

Update: Prior authorization changes for blepharoplasty, enteral nutrition, percutaneous left atrial appendage and varicose vein treatment starting Sept. 8

For dates of service on or after Sept. 8, 2024, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are changing the prior authorization process for the following services for the lines of business listed in the second column of the table.

Service	Affected lines of business	What happens now	What will happen starting Sept. 8
Blepharoplasty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Plus Blue BCN Advantage 	The standard questionnaire, titled <i>Blepharoplasty and repair of brow ptosis (outpatient)</i> , opens in the e-referral system for procedure codes *15822, *15823, *67900, *67901, *67902, *67903, *67904, *67906 and *67908.	For the procedure codes listed at left, custom questions will open in the e-referral system for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members. The questions vary by procedure code and will be based on the Medicare guideline titled <i>Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis and Brow Lift WPS</i> . Note: For BCN commercial, there's no change. The standard questionnaire will continue to open.
Enteral nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	A standard questionnaire, titled <i>Enteral nutrition</i> , opens in the e-referral system for procedure codes B4102, B4103, B4104, B4149, B4150, B4152, B4153, B4154, B4155, B4157, B4158, B4159, B4160, B4161, B4162, B9002 and B9998.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We'll retire the standard questionnaire for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage. For the procedure codes listed at left, custom questions will open in the e-referral system. The questions will vary by procedure code and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For BCN commercial, be based on our <i>Enteral Nutrition</i> medical policy. For BCN Advantage, be based on the Medicare guideline titled <i>Enteral Nutrition CGS Administrators</i>.
Percutaneous left atrial appendage closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Plus Blue BCN Advantage 	A standard questionnaire, titled <i>Left atrial appendage closure</i> , opens in the e-referral system for procedure code *33340.	For the procedure code listed at left, custom questions will open in the e-referral system for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members. The questions will vary by procedure code and be based on the Medicare guideline titled <i>Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) NCD</i> . Note: For BCN commercial, there's no change. The standard questionnaire will continue to open.

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Varicose vein treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Plus Blue BCN Advantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Medicare Plus Blue, custom questions open in the e-referral system for procedure codes *36473, *36474 and *36482. For BCN Advantage, custom questions open in the e-referral system for procedure codes *36465, *36466, *36470, *36471, *36473, *36474, *36475, *36478, *36482, *37718, *37700, *37722, *37780, *37785 and S2202. 	<p>For the procedure codes listed at left, different custom questions will open for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage. The questions will be based on the Medicare guideline titled <i>Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities WPS</i>.</p> <p>Note: For BCN commercial, there's no change. The same custom questions will continue to open and be based on our <i>Treatment of Varicose Veins/Venous Insufficiency</i> medical policy.</p>

We'll update the [Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires](#) document on ereferrals.bcbsm.com to reflect these changes.

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4. Select an organization and click *Submit*.
5. Enter *InterQual* in the search bar and press *Enter*.
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