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# Updated questionnaires in the e-referral system, starting May 14

On May 14, 2023, we'll update and remove questionnaires in the e-referral system. We'll also update and remove the corresponding preview questionnaires on **ereferrals.bcbsm.com**.

As a reminder, we use our authorization criteria, our medical policies and your answers to the questionnaires in the e-referral system when making utilization management determinations on your prior authorization requests.

#### **Updated questionnaires**

We'll update the following questionnaires:

Questionnaire	Opens for	Updates
Abdominoplasty	BCN commercial	Adding a question
	BCN Advantage	
Bone-anchored hearing aid	BCN commercial	Updating several questions
	BCN Advantage	
Excess skin removal	BCN commercial	Updating several questions
	BCN Advantage	
Oral surgery	BCN commercial	Updating a question
	BCN Advantage	

In addition, we'll limit the number of units providers can request per procedure code to two for **endovascular intervention**. This change will affect Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

### Removed questionnaire

On May 14, we'll remove the *Cholecystectomy (laparoscopic)* questionnaire for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members. Plan notification will be required for procedure codes \*47562, \*47563 and \*47564, but no clinical review will be performed.

## Preview questionnaires

Preview questionnaires show the questions in the e-referral system so you can prepare your answers ahead of time.

To find the preview questionnaires, go to **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** and:

- **For BCN:** Click *BCN* and then click <u>Authorization Requirements & Criteria</u>. Scroll down and look under the "Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires" heading.
- For Medicare Plus Blue: Click Blue Cross and then click Authorization Requirements & Criteria. Scroll down and look under the "Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires Medicare Plus Blue" heading.

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### Authorization criteria and medical policies

The pertinent authorization criteria and medical policies are also available on the Authorization Requirements & Criteria pages.

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