

October 1, 2018

**Re: AIM Specialty Health Clinical Guidelines update – Radiation Oncology**

Dear Provider:

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

Effective for dates of service on and after January 28, 2019, the following updates will apply to the AIM clinical guidelines for Radiation Oncology:

**Breast cancer**

- Removed age and tumor size criteria for accelerated whole breast irradiation (AWBI)

**Rectal cancer**

- Modified criteria no longer limits treatment with IMRT for rectal adenocarcinoma

**Pancreatic cancer**

- Added criteria for SBRT in treating locally advanced or recurrent disease without evidence of distant metastasis

**Head and neck cancer**

- Added criteria to allow IMRT for head and neck lymphomas
- Clarified no IMRT for stage I/II glottic cancer

**Lung cancer**

- Added DVH parameter for cardiac V50

**Sarcoma**

- Removed preoperative and joint sparing requirements for IMRT

**Prostate cancer**

- Added discussion on hypofractionation
- Added discussion on brachytherapy

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

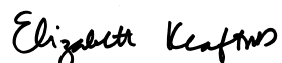
- Access AIM **ProviderPortal**<sub>SM</sub> directly at [providerportal.com](http://providerportal.com). Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at [availity.com](http://availity.com)
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 877-291-0366, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. MT.

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 guidelines, go to: <http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com/>.

Please note, this program does not apply to FEP or National Accounts.

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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