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Prior authorization requirement changes effective May 1, 2024

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO 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 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 |
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| 0738T | Treatment planning for magnetic field induction ablation of malignant prostate tissue, using data from previously performed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination |
| 0739T | Ablation of malignant prostate tissue by magnetic field induction, including all intraprocedural, transperineal needle/catheter placement for nanoparticle installation and intraprocedural temperature monitoring, thermal dosimetry, bladder irrigation, and magnetic field nanoparticle activation |

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on [bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthyblue-medicare](https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthyblue-medicare) or for contracted providers by accessing [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com). Providers may also call **833-540-2106** for assistance with PA requirements.

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

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