

Changes to prior authorization requirements for additional services managed by BCN starting June 29

As we announced in a [May 30 provider alert](#), Blue Care Network is changing prior authorization requirements for some services starting June 29. The additional changes are outlined below.

We'll update the document [Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria](#) (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 dates of service on or after June 29, 2025, for select services as follows.

Service	Affected lines of business	What's changing
Cosmetic surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	<p>For BCN commercial and BCN Advantage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure code L8607 will require prior authorization. The <i>Cosmetic or reconstructive surgery</i> questionnaire will open for BCN commercial only. <p>For BCN commercial only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure codes *21083, *21087, *21172, *21275 and Q2026 will no longer require prior authorization. As a result, the <i>Cosmetic or reconstructive surgery</i> questionnaire will no longer open for these codes. The <i>Cosmetic or reconstructive surgery</i> questionnaire will no longer open for procedure codes *21742, *21743 or *54660. However, the codes will continue to require prior authorization. <p>For BCN Advantage only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure codes *21083, *21087, *21172, *21275, *21742, *21743 and Q2026 will no longer require prior authorization.
Out-of-network providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	<p>We're removing the <i>Out-of-network providers</i> questionnaire. However, we'll continue to require prior authorization for services that will be provided by out-of-network providers.</p>

Service	Affected lines of business	What's changing
Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure code Q4100 will require prior authorization. Procedure codes *0571T, *0572T, *0573T, *0574T, *0575T, *0576T, *0577T, *0578T, *0614T, *0804T and A2026 will no longer require prior authorization.

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 [Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria](#) 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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