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OVERVIEW

This policy documents the prior authorization request process for certain medical procedures, using the BCBSRI online prior authorization tool. Therapies such as PT/OT, Speech and Pulmonary Rehab, and certain drugs such as Belimumab will not be authorized by this system. Please refer to the individual policies on the web.

There is no change to the prior authorization process for Specialty Pharmacy drugs.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Generally InterQual criteria is used to determine medical necessity. However, for those policies specifically listed in the Related Policies section of this policy, BCBSRI medical criteria is used.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is required for BlueCHiP for Medicare and recommended for Commercial products.

POLICY STATEMENT

Blue CHiP for Medicare and Commercial

Requests for medical procedures should be obtained via the BCBSRI online prior authorization tool which is available only to participating providers. All other providers should fax the request to Utilization Management at 401-272-8885 to complete the prior authorization process. Please see reference to the procedures requiring prior authorization through the online tool below.

<https://www.bcsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/Login.do?redirectTo=/providers/preauth/preauthProviderOverview.jsp>

Medical Procedures are considered medically necessary when the criteria in the BCBSRI online prior authorization tool has been met.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable coverage for surgery.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

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CODING

The following CPT and HCPCS codes require Prior Authorization:

NOTE: Effective October 1, 2015, the services identified in blue font below will require prior authorization through the BCBSRI online prior authorization tool.

Anastomosis of Extracranial-Intracranial Arteries:
61711

Angioplasty and Stent, Carotid:
35475, 37215, 37217

Antireflux Surgery or Hiatal Hernia Repair:
43280, 43281, 43282, 43325, 43327, 43328, 43332, 43333, 43334, 43335, 43336, 43337

Aortic Valvuloplasty, Percutaneous Balloon:
33403, 92986

Arthroplasty, Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ):
21010, 21240, 21242, 21243

Arthroscopically Assisted Knee Surgery:
29855, 29856, 29882, 29883, 29888, 29889

Arthroscopy, Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ):
29804

Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation:
27412, J7330

Bariatric Surgery (Adolescent)
Adjustable Gastric Banding: 43770
Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass (RYGB): 43644, 43645, 43846, 43847
Sleeve Gastrectomy: 43775

Bariatric Surgery (Adult)
Adjustable Gastric Banding: 43770
Biliopancreatic Diversion with Duodenal Switch: 43845, **43847**
Revisional Procedure: 43771, 43772, 43773, 43774, 43848
Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass (RYGB): 43644, **43645**, 43846, **43847**
Sleeve Gastrectomy: 43775

Blepharoplasty:
15820, 15821, 15822, 15823

Bone Marrow Transplant:
Members with FEP coverage requiring a bone marrow transplant require prior authorization.

Brachytherapy, Prostate:
55875, 55876, 77776, 77777, 77778, 77785, 77786, 77787

Breast Implant Removal:
11971, 19328, 19330

Breast Reconstruction: for conditions other than part of reconstruction due to cancer

11920, 11921, 19316, 19324, 19325, 19340, 19342, 19350, 19357, 19361, 19364, 19366, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19370, 19371, 19380, 19396

Capsule Endoscopy:
91110, 91111

Cardiac Hemodynamic Monitoring:
93701 (Medicare Only)

Chemoembolization and Radiofrequency Ablation, Liver:
37242, 37243, 47370, 47380, 47382

Discectomy:
Lumbar: 22224
Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ): 21060

Discectomy and Fusion, Anterior Cervical:
22220, 22551, 22554, 63075

Endoscopic Antireflux Procedures:
43235

Epidural Injection, For Pain Management Only
The following codes would not be used for maternity delivery or as an anesthetic for surgical procedures.
62310, 62311, 64479, 64483

External Counterpulsation (ECP):
G0166 (Medicare only)

Facet Joint Injection:
64490, 64493

Fusion:
Cervical Spine: 22548, 22551, 22554, 22590, 22595, 22600
Lumbar Spine: 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633, 22800, 22804, 22810, 22812
Thoracic Spine: 22532, 22556, 22610

Hemilaminectomy:
Cervical: 63020, 63040, 63045, 63075
Lumbar: 63030, 63042, 63047, 63056

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO):
99183, **G0277**

Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Insertion: (Excludes Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator)
33202, 33203, 33216, 33217, 33224, 33230, 33231, 33240, 33241, 33249, 33262, 33263, 33264
Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (S-ICD): 33270, 33271, 33273 (Medicare Only)

