

Changes to prior authorization requirements for select services managed by BCN starting Aug. 24

On Aug. 24, 2025, Blue Care Network is changing prior authorization requirements for some services for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

Changes to prior authorization requirements and questionnaires

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

Note: We'll update the document titled [Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria](#) (previously titled *Authorization criteria and preview questionnaires*) on the ereferrals.bcbsm.com website to reflect questionnaire changes.

Service	Affected lines of business	What's changing
Orthognathic surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	<p>The <i>Orthognathic surgery</i> questionnaire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will no longer open for procedure codes *21120, *21121, *21122, *21123, *21141, *21193, *21196, *21198, *21199, *21245 or *21246. These procedure codes no longer require prior authorization for BCN commercial or BCN Advantage members. Will have one new question and one question will be removed.
Temporomandibular joint surgery	BCN commercial	The <i>Temporomandibular joint surgery</i> questionnaire will no longer open for procedure codes *21242 or *21243. These procedure codes no longer require prior authorization.
Various	BCN Advantage	Procedure codes *64597, *93150, *0859T, *0860T and C1890 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



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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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