

Changes to prior authorization requirements for select services managed by Blue Cross and BCN effective March 15

On March 15, 2026, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network changed prior authorization requirements for some services for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

We updated the e-referral system for the following prior authorization changes:

Service	Affected lines of business	What changed
Private duty nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Cross commercial BCN commercial 	<p>For private duty nursing episodes, the e-referral system will accept only prior authorization requests that last up to 60 days. Requests for more than 60 days will result in a message that prompts you to decrease the date range to 60 days.</p> <p>Note: Not all groups have private duty nursing as a benefit. Check each member's eligibility and benefits prior to performing services.</p>
Skin and tissue substitutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial BCN Advantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior authorization requests for skin and tissue substitutes that include only the application code are no longer accepted. Requests must also include a covered product code. Product codes that are noted as <i>noncovered</i> in the BCN commercial and Medicare Advantage skin and tissue substitute policies are not payable. Requests that include noncovered product codes will be denied. <p>Note: See below for additional information.</p>

How to access medical policies to view noncovered product codes for skin and tissue substitutes

To access the pertinent medical policies:

1. Go to **bcbsm.com/providers**.
2. Click *Resources*.
3. Click the *Search medical policies* button.
4. In the *Policy/Topic Keyword* field, search on *skin and tissue*.
5. Select the pertinent medical policy:



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