



South Carolina

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Provider Alerts

Angiography CAT Scans

The CT Angiography Pilot ended on April 1, 2009. We will approve this service based on medical necessity using the American College of Cardiology criteria for all lines of business that would typically require precertification.

We will use the standard code set 0146T - 0149T for precertification and determining payment on these claims. Please contact [National Imaging Associates \(NIA\)](#) to get precertification for fully insured patients. On behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, NIA handles precertification for certain imaging services. NIA is an independent company. Contact BlueCross for precertification for members of other plans, such as the State Health Plan, Federal Employee Program (FEP) and other ASO groups. For more information, see our [precertification requirements](#).

State Health Plan Level 2 Office Visit Updates

Effective January 1, 2009, the State Health Plan (SHP) began paying for a level 2 office visit when performed in conjunction with a routine Pap smear. This notice clarifies liability for the difference in the allowance and charge for the office visit performed in conjunction with the Pap test.

The SHP will pay the level 2 exam rate 99212 for the office visit regardless of the office visit code filed. The difference between the allowance and the charge for the office visit billed will be the patient's liability. We are currently making changes to our system to accommodate this change on our provider remittance advices and member explanations of benefits. When we implement this change, we will automatically adjust any affected claims.