

Starting Aug. 1, radiology code *71271 won't require prior authorization for Blue Cross commercial members

For dates of service on or after Aug. 1, 2022, prior authorization will no longer be required for radiology procedure code *71271 for Blue Cross commercial members.

For dates of service prior to Aug. 1, providers should continue to submit prior authorization requests to AIM Specialty Health®. Retroactive requests will be accepted when they're submitted within 90 days from the date of service.

We'll update the document [Procedures that require prior authorization by AIM Specialty Health: Cardiology, radiology \(high technology\) and sleep studies \(in lab\)](#) to reflect this change.

As a reminder, the prior authorization requirement for this code for Medicare Plus BlueSM, BCN commercial and BCN AdvantageSM members was previously removed.

AIM Specialty Health is an independent company that makes authorization determinations for select high-tech imaging services and other services performed in freestanding facilities, outpatient hospital settings, ambulatory surgery centers and physician offices.

For additional information about submitting prior authorization requests to AIM, visit these webpages at ereferrals.bcbsm.com:

- [Blue Cross AIM-Managed Procedures](#)
- [BCN AIM-Managed Procedures](#)

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