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# Questionnaire changes in e-referral starting Jan. 28

On Jan. 28, 2024, we'll add, update and delete questionnaires in the e-referral system. We'll also add, update and delete the corresponding preview questionnaires from the <u>Authorization</u> criteria and preview questionnaires document 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 *Vascular embolization or occlusion of hepatic tumors (TACE/RFA)* questionnaire:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
TACE and radioembolization of liver tumors trigger	<ul><li>Medicare Plus Blue</li><li>BCN commercial</li><li>BCN Advantage</li></ul>	Will open for procedure code *37243
Transcatheter arterial chemoembolization of hepatic tumors (TACE)		Will open for procedure codes *37242, *37243 and *75894
Radioembolization for tumors of the liver		Will open for procedure code *37243

## **Updated questionnaire**

We'll update the following questionnaire in the e-referral system:

Questionnaire	Will open for	Updates
Orthognathic surgery	Blue Care Network commercial	Updating a question
	BCN Advantage	

#### **Deleted questionnaires**

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

Questionnaire	Details
Computed tomography to detect coronary artery calcification	This questionnaire will be deleted. It will no longer open for BCN commercial members.
	Procedure code S8092 will no longer require prior authorization.
Vascular embolization or occlusion of hepatic tumors (TACE/RFA)	This questionnaire will be deleted and replaced with other questionnaires, as discussed in the "New questionnaires" section earlier in this provider alert.

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#### **Preview questionnaires**

To find the preview questionnaires, see the document titled <u>Authorization criteria and preview</u> <u>questionnaires</u>.

You can access this document by going to ereferrals.bcbsm.com and doing the following:

- **For Medicare Plus Blue:** Click on *Blue Cross* and then click on <u>Prior Authorization</u>. Scroll to the "Authorization information for Medicare Plus Blue members" section and click the *Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires* link.
- **For BCN:** Click on *BCN* and then click on <u>Prior Authorization & Plan Notification</u>. Scroll to the "Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires for select services" section and then click the *Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires* link.

### Authorization criteria and medical policies

The Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires document explains how to access the pertinent authorization criteria and medical policies.

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