

## Transition to *Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. MRI Breast Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*

Effective August 1, 2023, Healthy Blue will transition the clinical criteria for medical necessity review of MRI Breast to the following *Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*:

- Oncologic imaging
- Chest imaging

As part of this transition of clinical criteria, the following procedures will be subject to prior authorization at Carelon Medical Benefits Management\*:

CPT® code	Description
77046	Magnetic resonance imaging, breast, without contrast material; unilateral
77047	Magnetic resonance imaging, breast, without contrast material; bilateral
77048	Magnetic resonance imaging, breast, without and with contrast material(s), including computer-aided detection (CAD real-time lesion detection, characterization, and pharmacokinetic analysis) when performed; unilateral
77049	Magnetic resonance imaging, breast, without and with contrast material(s), including computer-aided detection (CAD real-time lesion detection, characterization, and pharmacokinetic analysis) when performed; bilateral

HCCPS	Description
C8903	Magnetic resonance imaging with contrast, breast; unilateral
C8905	Magnetic resonance imaging without contrast followed by with contrast, breast; unilateral
C8906	Magnetic resonance imaging with contrast, breast; bilateral
C8908	Magnetic resonance imaging without contrast followed by with contrast, breast; bilateral

**Note:** This update does not apply to the Federal Employee Program® (FEP®)

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to Carelon Medical Benefits Management via the ProviderPortalSM :

- Access the Carelon Medical Benefits Management *ProviderPortal*SM directly at [providerportal.com](https://providerportal.com). Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.

If you have questions related to clinical guidelines, please contact Carelon Medical Benefits Management via email at [MedicalBenefitsManagement.guidelines@Carelon.com](mailto:MedicalBenefitsManagement.guidelines@Carelon.com). Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines at <https://guidelines.carelonmedicalbenefitsmanagement.com/>.

\* Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. is an independent company providing utilization management services on behalf of the health plan.

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