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# Questionnaires changes in the e-referral system starting Nov. 26

On Nov. 26, 2023, we'll add, update and delete questionnaires in the e-referral system. We'll also add, update and delete the corresponding preview questionnaires on the **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** website.

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.

### **New questionnaires**

The following questionnaires will replace the *Dental general anesthesia or repair of trauma to natural teeth* questionnaire:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Dental general anesthesia or dental services trigger	<ul><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure codes *00170 and *41899
Dental general anesthesia	BCN commercial     BCN Advantage	Will open for procedure codes *00170 and *41899
Dental services	BCN commercial     BCN Advantage	Will open for procedure codes *00170 and *41899

The following questionnaires will replace the *Sacral nerve neuromodulation / stimulation* questionnaire:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Urinary or fecal incontinence trigger	<ul><li>Medicare Plus Blue</li><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure codes *64561 and *64581
Sacral nerve or gastric stimulation trigger	<ul><li>Medicare Plus Blue</li><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure code *64590
Sacral nerve neuromodulation / stimulation for urinary incontinence	<ul><li>Medicare Plus Blue</li><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure codes *64561, *64581 and *64590

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Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Sacral nerve neuromodulation / stimulation for fecal incontinence	<ul><li>Medicare Plus Blue</li><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure codes *64561, *64581 and *64590

The following questionnaires will replace the Surgical treatment for male gynecomastia questionnaire:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Surgical treatment for male gynecomastia	BCN commercial	Will open for procedure code *19300
BCNA surgical treatment for male gynecomastia	BCN Advantage	Will open for procedure code *19300

## **Updated questionnaire**

We'll update the following questionnaire:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Enteral nutrition	BCN commercial     BCN Advantage	Will no longer open for procedure codes B4034, B4035, B4036, B4081, B4082, B4083, B4087, B4088
		<ul><li>Updating two questions</li><li>Will be able to submit requests that span 12 months</li></ul>

## **Deleted questionnaires**

We'll delete the following questionnaires from the e-referral system:

Questionnaire	Updates	
Endovenous ablation for treatment of varicose veins	As previously communicated, the e-referral system will prompt providers to answer a series of questions instead of completing a questionnaire. For additional information, see the <a href="Nov. 3">Nov. 3</a> , <a href="2023">2023</a> , <a href="2023">provider alert</a> .	
Varicose vein treatment		
Dental general anesthesia or repair of trauma to natural teeth	These questionnaires will be deleted. They'll be replaced with other questionnaires, as discussed in the "New questionnaires" section earlier in this provider alert.	
Sacral nerve neuromodulation / stimulation		
Surgical treatment for male gynecomastia		

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### **Preview questionnaires**

Preview questionnaires show the questions you'll need to answer 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 Medicare Plus Blue: Click Blue Cross and then click <u>Authorization Requirements & Criteria</u>.
   Scroll down and look under the "Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires Medicare Plus Blue" heading.
- **For BCN:** Click *BCN* and then click <u>Authorization Requirements & Criteria</u>. Scroll down and look under the "Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires" heading.

### Authorization criteria and medical policies

The Authorization Requirements & Criteria pages explain how to access the pertinent authorization criteria and medical policies.