

Radiation Therapy and Chemotherapy

Cancer may be treated through high energy X-rays or chemical agents. These treatments are known as radiation therapy and chemotherapy, respectively. Expenses for chemotherapy and radiation therapy are covered by the Plan. These services are usually performed on an outpatient basis. An inpatient confinement for chemotherapy or radiation therapy may indicate overutilization unless certain circumstances are present. Inpatient chemotherapy or radiation therapy may occur during the initial confinement for a disease (this may be the confinement when the disease is diagnosed), when additional treatment such as surgery is taking place, when adverse reactions to the therapy occur or when radioactive implants are used (e.g., such as in cervical cancer).