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Dear WellFirst Health Provider:

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, WellFirst Health has established interim COVID-19 policies to support our members and providers. We continue to monitor the public health emergency and evaluate these interim policies to determine timing for reinstating standard policies, where appropriate. As decisions are made, we will communicate them in our COVID-19 provider communications and update our COVID-19 provider information web page. As always, we will communicate new interim policies and urgent information should the need arise.

Reinstating Prior Authorization Requirements for Chest CT Scans

Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2020, WellFirst Health is reinstating the prior authorization requirement for Chest CT scans which was temporarily waived in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The reinstated prior authorization requirement includes Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 71250 and allowable grouping CPT codes 71260 and 71270.

Starting on August 1, 2020, providers can resume submitting authorization requests for these procedures to NIA Magellan Healthcare through [RadMD](#) or by calling 1-866-307-9729.

Additional Health Plan Information

For current COVID-19 health plan information, refer to our [COVID-19 provider information web page](#) link located at the top of all wellfirstbenefits.com web pages. Providers are encouraged to check our website regularly for new and updated information.

Please contact a WellFirst Health Provider Network Consultant at 314-994-6262 or ProviderRelations@wellfirstbenefits.com with any questions.

Thank you again for your continued care of our members.

Sincerely,

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