

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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eviCore Updates and Reminders

As notified through separate Providers Bulletins and Provider Quick Points, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) has contracted with eviCore Healthcare (eviCore), an independent specialty medical benefits management company, to manage benefit preauthorization requests for subscribers enrolled in the following programs:

- Individual
- Commercial Fully Insured (Small & Large Groups)
- Medicare Advantage

eviCore Specialty Utilization Management (UM) Reviewed Services:

Individual and Commercial Fully Insured:

Effective August 1, 2018, eviCore began to review and process prior authorizations for the following services for all individual and fully insured commercial members:

- Core Specialty UM programs. See Provider Bulletin P25-18, published on June 1, 2018
 - Lab Management (Molecular and genetic testing)
 - Medical Oncology
 - Radiation Therapy
 - Radiology
 - Cardiology (Advanced imaging and diagnostic services; implantable device services)
 - Musculoskeletal (spine, large joint and interventional pain)
 - Sleep Management (sleep apnea testing; treatment with sleep related DME)

Medicare Advantage:

Effective January 1, 2019, eviCore began to review and process prior authorizations for the following services for Medicare Advantage members:

- Core Specialty UM programs. See Provider Bulletin P66-18, published on November 1, 2018
 - Lab Management (Molecular and genetic testing)
 - Medical Oncology
 - Radiation Therapy
 - Radiology

- Cardiology (Advanced imaging and diagnostic services; implantable device services)
- Musculoskeletal (spine, large joint and interventional pain)
- Sleep Management (sleep apnea testing; treatment with sleep related DME)
- Post-Acute Care (PAC) services. See Provider Bulletin P39R1-18, published on October 1, 2018
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME). See Provider Bulletin P62-18, published on November 1, 2018

Products Not Impacted:

Members who **do not require prior authorization through eviCore** are:

- Blue Cross Commercial Self-Insured Members
- Blue Cross Federal Employee Program (FEP) Members
- Blue Cross Government Programs (Families and Children(F&C), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) health plans)
- Blue Cross Platinum Blue and Senior Gold Members

Group Number List

The 2019 Commercial Network Guide which includes a listing of the group numbers that will be utilizing eviCore, was updated on January 2, 2019. The list includes Medicare Advantage group numbers as well. The list will be updated on the second Tuesday of each month. However, due to new groups being added every month, providers should verify authorization requirements by using the Availity Authorization Portal for the most current and accurate information. If a group number is not on the list, the provider will need to verify PA requirements through the Availity Authorization Portal.

As a reminder, if a provider does not obtain a required prior authorization before rendering services, Blue Cross will deny claims as provider liability for lack of prior authorization.

To find a listing of all the group numbers that will be utilizing eviCore, the 2019 Commercial Network Guide has been updated with this information. To access the guide, go to providers.bluecrossmn.com and under “What’s Inside” select “Education Center” then select “2019 Commercial Network Guide.” You can also find it under “Tools and Resources”, select “Medical Policy” and then acknowledge the Acceptance Statement, click on the “+” next to “Utilization Management”, and select “see group numbers for members managed by eviCore” under the paragraph titled eviCore Healthcare Specialty Utilization Management.