

What You Need to Know About Preparing for Appropriate Use

Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) mandates providers ordering advanced imaging studies for their Medicare beneficiaries are to **consult** AUC prior to scheduling and to **provide** furnishing providers with AUC data. Ordering providers retain control over clinical decisions for their patients. The final decision made by an ordering provider is valid – regardless of adherence or non-adherence to the AUC recommendation. After all, the regulation requires AUC be **consulted** and data be **provided** for advanced imaging studies to be reimbursed.

Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM)

A CDSM is a tool that contains Appropriate Use Criteria. CMS maintains a list of AUC developers qualified to meet the PAMA requirements. You can find a [list of CDSM](#) on the Quality Initiatives page of the CMS website. Your EMR may have an integrated solution sourced by one of the following vendors. The bold listings are free internet tools. [We recommend CareSelect by National Decision Support.](#)

CDSM List (current June 2022; BOLD = Free internet tools)

- MedCurrent OrderWise™
- Medicalis Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
- **National Decision Support Company CareSelect™***
- **AIM Specialty Health ProviderPortal®***
- Cranberry Peak ezCDS
- Stanson Health's Stanson CDS
- AgileMD's Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
- EvidenceCare's ImagingCare
- InveniQA's Semantic Answers in Medicine™
- Reliant Medical Group CDSM
- Speed of Care CDSM
- HealthHelp's Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
- INFINX CDSM
- LogicNets AUC Solution
- Curbside Clinical Augmented Workflow
- E*HealthLine Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
- Intermountain Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
- Persivia Clinical Decision Support
- **Radrite***

The CDSM is a tool that supports the clinical decision-making process as part of the ordering workflow. Required AUC data includes **ordering clinician NPI, identity of the CDSM**, and the **AUC outcome** – adheres to, does not adhere, not applicable. These data elements can be supplied as part of the scheduling process.

Community Practice Readiness Checklist

Valley Health is committed to supporting community practices in the AUC implementation. The following checklist is designed to guide you in preparing your practice. This list highlights tasks deemed necessary for a successful AUC transition. Each practice is unique; as such, we recommend you add practice-specific tasks to the list to ensure success.

- ☐ Explore AUC options
 - EMR integrated solution
 - Free web-based tool
 - Recommendation: National Decision Support Company CareSelect Open Access
- ☐ Determine who needs to know about AUC in your practice
- ☐ Share AUC requirements and workflow with your team
- ☐ Practice
 - Starting September 17, 2020, Valley Health Center Scheduling began asking for AUC data when processing advanced imaging study orders

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