

## Updates to AIM Radiation Therapy Clinical Appropriateness Guideline

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Effective for dates of service on and after February 9, 2020, the following updates will apply to the AIM Radiation Therapy Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

- Special Treatment Procedure and Special Physics Consult
  - Removed oral cone endocavitary indication
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) or Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) for bone metastases
  - Broadened description of adjacent normal tissues which may be of concern.
- Single fraction treatment
  - Removed poor performance status criteria
- Central Nervous System cancers
  - Added evidence review
- Spine Lesions; Primary or Metastatic Lesions of the Spine, Metastatic Lesions in the Lung
  - Added note calling out separate criteria for curative intent treatment of extracranial oligometastatic disease.
- SBRT in the treatment of extracranial oligometastatic disease
  - Added new section with discussion and indications
- Prostate cancer – hypofractionation

- Added fractionation guideline with EBRT/IMRT.
- Prostate cancer – postoperative radiotherapy and SBRT
  - Added indication based on ASTRO/ASCO/AUA recommendation
- Prostate cancer – use of hydrogel spacer
  - Added discussion and medical necessity statement about hydrogel spacers for prostate irradiation
- CPT code changes
  - Added 77316, 77295 and 55874
  - Removed 77427

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- Access AIM's **ProviderPortal**<sup>SM</sup> directly at [providerportal.com](http://providerportal.com). Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at [Availity.com](http://Availity.com)
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number 800-554-0580, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET.

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

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