Medicalis CDS Consult Portal

The right order first time
Siemens Healthineers’ Medicalis CDS Consult Portal is a simple cloud hosted Clinical Decision Support solution providing health systems the ability to offer imaging consultation services to their referral community as part of their imaging order health care quality program.

It’s the next generation in the delivery of knowledge and management of diagnostic imaging utilization. Using intuitive design when requesting imaging consultation through the Consult Portal, referring providers are presented with a cockpit view of relevant information and evidence aids to decide what imaging procedure to use. The outcome of this interaction is an actionable ordering guidance which provides a determination of whether the order adheres to the appropriate use criteria (AUC), or includes a suggestion to perform an alternative examination. Ensuring “the right order, first time!”

Being PAMA\(^1\) ready doesn’t have to be a challenging task!

You can easily avoid placing your Medicare imaging reimbursement at risk.

Implement a solution to help evaluate the appropriateness of radiology exams in accordance with standard of care, while improving patient care and connecting payers with providers.

Build an Imaging Clinical Decision Support solution to align with your quality program

- Improve quality and reduce wasteful utilization
- Reduce communication breakdowns and operational inefficiencies
- Engage providers, encourage best practice
- Implement your own local standard of care and meet the PAMA Mandate

\(^1\) PAMA: Protecting Access to Medicare Act
Medicalis CDS Consult Portal provides an evidence-based targeted approach focusing on specific modality, indication and clinical area aligned with CMS defined Priority Clinical Areas (PCAs), ensuring that physicians are only engaged on advanced imaging where there is high potential for positive impact on patient’s care in return. The solution also provides the capability to add other clinical areas beyond the PAMA mandate if desired. Simply increase quality and provide value.

No setup required, subscribe and use!
- Easy for physicians to attest to the CMS PAMA regulation
- Highly secure with limited personal health information (PHI) use (HIPAA compliant)
- Fast rollout using standard procedure catalog and standard content with the option to further implement local procedure catalog if desired
- Several additional site-specific customization options are also available

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**Easy access**
Provide your ordering physicians a simple URL and login to access and attest to the CMS² PAMA regulations.

**Adaptable guidelines**
Utilize evidence-based criteria to drive the decision with hard and soft stops in the ordering process to validate ordering decisions or help make better ones.

**Contextual feedback**
Enable context interaction based on the selected procedures and indications to better communicate most relevant information.

**Compliance attestation**
Use Medicalis CMS-qualified Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM) in combination with CMS-qualified AUC to generate the required evidence of AUC consultation.

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² CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
³ HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
Who is it sponsored by?

Medicalis CDS Consult Portal is a SaaS model hosted by Siemens Healthineers and can be sponsored by health systems who wish to offer imaging consultation services to their members or health care professionals as part of their own quality programs.

Who will it be used by?

Primarily ordering professionals, who order advanced imaging exams in outpatient setting and must provide evidence of consultation with the exam order.


• Encourage the clinically appropriate use of advanced diagnostic imaging – rather than simply discourage the use of this valuable diagnostic tool.

• Educates and motivates providers to use imaging appropriately and leverage your imaging expertise to cut out unnecessary imaging costs and improve patient care.

About PAMA

What’s needed in order to comply to the mandate?

• **Ordering professional** must consult with a CMS-qualified **Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC)** through a CMS-qualified **Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM)** when ordering advanced imaging exams for CMS-specified **Priority Clinical Areas (PCA)**.

• **Furnishing professional** must report the **results of the AUC consultation** on the Medicare claim to meet the mandate.

**Important PAMA dates**

January 2020: Beginning of operational testing period
January 2021: Beginning of full implementation