

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Update: Radiation Therapy Program CPT® Code Update for Fully Insured Commercial Subscribers – eviCore Healthcare Specialty Utilization Management (UM) Program

*Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota published Provider Bulletin P60-18 that incorrectly stated the below list of Radiation Therapy CPT Codes would no longer require Prior Authorization through eviCore effective November 1, 2018. Please note that this was an oversight, and the codes listed below do require Prior Authorization through the eviCore Radiation Therapy Program. To allow for a 60-calendar day notification, the change will be effective February 1, 2019.*

The following Radiation Therapy CPT Codes will require Prior Authorization (PA) effective February 1, 2019:

Code	Description
19294	Preparation of tumor cavity, with placement of radiation therapy applicator for intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT), concurrent with partial mastectomy
19296	Placement of radiotherapy afterloading expandable catheter (single or multichannel) into the breast for interstitial radioelement application following partial mastectomy, includes imaging guidance; on date separate from partial mastectomy
19297	Placement of radiotherapy afterloading expandable catheter (single or multichannel) into the breast for interstitial radioelement application following partial mastectomy, includes imaging guidance; concurrent with partial mastectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
19298	Placement of radiotherapy after loading brachytherapy catheters (multiple tube and button type) into the breast for interstitial radioelement application following (at the time of or subsequent to) partial mastectomy, includes imaging guidance
31643	Bronchoscopy, rigid or flexible, including fluoroscopic guidance, when performed; with placement of catheter(s) for intracavitary radioelement application
32553	Placement of interstitial device(s) for radiation therapy guidance (eg, fiducial markers, dosimeter), percutaneous, intra-thoracic, single or multiple
41019	Placement of needles, catheters, or other device(s) into the head and/or neck region (percutaneous, transoral, or transnasal) for subsequent interstitial radioelement application
49411	Placement of interstitial device(s) for radiation therapy guidance (eg, fiducial markers, dosimeter), percutaneous, intra-abdominal, intra-pelvic (except prostate), and/or retroperitoneum, single or multiple
49412	Placement of interstitial device(s) for radiation therapy guidance (eg, fiducial markers, dosimeter), open, intra-abdominal, intrapelvic, and/or retroperitoneum, including image guidance, if performed, single or multiple (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
55875	Transperineal placement of needles or catheters into prostate for interstitial radioelement application, with or without cystoscopy

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
55876	Placement of interstitial device(s) for radiation therapy guidance (eg, fiducial markers, dosimeter), prostate (via needle, any approach), single or multiple
55920	Placement of needles or catheters into pelvic organs and/or genitalia (except prostate) for subsequent interstitial radioelement application
57155	Insertion of uterine tandem and/or vaginal ovoids for clinical brachytherapy
57156	Insertion of a vaginal radiation afterloading apparatus for clinical brachytherapy
58346	Insertion of Heyman capsules for clinical brachytherapy
76873	Ultrasound, transrectal; prostate volume study for brachytherapy treatment planning (separate procedure)
76965	Ultrasonic guidance for interstitial radioelement application
77261	Therapeutic radiology treatment planning; simple
77262	Therapeutic radiology treatment planning; intermediate
77263	Therapeutic radiology treatment planning; complex
77280	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; simple
77285	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; intermediate
77290	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; complex
77293	Respiratory motion management simulation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
77295	3-dimensional radiotherapy plan, including dose-volume histograms
77299	Unlisted procedure, therapeutic radiology clinical treatment planning
77300	Basic radiation dosimetry calculation, central axis depth dose calculation, TDF, NSD, gap calculation, off axis factor, tissue inhomogeneity factors, calculation of non-ionizing radiation surface and depth dose, as required during course of treatment, onl
77301	Intensity modulated radiotherapy plan, including dose-volume histograms for target and critical structure partial tolerance specifications
77306	Teletherapy isodose plan; simple (1 or 2 unmodified ports directed to a single area of interest), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)
77307	Teletherapy isodose plan; complex (multiple treatment areas, tangential ports, the use of wedges, blocking, rotational beam, or special beam considerations), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)
77316	Brachytherapy isodose plan; simple (calculation[s] made from 1 to 4 sources, or remote afterloading brachytherapy, 1 channel), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)
77317	Brachytherapy isodose plan; intermediate (calculation[s] made from 5 to 10 sources, or remote afterloading brachytherapy, 2-12 channels), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)
77318	Brachytherapy isodose plan; complex (calculation[s] made from over 10 sources, or remote afterloading brachytherapy, over 12 channels), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)
77321	Special teletherapy port plan, particles, hemibody, total body
77331	Special dosimetry (eg, TLD, microdosimetry) (specify), only when prescribed by the treating physician

