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Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective March 1, 2024

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 **March 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
33275	Transcatheter removal of permanent leadless pacemaker, right ventricular
33274	Transcatheter insertion or replacement of permanent leadless pacemaker, right ventricular, including imaging guidance (such as fluoroscopy, venous ultrasound, ventriculography, femoral venography) and device evaluation (such as interrogation or programming), when performed

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on [Healthy Blue + Medicare HMO D-SNP | Providers | Blue Cross NC](#) or for contracted providers by accessing [Availity.com](#). Providers may also call number on the back of their patient's member ID card for Provider Service for assistance with PA requirements.

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

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