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## Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Suppliers Must Become Accredited by 2012

CLIENT ADVISORY

On January 26, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved three accreditation organizations for suppliers of advanced diagnostic imaging services. Specifically, CMS approved the American College of Radiology, The Joint Commission and the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission to accredit applicable suppliers.

The accreditation requirements were implemented as part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, and require that physicians, non-physician practitioners, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs) and other suppliers receiving reimbursement for advanced diagnostic imaging services under the Physician Fee Schedule become accredited by an approved organization by January 1, 2012. Importantly, the new requirements do not apply to “providers” of diagnostic services, including inpatient or outpatient hospital departments, or other

entities which are not reimbursed under the physician fee schedule.

The following services are categorized as “advanced diagnostic imaging services” for purposes of the new accreditation requirements: computed tomography (CT), nuclear medicine, positron emission tomography (PET) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). X-rays, ultrasound, fluoroscopy and diagnostic and screening mammography are excluded from the advanced diagnostic imaging services definition.

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