

**CHANGE NOTIFICATION TO AIM CLINICAL GUIDELINES – ADVANCED IMAGING**



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**Re: AIM Specialty Health Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines update – Advanced Imaging: Vascular Imaging**

Dear Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Nevada (Anthem), is writing to inform you of the following updates to the AIM Specialty Health® (AIM) Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines. AIM is a separate company.

Effective for dates of service on and after May 17, 2020, the following updates will apply to the AIM Advanced Imaging: Vascular Imaging Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

**Updates by section:**

- **Aneurysm of the abdominal aorta or iliac arteries**
  - Added new indication for asymptomatic enlargement by imaging
  - Clarified surveillance intervals for stable aneurysms as follows:
    - Treated with endografts, annually
    - Treated with open surgical repair, every 5 years
- **Stenosis or occlusion of the abdominal aorta or branch vessels, not otherwise specified**
  - Added surveillance indication and interval for surgical bypass grafts

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit pre-certification requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM *ProviderPortal*<sub>SM</sub> directly at [providerportal.com](http://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.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at [availity.com](http://availity.com)
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 877-291-0366, Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. PT.

For questions related to guideline updates, please contact AIM via email at [aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com](mailto:aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com). To access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines, go to: <http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com/ClinicalGuidelines.html>.

We value and appreciate you as our partner in providing quality care, and appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,

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