

## **For medical procedures managed by BCN Utilization Management, submit prior authorization requests only for established procedure codes**

In the coming months, the Blue Care Network Utilization Management team will no longer process prior authorization requests for not otherwise classified, or NOC, procedure codes (also known as unlisted codes). This change applies only to medical procedures that are managed by the BCN Utilization Management team for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

We're making this change because NOC codes often don't align with procedures that are actually performed. This will help to streamline the prior authorization process for health care providers.

We'll provide additional information about this change in upcoming provider alerts and newsletter articles, including specific NOC codes for which we'll no longer process prior authorization requests.

Note: This change doesn't apply to prior authorization requests for drugs covered under the medical benefit, to prior authorization requests managed by Blue Cross Behavioral Health<sup>SM</sup> or to prior authorization requests that are managed by contracted vendors.

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