

August 28, 2017

Dianne Weber

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[REDACTED] VA [REDACTED]

Case number: 123813460
Member name: Dianne Weber
Member ID number: [REDACTED]

Dear Dianne Weber:

We finished reviewing the new information we received for the appeal request for Proton Beam Therapy. Based on the new information, our decision hasn't changed.

A review of the additional information from Astro Model Policies: Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) suggests that proton radiation is experimental/investigational for re-irradiation of anal cancer recurrence. There is no evidence in the provided guidelines that support the superiority of proton radiation OVER IMRT or SBRT in this instance, and proton radiation is not medically necessary. Therefore, based on the attached policy information, your requested IGRT with EBRT and PBRT is experimental/investigational.

We've included a copy of our written response to the original appeal request with this letter. It includes information about more rights that may be available to you.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call customer service at the phone number on your member ID card.

Sincerely,

Kimberly K.

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Grievances and Appeals Analyst
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cc: Proton Therapy Center