

**TO: ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP MEMBERS**

**FROM: MARK VERNON, BILL DEGASPERIS, BOB CARUSO**

**RE: PRE-CERTIFICATION- SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS**

Pre-certification and scheduling through ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP are not the only triggers for submitting claims!

When ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP contracts with a Payor such as Allstate or Liberty Mutual, it is the Payor's choice in accordance with their Utilization Management Staff as to whether Pre-certification for a Diagnostic Radiology Service will occur and how the patient will be scheduled.

As a result of ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP's education of the Utilization Management Staff and we are finding more circumstances where the nurses are allowing the physician and patient to schedule directly with an ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP facility. This relationship is born out of the fact that we work extremely hard to satisfy our Clients and their patients.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED, IN THE EVENT A PATIENT OR PHYSICIAN SCHEDULE DIRECTLY WITH A CENTER OR SIMPLY WALK IN, YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIMS DIRECTLY TO ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP.**

A contract with ALLSTATE is a contract regardless of how the patient enters your facility. By submitting claims directly, you only delay the process and injure the relationships we are building with our/your clients. The ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP fee schedule is in effect from the date your facility agrees to become an ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP member it will be exercised regardless as to how the patient arrives at your door. Working together, we will continue to grow and you will continue to reap the benefits of this growth.

*Sincerely,*

ATLANTIC IMAGING GROUP