

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
JOAN KNECHEL CANCER CENTER  
BLOCKING CHANGE IN PRESCRIPTION**

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**SCOPE:**

Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical Physics

**DEFINITIONS:**

N/A

**PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for documenting and interpreting blocking changes on the prescription for radiation treatments.

**POLICY**

When changes in blocking are made, the Radiation Oncologist must denote this in the prescription, date and sign it. The Dosimetrist must be notified by the Radiation Oncologist in order to properly change the MLC blocking. The Radiation Therapist must take a verification film of this blocking changes and received physician approval prior to the administration of radiation therapy.

**PROCEDURE**

- 1) When a block is added, removed, or modified in a treatment portal during the course of radiation treatments, the Radiation Oncologist must denote the change on the prescription sheet. The change must be dated and initialed by the Radiation Oncologist.
- 2) All changes must be verified via port films to ensure the blocks are placed as prescribed by the Radiation Oncologist.
- 3) The Radiation Oncologist must approve the films prior to the administration of radiation treatment.