

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** MANAGEMENT OF RADIOLOGY SERVICES**POLICY NO.** 200

PURPOSE:: To clarify responsibility and authority for the management of radiology services in Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities, including radiology services provided under contract.

POLICY:: The Department of Radiology in each facility shall be responsible for providing and managing all radiology services in each facility, including radiology services provided under contract.

For purposes of this policy, radiology services shall include diagnostic, radiographic, fluoroscopic, ultrasound, echocardiography (pediatric and adult), mammography, vascular imaging, magnetic resonance, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy (except in those facilities where radiation oncology is a separate department), neuroradiologic, and interventional radiology services.

The Department of Radiology in each facility shall be responsible for 1) establishing guidelines and standards for radiology services provided under contract, 2) reviewing and approving, in writing, all facility requests for radiology services provided under contract, and 3) periodically reviewing radiology services provided under contract to ensure compliance with facility guidelines and standards and optimal utilization of the radiology service (s).

GUIDE:: Each facility shall develop procedures that ensure that departments other than the Department of Radiology refer requests for radiology services, including radiology services to be provided under contract, to the facility's Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

Each facility shall ensure that radiology services requested by the facility are reviewed and approved in writing by the facility's Chairman of the Department of Radiology prior to submittal of the request for contract services to the Contracts and Grants Division or Materials Management.

Each facility shall develop procedures regarding implementation of the above policy.

SERVICES:: Radiology services to which this policy applies include:
Radiographic services
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic services
Angiography (all types) services
Magnetic Resonance (MR) services
Computed Tomography (CT) services
Ultrasound services
Echocardiography (pediatric and adult) services
Mammography services
Vascular Imaging services Nuclear Medicine services

Radiation Therapy services
Neuroradiologic services
Interventional Radiology services
Temporary Radiologic Personnel services
Temporary Radiation Therapy Personnel services

CROSS REFERENCE :: JCAHO Accreditation Requirements

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