

Updates to AIM Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines for Radiation Oncology

The following updates will apply to the AIM Specialty Health *Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines for Radiation Oncology* for claims with dates of service on and after March 14, 2021. AIM Specialty Health is an independent company providing utilization review service on behalf of BlueChoice HealthPlan. Please note that there are no restrictive changes in this update.

Radiation oncology

Special treatment procedure:

- Removed IV requirement for chemotherapy

Central nervous system cancer — Intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) for glioblastomas, other gliomas, brain metastases:

- Eliminated the plan comparison requirement based on feedback from reviewers that all cases were able to meet criteria — same change for high-grade and low-grade gliomas.
- Added new indication for hippocampal sparing whole brain radiotherapy.

Lung cancer — IMRT and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) for non-small cell, SBRT for small cell; fractionation for non-small cell:

- Eliminated the plan comparison requirement for IMRT to treat stage 3, non-small cell lung cancer.
- Removed *due to a medical contraindication* language.
- Added new indication as an alternative to surgical resection when certain conditions apply.
- Adjusted fractions of thoracic radiotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer.

Proton beam therapy

- Added new indication for hepatocellular carcinoma and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma.

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- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number at **1-800-714-0040** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CT

If you have questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM by email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).*

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