

Carelon Radiotracer Management for PET Imaging

Effective Date: April 1, 2026

Starting April 1, 2026, Carelon will implement Radiotracer Management as part of the PET imaging authorization process for Providence members. This enhancement ensures that both the PET CPT code and the radiotracer CPT code are submitted at intake and reviewed for clinical appropriateness.

- **Scope:** Applies to Brain PET and Oncologic PET procedures. Cardiac PET remains out of scope
- **Why It Matters:** Ensures correct radiotracer use per Carelon guidelines, improves claims matching, and provides a complete view of the PET procedure for better utilization management.
- **Authorization Process:** Both PET and radiotracer codes will be reviewed together & submitted when requesting authorization
 - Approved PET authorizations will specify the category of radiotracers allowed
 - PET indications are listed by radiotracer category in the guidelines: [Oncologic Imaging](#), [Brain imaging](#), and [Chest Imaging](#)
 - For example, “*PET/CT using 68Ga- or 18F-labeled radiotracers targeting prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA).*”
 - Radiotracers within the same guideline category are grouped by color (below)

CPT	Description	Common Name
A9586	Florbetapir f18, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 10 millicuries	Amyvid
A9601	Flortaucipir f 18 injection, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Tauvid
Q9982	Flutemetamol f18, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 5 millicuries	Vizamyl
Q9983	Florbetaben f18, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 8.1 millicuries	NeuraCeq
A9580	Sodium fluoride f-18, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 30 millicuries	Sodium Fluoride
A9591	Fluoroestradiol f 18, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Cerianna
A9552	Fluorodeoxyglucose f-18 fdg, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 45 millicuries	FDG
A9597	Positron emission tomography radiopharmaceutical, diagnostic, for tumor id	N/A
A9598	Positron emission tomography radiopharmaceutical, diagnostic, for non-tum	N/A
A9587	Gallium ga-68, dotatate, diagnostic, 0.1 millicurie	Gallium DOTATATE
A9592	Copper cu-64, dotatate, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Copper DOTATATE
A9602	Fluorodopa f-18, diagnostic, per millicurie	Fdopa
A9515	Choline c-11, diagnostic, per study dose up to 20 millicuries	Choline C-11
A9588	Fluciclovine f-18, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Axumin
A9593	Gallium ga-68 psma-11, diagnostic, (ucsf), 1 millicurie	PSMA
A9594	Gallium ga-68 psma-11, diagnostic, (ucla), 1 millicurie	PSMA
A9595	Piflufolastat f-18, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Pylarify
A9596	Gallium ga-68 gozetotide, diagnostic, (illuccix), 1 millicurie	Illuccix
A9608	Flotufolastat f 18, diagnostic, 1 millicurie	Posluma
A9800	Gallium ga-68 gozetotide, diagnostic, (locametz), 1 millicurie	Locametz

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