

## *Sharp and Children's TIPS to Getting Authorizations*

### **PPO Patients:**

We are happy to obtain authorizations for those PPO plans that allow us to do so. Most PPO plans need prior authorization or prior notification. While insurance plans will let scMRI initiate the authorization process, many also require interaction from the ordering physician's office in order to complete the authorization. Once authorization has been obtained, the patient will be contacted to schedule the exam.

- **PPO Insurances Currently Accepted: See Active Contracts**

### **Medi-Cal Patients:**

We are able to obtain Treatment Authorization Requests or TARs for your office. We expedite our TARs by filing them electronically directly with the Medi-Cal office. This process has been very effective and has proven to reduce the wait time for patients. Once the TAR has been approved, the patient will be contacted to schedule the exam.

- **Molina Healthy Families and Straight Medi-Cal**

### **Here is what we need to start the authorization process for PPO and Medi-Cal Patients:**

- Physician's Order
- Copy of current insurance card
- Patient demographics
- Chart notes or History & Physical relative to MRI request

### **HMO Patients:**

We are contractually unable to obtain authorizations for HMO insurance plans. The referring physician's office must obtain authorization.

- Authorized Facility Name must read: **Sharp and Children's MRI Center**

### **Medicare Patients:**

Straight Medicare patients do not require a prior authorization with the exception of patients who reassign their benefits with HMOs. (Which follow the same standards as an HMO)

### **Workers' Compensation:**

We will contact the Insurance Adjuster and obtain approval for patient to be seen at our facility.

### **Liens**

Personal Injury Liens and Green Liens are approved by Keith Prince, CEO, on a case-by-case basis. A contract will then be sent to the patient's attorney to be signed. Upon receipt of the signed contract, the patient will be contacted to schedule their exam.

### **Here is what we need to schedule liens:**

- Physician's order, patient demographics, attorney demographics, workers' comp information.

### **Helpful Links**

[http://radmd.com/misc\\_pages/select\\_guidelines.htm](http://radmd.com/misc_pages/select_guidelines.htm)

[www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org) (appropriateness criteria)

*Sharp and Children's Authorizations: (858) 939-4550*

*Visit our website at: [www.scmri.org](http://www.scmri.org)*

Hours: Monday- Friday 6:00am-10:00pm, Saturday-Sunday 7:00am-7:00pm

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