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
77332	Treatment devices, design and construction; simple (simple block, simple bolus)
77333	Treatment devices, design and construction; intermediate (multiple blocks, stents, bite blocks, special bolus)
77334	Treatment devices, design and construction; complex (irregular blocks, special shields, compensators, wedges, molds or casts)
77336	Continuing medical physics consultation, including assessment of treatment parameters, quality assurance of dose delivery, and review of patient treatment documentation in support of the radiation oncologist, reported per week of therapy
77338	Multi-leaf collimator (MLC) device(s) for intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), design and construction per IMRT plan
77370	Special medical radiation physics consultation
77399	Unlisted procedure, medical radiation physics, dosimetry and treatment devices, and special services
77417	Therapeutic radiology port image(s)
77427	Radiation treatment management, 5 treatments
77431	Radiation therapy management with complete course of therapy consisting of 1 or 2 fractions only
77432	Stereotactic radiation treatment management of cranial lesion(s) (complete course of treatment consisting of 1 session)
77435	Stereotactic body radiation therapy, treatment management, per treatment course, to 1 or more lesions, including image guidance, entire course not to exceed 5 fractions
77469	Intraoperative radiation treatment management
77470	Special treatment procedure (eg, total body irradiation, hemibody radiation, per oral or endocavitary irradiation)
77499	Unlisted procedure, therapeutic radiology treatment management
77789	Surface application of low dose rate radionuclide source
77790	Supervision, handling, loading of radiation source
77799	Unlisted procedure, clinical brachytherapy
G0458	Low dose rate (LDR) prostate brachytherapy services, composite rate
G6017	Intra-fraction localization and tracking of target or patient motion during delivery of radiation therapy (eg, 3d positional tracking, gating, 3d surface tracking), each fraction of treatment
S2095	Transcatheter occlusion or embolization for tumor destruction, percutaneous, any method, using yttrium-90 microspheres
S8030	Scleral application of tantalum ring(s) for localization of lesions for proton beam therapy
C2616	Brachytherapy source, nonstranded, yttrium-90, per source

eviCore's Radiation Therapy clinical guidelines and PA code list are available on the Blue Cross website at [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)

- To access the link, select “**Medical Policy**” under **Tools and Resources**, read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Click on the “+” (plus) sign next to “**Medical and Behavioral Health Policies**” and locate the “**Medical Policy Supporting Documents**” section
- Click on the “**eviCore healthcare Specialty Utilization Management Clinical Guidelines**” link

### **Products Impacted**

- This change only applies to fully insured commercial subscribers.
- The changes do not impact commercial self-insured health plans, Government Programs lines of business (Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) health plans), Federal Employee Program (FEP), Medicare Supplement (Senior Gold, Basic Medicare Blue and Extended Basic Blue), Medicare Advantage, and Platinum Blue as those lines of business have separate PA requirements.

### **To submit a PA Request to eviCore**

Providers submit eviCore PA requests via our free <https://www.availity.com> provider portal. Instructions on how to utilize this portal are found on the Availity website.

Providers need to reference the eviCore clinical guideline criteria, submit prior authorization request via Availity, and submit all applicable clinical documentation with the PA request. Failure to submit required information may result in review delays or denial of the request due to insufficient information.

Note: An approved PA does not guarantee coverage under a member's benefit plan. Member benefit plans vary in coverage and some plans may not provide coverage for certain services discussed in the medical policies.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions and would like to speak to an eviCore representative call **844-224-0494**, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.