



# NIA to Authorize Certain Cardiac Procedures Effective July 1, 2022

To align our prior authorization process with industry best practices and streamline administrative processes for our providers and members, Wellcare of Louisiana will expand our partnership with National Imaging Associates (NIA) to include certain cardiac-related procedures effective July 1, 2022. Our shared goal is to help your patients get the care they need with less administrative burden for your practice.

## AUTHORIZATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CARDIAC-RELATED PROCEDURES

NIA currently provides utilization management services for non-emergent, advanced diagnostic imaging services for WellCare of Louisiana, including CT/CTA, MRI/MRA, PET Scan, Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI), and CCTA.

**Effective July 1, 2022, these cardiac-related procedures will also require authorization through NIA:**

- **Left Heart Catheterization**
- **Cardiac Implantable Devices (defibrillator, pacemaker)**

Providers may begin contacting NIA on July 1, 2022 to seek prior authorization for procedures scheduled on or after July 1, 2022. Authorizations may be submitted online at [www.RadMD.com](http://www.RadMD.com) or by phone at **1-800-424-5388**.

NIA's program is built on evidence-based clinical guidelines to support clinically appropriate options for each member. All clinical reviews will be conducted by board-certified internists with specialized cardiac training and board-certified cardiologists related to elective cardiac diagnostic imaging for peer-to-peer review.

Thank you for the care you provide to your patients and our members to improve their health and wellness. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Wellcare of Louisiana Provider Services at **1-855-538-0454**.