



Dear Madam or Sir:

This letter accompanying your insured's claim form will give insurers all information necessary for **ANY** insurance inquiry in respect to thermographic digital infrared imaging done at Thermography of Iowa.

1. The FDA's website for approving the TyTron C-500 IR infrared imaging system we use for breast screening is: **http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf3/k032471.pdf**
 - If your insurance company denies your claim stating this type of imaging is not FDA approved, you would want to copy the info at the above FDA website and provide it to them (dated 10-10-03).
2. Thermography of Iowa does not participate with Medicare/Medicaid/any other insurers.
 - Therefore, Thermography of Iowa does **NOT** have a provider number.
3. There is no Attending Physician, only the thermographic technician who performs the thermography.
 - The thermograms are read by the following person:
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4. HCFA forms are provided at time of service for our clients to submit to their insurers.
 - The Diagnostic (ICD-9) Procedure Codes we use are:
88.8 Thermography
88.85 Breast thermography
88.89 Thermography of other sites
 - There is not currently a Procedure Code for Thermography which could be due to change in the future.
 - Thermography is not performed as a medical treatment, it is a screening tool.
 - i. Therefore, any further medical necessity should be determined by the insured's individual health care practitioner.
 1. Thermography of Iowa does not require a practitioner's orders to perform DII.
 - ii. Thermography is not done to diagnose any medical condition.
 1. It is performed **ONLY** as a breast screening intervention.
5. An infrared camera and computer system (digital infrared imaging or DII) are used to measure heat from the surface of the breast to produce an image which can be evaluated for abnormalities.
 - DII has the ability to warn women up to 10 years before any other procedure that an abnormality may be forming.
 - This can allow for prompt and timely intervention.
 - This modality has been in use since the 1960s and approved by the FDA in 1982 for use as an adjunctive breast cancer screening procedure.
 - Breast thermography does not use radiation, compression, contact or intravenous injection and poses no health risks to the patient. Consequently, scans can be performed as frequently as necessary.

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