

# Preferred radiology service protocol

M.D. IPA, M.D. IPA Preferred, Optimum Choice and Optimum Choice Preferred

This protocol is specific to the Mid-Atlantic Health Plan radiology service protocol. This protocol applies to members with MD-Individual Practice Association, Inc. (M.D. IPA), Choice®, Inc. (OCI) and Optimum Choice Preferred health plans, and all network physicians and other health care professionals.

## Radiology services for members with M.D. IPA and OCI benefits

UnitedHealthcare has contracted with preferred radiology vendors to perform routine radiology services for M.D. IPA and OCI members whose primary care provider (PCP) is in one of the following counties in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.:

- Anne Arundel County, Maryland
- Baltimore County, Maryland
- Baltimore City, Maryland
- Charles County, Maryland
- District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.)
- Frederick County, Maryland
- Howard County, Maryland
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- Northern Virginia (NOVA)
- Prince George's County, Maryland

For a full list of locations for Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Frederick County, Maryland, go to [UHCprovider.com/md](https://UHCprovider.com/md) > **Commercial** > Mid-Atlantic Health Plan - UnitedHealthcare MD-IPA and Optimum Choice > M.D. IPA and Optimum Choice, Inc. (OCI) Preferred Radiology Care Providers for Routine Outpatient Diagnostic Radiology Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Frederick, Maryland.

For a full list of locations for Maryland capitated providers, go to [UHCprovider.com/md](https://UHCprovider.com/md) > **Commercial** > Mid-Atlantic Health Plan - UnitedHealthcare M.D. IPA and Optimum Choice > M.D. IPA and OptimumChoice, Inc. (OCI) > Maryland Capitated Radiology Vendors for Routine Diagnostic Radiology Services.

You can view the member's card and radiology area through the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal. To get started, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) and select Sign In in the top-right corner. Then, sign in with your One Healthcare ID and password.



## Prior authorization

Some radiology services require prior authorization. For a complete list of services requiring prior authorization, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Prior Authorization and Notification > [Plan Requirements for Advance Notification/Prior Authorization](#) > UnitedHealthcare Mid-Atlantic Plans Prior Authorization Requirements.

## Exceptions

- Members who don't have a radiology area listed on their member ID card may use a participating radiology provider within the service area
- Radiology services rendered during an inpatient stay or in the emergency room won't be subject to this policy
- A PCP or specialist may order radiological studies by using either a prescription or requisition, except for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies, cardio-diagnostic studies, vascular studies, interventional radiology studies and radiation oncology
- All pre-operative, post-operative and routine outpatient radiology should be performed by the preferred radiology vendor, except in geographic exception areas. This information is listed as RAD=PAR on the member's ID card.
- Physicians may bill for "STAT" radiology services only if such services are necessary for immediate treatment of the patient, using their M.D. IPA or OCI benefits. For these services, you must use the modifier "ST" or "ET" in the appropriate space provided on the claim form.

## Radiology services for members with M.D. IPA Preferred or Optimum Choice Preferred benefits

Members may use preferred radiology vendors or any other participating facility for radiology services. The member's cost share obligations may be lower if you refer them to a preferred radiology vendor.



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