Injectable Clostridial Collagenase for Fibroproliferative Disorders:
20527, J0775

Interspinous Process Decompression:

0171T (Medicare Only)

Joint Replacement:

Elbow: 24360, 24361, 24362, 24363

Shoulder: 23470, 23472

Wrist: 25332, 25441, 25442, 25443, 25444, 25445, 25446, 25447

Keratoplasty:

65710, 65730, 65750, 65755, 65756

Kyphoplasty or Vertebroplasty:

22510, 22511, 22513, 22514, **S2360**

Laminectomy:

Cervical, with or without Fusion: 22590, 22595, 22600, 63001, 63015, 63020, 63045, 63050, 63051

Lumbar, with or without Fusion: 22612, 22630, 63005, 63012, 63017, 63047

Thoracic, with or without Fusion: 22206, 22610, 63003, 63016, 63046, 63077

Laser Treatment for Proliferative Vascular Lesions:

17106, 17107, 17108

Lid Lesion Excision with or without Reconstruction:

67800, 67801, 67805, 67808, 67810, 67840, 67961, 67966

Lid Reconstruction:

13151, 13152, 14060, 14061, 15120, 15260, 15576, 15630, 67961, 67966, 67971, 67973, 67974, 67975

Non-Contact, Non-thermal Ultrasound Treatment for Wounds:

97610 (Medicare only)

Orthognathic Surgery:

21141, 21142, 21143, 21145, 21146, 21147, 21150, 21151, 21154, 21155, 21159, 21160, 21188, 21193, 21194, 21195, 21196, 21198, 21199, 21206, 21208, 21209, 21247

Panniculectomy, Abdominal:

15830

Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI), Elective Only:

92920, 92924, 92928, 92933, 92937, 92941, 92943

Polysomnogram (PSG), Facility Based Only:

95805, 95808, 95810, 95811

Posterior Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS) for Urinary Dysfunction:

64566 (Medicare Only)

Proton Beam Radiotherapy (PBRT):

77520, 77522, 77523, 77525

Ptosis Repair:

67900, 67901, 67902, 67903, 67904, 67906, 67908, 67909, 67911

Radiofrequency Ablation of Solid Miscellaneous Tumors, Excluding Liver Tumors

20982, 32998

Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA), Renal:
50250, 50542, 50592, 50593

Reconstruction, Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ):
21050, 21070, 21240, 21242, 21243, **21244, 21245, 21247**, 21255

Reduction Mammoplasty:
19318

Removal and Replacement, Total Joint Replacement (TJR):
Hip: 27132, 27134, 27137, 27138
Knee: 27486, 27487
Shoulder: 23470, 23472, 23473, 23474

Removal of Non-Covered Implantable Devices
Artificial Intervertebral Disc: 22864, 22865
Bone Conduction Hearing Device: 69711
Esophageal Sphincter Augmentation Device: 0393T
Gastric Electrical Stimulation: 43648, 43882, 64595
Occipital Nerve Stimulation: 64570
Peripheral Subcutaneous Field Stimulator: 0284T
Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator: 33272 (Commercial Only)

Rhinoplasty:
30410, 30420, 30435, 30450, 30460, 30462

Sacroiliac (SI) Joint Injection:
27096

Scoliosis Surgery:
22800, 22802, 22804, 22808, 22810, 22812, 22818, 22819, 22849, 22850

Septoplasty:
30520

Sleep Studies
Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT): 95805
Polysomnogram (PSG), Facility Based Only: 95808, 95810, 95811

Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) Insertion:
63650, 63655, 63663, 63685

Stereotactic Radiation:
32701, 77373, 77435

Total Joint Replacement (TJR):
Ankle: 27702
Hip: 27130, 27132
Knee: 27447

Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation for Aortic Stenosis:

33361, 33362, 33363, 33364, 33365, 33366

Unicondylar Knee Replacement:
27446

Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy:
[43191](#), [43192](#), 43197, 43235

Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP):
42145

Vagal Nerve Stimulator:
61885, 61886, 64553, 64568, 64575

Varicose Vein Treatment:
Echosclerotherapy: S2202
Endovenous Ablation: 36475, 36478
Ligation/Excision with or without Stripping: 37700, 37718, 37722, 37735, 37760, 37761, 37780, 37785
Sclerotherapy: 36470, 36471
Stab Phlebectomy: 37765, 37766
Vascular Endoscopy: 37500

RELATED POLICIES

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REFERENCES

Not applicable.

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