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Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective January 1, 2025

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Effective January 1, 2025, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for the following code(s). The medical code(s) listed below will require PA by Blue Cross NC. 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
0141U	Infectious disease (bacteria and fungi), gram-positive organism identification and drug resistance element detection, DNA (20 gram-positive bacterial targets, 4 resistance genes, 1 pan gram-negative bacterial target, 1 pan Candida target), blood culture, amplified probe technique, each target reported as detected or not detected ePlex® BCID Gram-Positive Panel, GenMark Diagnostics, Inc, GenMark Diagnostics, Inc
0142U	Infectious disease (bacteria and fungi), gram-negative bacterial identification and drug resistance element detection, DNA (21 gram-negative bacterial targets, 6 resistance genes, 1 pan gram-positive bacterial target, 1 pan Candida target), amplified probe technique, each target reported as detected or not detected ePlex® BCID Gram-Negative Panel, GenMark Diagnostics, Inc, GenMark Diagnostics, Inc
0321U	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), genitourinary pathogens, identification of 20 bacterial and fungal organisms and identification of 16 associated antibiotic-resistance genes, multiplex amplified probe technique Bridge Urinary Tract Infection Detection and Resistance Test, Bridge Diagnostics
0369U	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA and RNA), gastrointestinal pathogens, 31 bacterial, viral, and parasitic organisms and identification of 21 associated antibiotic-resistance genes, multiplex amplified probe technique
0370U	GI assay (Gastrointestinal Pathogen with ABR), Lab Genomics LLC, Thermo Fisher Scientific

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

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0373U	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA and RNA), respiratory tract infection, 17 bacteria, 8 fungus, 13 virus, and 16 antibiotic-resistance genes, multiplex amplified probe technique, upper or lower respiratory specimen
0445U	β -amyloid (Abeta42) and phospho tau (181P) (pTau181), electrochemiluminescent immunoassay (ECLIA), cerebral spinal fluid, ratio reported as positive or negative for amyloid pathology
0524T	Elecsys® PhosphoTau (181P) CSF (pTau181) and β Amyloid (1-42) CSF II (Abeta 42) Ratio, Roche Diagnostics Operations, Inc (US owner/operator)
21086	Impression & Custom Preparation; Auricular Prosthesis
36473	Endovenous ablation therapy of incompetent vein, extremity, inclusive of all imaging guidance and monitoring, percutaneous, mechanochemical; first vein treated
36482	Endovenous ablation therapy of incompetent vein, extremity, by transcatheter delivery of a chemical adhesive (eg, cyanoacrylate) remote from the access site, inclusive of all imaging guidance and monitoring, percutaneous; first vein treated
64568	Open implantation of cranial nerve (eg, vagus nerve) neurostimulator electrode array and pulse generator
A2026	Restrata MiniMatrix, 5 mg
A4438	Adhesive clip applied to the skin to secure external electrical nerve stimulator controller, each
C1734	Orthopedic/device/drug matrix for opposing bone-to-bone or soft tissue-to bone (implantable)
C9796	Repair of enterocutaneous fistula small intestine or colon (excluding anorectal fistula) with plug (e.g., porcine small intestine submucosa [SIS])
C9797	Vascular embolization or occlusion procedure with use of a pressure-generating catheter (e.g., one-way valve, intermittently occluding), inclusive of all radiological supervision and interpretation, intraprocedural roadmapping, and imaging guidance necessary to complete the intervention; for tumors, organ ischemia, or infarction
L5991	Addition to lower extremity prostheses, osseointegrated external prosthetic connector
L8045	Auricular Prosthesis
Q4305	American Amnion AC Tri-Layer, per sq cm
Q4306	American Amnion AC, per sq cm
Q4307	American Amnion, per sq cm
Q4308	Sanopellis, per sq cm
Q4309	VIA Matrix, per sq cm
S9002	Intravaginal motion sensor system, provides biofeedback for pelvic floor muscle rehabilitation device

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