APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA - CMS Mandate
Advanced Diagnostic Imaging - Reason for Exam

ACTION: FYI - Go-live week of June 14, 2021 - Phase 1
(CMS Mandate by January 1, 2022)

Multiple phases related to AUC:
- Cerner Orders –Phase 1
- PAMA Billing updates to manage AUC details – Phase 2

Currently:
1. Outreach and Education
2. Developing Efficient Support Strategy
   a. Actively engaging Physician Leadership in a variety of roles to understand how BEST and most EFFICIENTLY to support you
      i. Radiology, CVI, Scheduling staff, Office Staff, Clinical Informatics

Links: AUC Poster AUC Fact Sheet AUC Demo Video
Alert prompts providers to define specific **Reason For Exam (RFE)**. Alert compares RFE to best **Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Options** for order decision.

**ADI Modalities:** CT, MR, Nuc Med, PET (also includes CVI NM orders)

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| **COMMUNITY PROVIDERS** | ● Mandate applies as orders sent to Ascension for Outpatient Advanced Dx Imaging  
● Must include AUC details with orders  
● Can use an outside website to obtain details  
● Set up similar alert system on Private EMR in their office |        | Private EMR or Website |
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APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA - How does this impact me?

More Specific information needed to map the "stroke" Reason for Exam to the most appropriate order
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APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA - How does this impact me?

1. Patient Demographics
2. Selected Order
3. Original Reason for Exam
4. Focused RFE related to “Stroke”
5. Scoring details for Requested Exam

NOTE:
Cost, Radiation Exposure, and Am. College of Radiology Appropriateness Scoring

1. Appropriate Exams

NOTE:
Exams display with Red (1-3)
Yellow (4-6)
Green (7-9)
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APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA - How does this impact me?
The process:
1. Replaced the Order as we defined...
2. Included the Reason for Exam we selected...
3. Automatically updated the MANDATED AUC details for billing purposes downstream
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Watch for Opportunities -

Email Communications:

● Links to Demos, Documents, Tip Sheets, and FAQs

Webinars:

● Cerner - Provider Workflows
● Cerner - Nursing Workflows
● Community Outreach
  ○ Private EMRs
  ○ Explanation and Links to portal to obtain the required AUC details

NOTE: ALL Health Systems and Private Practices Nationwide are required to abide by this mandate.
For additional training or questions on this process **during normal business hours** please reach out to Clinical Informatics by email

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