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Dear Colleagues,

This is a notification to update you on the **Hopkins Second Opinion Service**. Due to substantial growth of imaging volumes and need to provide timely service to our Johns Hopkins patients, there will be **changes to this service starting July 1, 2026**. We will no longer perform Second Opinion interpretation for outpatient/ambulatory Radiologic studies, unless an exception has been requested. This is a change from previous practice, where OUT of STATE studies was being routinely re-read.

This is a **courtesy service that will require an exception request email** for patients receiving care at Hopkins where initial imaging was not performed at Hopkins. Be aware that the patient's insurance or the patient may be billed, and that radiology cannot collect on most charges. Please be judicious of whether the interpretation is necessary.

Ambulatory outpatient Radiology exams may receive second opinion interpretation if they meet ALL the following criteria:

- Outside Radiology Exam Exception request email and approval. See email contact below.
- Exam was performed in the last 6 months; receive interpretation of the one most recent study. Older studies of the same modality and body part will be archived.
- If the patient has prior imaging on PACS, we will perform a second opinion interpretation for the same modality and body part only if it is newer than the date of the study on PACS.

Exceptions:

1. This change does not apply to Breast Imaging exams
2. This does not affect Emergency Department patients
3. This does not affect Inpatients and HAL transfers

Imaging studies that do not meet these criteria **will be uploaded to PACS for comparison**. If comparison with an older study is required, you can ask the radiologist who interpreted the most recent study to place an addendum. For studies older than 6 months, refer to the original Radiology report.

Please provide details for the additional interpretation. More clinical history helps your radiologist answer the clinical questions and prove medical necessity; detail how the interpretation supports medical decision-making, superseding the original Radiology report. Radiologists will not interpret the outside study if there is insufficient clinical history, the study is not diagnostic or interpretation is redundant based on their judgement.

Email exception requests to:

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