

We'll no longer require prior authorization for pain management procedures for Medicare Advantage members

In second-quarter 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will no longer require prior authorization for pain management procedures for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members.

Any Medicare Advantage members who have active authorizations and receive pain management injections during this transition will continue to receive communications from TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions.

As part of our commitment to deliver care in line with standards set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, we'll continue to monitor compliance with these standards through claims review, post-payment audits and strategic collaboration with health care providers who are in shared- and full-risk arrangements.

Watch our provider alerts and newsletter articles for additional information.

Notes:

- Health care providers must continue to request prior authorization from TurningPoint Health Care Solutions for Medicare Advantage members for orthopedic and spinal surgeries.
- There are no changes to prior authorization requirements through TurningPoint for Blue Cross and BCN commercial members. Prior authorization will continue to be required for orthopedic, pain management and spinal procedures.

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