Radiologists' Qualifications and Competency

Proposed Imaging Requirements

Applicable to Ambulatory Health Care:

HR.02.01.03, EP 39

For organizations that provide computed tomography (CT) services: At the time of granting initial privileges, the organization verifies and documents that a radiologist who interprets CT exams is board-certified in radiology or diagnostic radiology by the American Board of Radiology, American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, or an equivalent source. If the radiologist is not board-certified, then the organization verifies and documents that he or she has achieved the following qualifications and experience:

- Completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) diagnostic radiology residency
- Performance and interpretation of 500 CT examinations in the past 36 months

HR.02.01.03, EP 40

For organizations that provide computed tomography (CT) services: Upon renewal of privileges, the organization verifies and documents that a radiologist who interprets CT examinations has the following experience:

- The radiologist meets the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements of the American Board of Radiology.
- For radiologists reading CT examinations across multiple organ systems, he or she has read 135 exams in the past 24 months.
- For radiologists reading organ system-specific CT examinations (for example, abdominal, musculoskeletal, head), he or she has read a minimum of 40 organ system-specific CT examinations in the past 24 months. In addition, he or she must have also read a total of 135 cross-sectional imaging studies for MRI, CT, PET/CT and ultrasound in the past 24 months.

HR.02.01.03, EP 41

For organizations that provide computed tomography (CT) services: Upon renewal of privileges, the organization verifies and documents the ongoing education of a radiologist who interprets CT examinations. Ongoing education must include As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA), Image Gently, Image Wisely, and one of the following:

- Meets the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements of the American Board of Radiology
- Completion of 100 hours of relevant continuing medical education (CME) in the past 24 months; this must include 50 hours of Category 1 CME
- Completion of 10 hours CME in the past 24 months specific to the imaging modality or organ system

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Applicable to Critical Access Hospitals:

MS.06.01.03, EP 10

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MS.06.01.05, EP 16

For critical access hospitals that provide computed tomography (CT) services:

Upon renewal of privileges, the critical access hospital verifies and documents that a radiologist who interprets CT examinations has the following experience:

- The radiologist meets the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements of their certifying body.
- A radiologist reading CT examinations across multiple organ systems has read 135 exams in the past 24 months.
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MS.06.01.05, EP 17

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