

Changes to prior authorization request process for endovascular intervention program starting April 26

We're making changes to our endovascular intervention prior authorization program. Keep reading to learn more.

Program and questionnaire changes

On April 26, 2026, the program name is changing to *Non-Coronary Vascular Stents* and we'll remove the *Endovascular intervention, peripheral artery* questionnaire from the e-referral system.

Instead of completing a questionnaire, the e-referral system will prompt you to complete the *Non-Coronary Vascular Stents* InterQual[®] Connect guideline.

Important: For your prior authorization requests to be processed as quickly as possible, it's critical that you answer all questions and on the final step click *Complete* — don't click *Save For Later* as it will cause your request to pend even if criteria are met.

Criteria source changes

The criteria we use to make determinations on prior authorization requests for endovascular intervention services are changing as follows:

Before April 26	On or after April 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> InterQual Procedures Adult Criteria, Endovascular Intervention, Peripheral Artery Local Coverage Determination for Non-Coronary Vascular Stents (L35998) 	Local Coverage Determination for Non-Coronary Vascular Stents (L35998)

Additional information

We're creating a guide that describes InterQual Connect best practices and plan on publishing it on authorizations.bcbsm.com. We'll share details when it's available. In the meantime, refer to the provider alert [Best practices for submitting prior authorization requests with InterQual Connect questions through the e-referral system](#).

We'll update the document [Preview questionnaires and medical necessity criteria](#) to reflect these changes.

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