scan • Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI) • Stress Echocardiography • Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE) • Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) • Physical Medicine (Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy)
<p>Effective November 1, 2022, these cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization through NIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI) • MUGA Scan • Stress Echocardiography • Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE) • Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) • Left Heart Catheterization • Cardiac Implantable Devices (defibrillator, pacemaker) 	<p>Effective November 1, 2022, these cardiac-related procedures will also require prior authorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left Heart Catheterization • Cardiac Implantable Devices (defibrillator, pacemaker)

Providers rendering the above services should verify that the necessary authorization has been obtained. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of claims.

Absolute Total Care Medicaid Resources

[Quick Reference Guide for Ordering and Rendering Providers](#)

[Cardiac Checklist](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)

Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care Resources

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Please note: There are no changes to the current processes for prior authorization requests through NIA for Wellcare by Allwell Medicare members.

We are confident this program will have a positive impact on the quality of care rendered to your members, and we look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes to our community. Please contact your Provider Relations Representative or call Provider Services with any questions.