



BlueCross BlueShield
of North Carolina

MEDICARE

Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective August 1, 2023

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 **August 1, 2023**, 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 Healthy Blue + 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):

- 81328 - SLCO1B1 (solute carrier organic anion transporter family, member 1B1) (for example, adverse drug reaction), gene analysis, common variant(s) (for example, *5)

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on <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 Healthy Blue + Medicare Provider Services at **833-540-2106** for assistance with PA requirements.

Note: Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services for Healthy Blue + Medicare providers on behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

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