

## Contracting & Payer Relations

### **Update from Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island and MedSolutions**

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (“NHPRI”) is partnering with MedSolutions to implement a new radiology management program for outpatient scans. As you may know, MedSolutions is a radiology services organization that specializes in managing diagnostic services and currently contracts with other payers in the state.

**Servicing providers will be required to request prior authorization from MedSolutions for all outpatient MRI / MRA, CT and PET and nuclear cardiology services.** Inpatient and emergency services will not require authorization.

Providers will be able to submit prior authorization requests to MedSolutions for outpatient diagnostic imaging procedures by phone, fax, or through MedSolutions’ secure website at [www.MedSolutionsOnline.com](http://www.MedSolutionsOnline.com).

NHPRI anticipates this program could be effective as soon as April 1, 2010, but will provide more detail within a few weeks, once rollout plans solidify. Details will also be posted to the Neighborhood ([www.nhpri.org](http://www.nhpri.org)) website.

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