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# MEDICARE

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## Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective May 1, 2024

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Effective **May 1, 2024**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for the following code(s). The medical code(s) listed below will require PA by Blue Cross NC for Medicare Advantage members. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. **Non-compliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.**

Prior authorization requirements will be added for the following code(s):

Code	Description
C1825	Generator, neurostimulator (implantable), non-rechargeable with carotid sinus baroreceptor stimulation lead(s)

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers at <https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/blue-medicare-providers/healthy-blue-medicare> on the Resources tab or for contracted providers by accessing [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com). Providers may also call Provider Services at **833-540-2106** for assistance with PA requirements.

<https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare>

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