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Expanding Our Collaboration with Evolent for Oncology Services Effective Date Changed to January 1, 2027

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next previously communicated that Evolent would begin administering the Oncology Quality Management (OQM) Program on December 1, 2026. The implementation date has been revised and will now take effect on January 1, 2027.

At AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next, we're committed to supporting providers in delivering high-quality care to our members. As part of that commitment, we are expanding our collaboration with Evolent to administer our Oncology Quality Management (OQM) Program.

Effective January 1, 2027, prior authorization through Evolent will be required for certain radiation oncology services and oncology-related infused medications, supportive agents, and symptom management drugs provided in provider offices, ambulatory centers, outpatient hospital settings, and inpatient hospital settings (CAR T-cell therapy only) for eligible AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next members of all ages.

New Tools and Support Available Through Evolent

The OQM program is designed to support evidence-based treatment planning while providing streamlined authorization options. Key features include:

- Real-time authorization decisions for eligible treatment plans submitted through the CarePro Provider Portal evolent.com/provider-portal.
- Telephone submission support for treatment plans when needed by calling **1-888-999-7713**.
- Access to board-certified medical and radiation oncologists for peer-to-peer clinical discussions.

Treatment plans will be reviewed using nationally recognized, evidence-based clinical guidelines.

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Important Authorization Information

Authorizations issued by AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next before **January 1, 2027**, will remain valid through the approved authorization end date.

Once an existing authorization expires, or for services requiring authorization on or after **January 1, 2027**, providers must submit authorization requests for the services articulated in this correspondence directly to Evolent. Claims for these services requiring authorization may be denied if the required authorization is not obtained.

Training and Resources

To help providers prepare for this transition, Evolent will offer informational training sessions throughout December 2026. Additional details, including registration information, will be available on the Evolent provider webpage: go.evolent.com/AmeriHealth-program-changes-2027 [go.evolent.com].

Questions before training sessions may be directed to: practicesuccess@evolent.com.

We're Here to Help

Additional information and resources will be shared as the implementation date approaches. If you have questions, please contact your Provider Account Executive or Provider Services.

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