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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

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VOLUNTARY PRE-DETERMINATION FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Although radiological testing does not require pre-certification, these tests are all EMHP benefits that are subject to medical necessity. Testing such as MRI/MRA, CAT, CT/CTA or PET scans or Nuclear Testing, which may be requested by your provider, will be subject to review for medical appropriateness. Empire BlueCross BlueShield ("EBCBS") will conduct a medical necessity review. If the review does not confirm that the procedure was medically necessary, you will be responsible for the full charges.

In order to avoid incurring an unanticipated expense, you <u>may</u> receive pre-determination for any testing by having your prescribing physician call EBCBS' Medical Management at 1-800-939-7515. If the pre-determination review does not confirm that the procedure is medically necessary, you may opt to have the procedure; however, you will be responsible for the full charges.

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