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## Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective December 1, 2023

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

Effective **December 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 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	Code Description
64581	Incision for implantation of neurostimulator electrode array; sacral nerve (transforaminal placement)
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first 2 vertebral bodies, lumbar or sacral
C1764	Event recorder, cardiac (implantable)
E0466	Home ventilator, any type, used with non-invasive interface, (for example, mask, chest shell)
E0766	Electrical stimulation device used for cancer treatment, includes all accessories, any type
L5845	Knee-Shin Sys Stance Flexion
L5910	Endo Below Knee Alignable Sy

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on [provider.healthybluenc.com](https://provider.healthybluenc.com) on the Resources tab or for contracted providers by accessing [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com).<sup>\*</sup> Providers may also call the number on the back of the member's ID card for assistance with PA requirements.

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

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