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Title: Prior Authorization and Tiering
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Whereas, it is likely that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) will be tiering physicians, both specialty and primary care, based on cost and quality measures, as a component of its Physician Group Incentive Program uplift initiative, and

Whereas, by BCBSM standards, physicians who receive the maximum uplift have demonstrated their ability to practice high quality medicine, while appropriately controlling costs, and

Whereas, BCBSM often requires pre-authorization for surgical procedures and imaging tests under the guise of ensuring appropriateness of such procedures and tests, as well as improving quality and reducing costs, and

Whereas, obtaining these pre-authorizations is time-consuming for medical office staff and patients; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS engage Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in discussions about the possibility of removing pre-authorization requirements for ordering tests and procedures for those physicians receiving the maximum uplift for their specialty under the Physician Group Incentive Program as these physicians have already demonstrated their ability to practice high quality medicine, while appropriately controlling costs.

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