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Changes to prior authorization for select services managed by BCN starting June 2 and June 29

On June 2 and June 29, Blue Care Network is changing prior authorization requirements for some services.

We'll also update the document <u>Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria</u> (previously titled *Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires*) on the **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** website to reflect any questionnaire changes.

Prior authorization requirement and questionnaires changes

We're changing prior authorization and questionnaire requirements for select services as follows.

Service	For dates of service on or after	Affected lines of business	What's changing
Pregnancy termination	June 2, 2025	BCN Advantage	The Pregnancy termination questionnaire is being retired. The following procedure codes continue to require prior authorization: *01966, *59100, *59840, *59841, *59850, *59851, *59852, *59855, *59856, *59857, *59866, S0190, S0191, S0199, S2260, S2265, S2266, S2267
Various		BCN commercialBCN Advantage	Procedure codes *33904 and *64913 no longer require prior authorization.
Panniculectomy (formerly Abdominoplasty)	June 29, 2025	BCN commercial BCN Advantage	Procedure code *15847 no longer requires prior authorization. The Abdominoplasty questionnaire in the e-referral system: • Will be retitled as Panniculectomy. • Will be split between BCN commercial and BCN Advantage • Will include the following procedure codes: • BCN commercial: *15830 • BCN Advantage: *15830, *15877

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Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria

For some of the above services, health care providers are prompted to complete questionnaires in the e-referral system. Refer to the <u>Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria</u> for:

- Links to preview questionnaires that show the questions you'll need to answer in the e-referral system so you can prepare your answers ahead of time
- Information about how to access medical necessity criteria and the criteria source for each service

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

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