

Provider notification for Utilization Management Authorization Rule Operations Workgroup Item 1326

Effective **April 1, 2021**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for multiple codes. The medical codes listed below will require PA by Anthem Blue Cross for Medi-Cal Managed Care (Medi-Cal) members. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these PA rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. **Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.**

PA requirements will be added to the following:

- 30117 — Excision/Destruction, Intranasal Lesion; Int Approach
- 30999 — Unlisted Proc, Nose
- 54401 — Insertion, Penile Prosthesis; Inflatable (Self-Contained)
- C1778 — Lead, neurostimulator (implantable)
- C1787 — Patient programmer, neurostimulator
- C2622 — Prosthesis, penile, noninflatable
- G0157 — Services performed by a qualified physical therapist assistant in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
- G2168 — Services performed by a physical therapist assistant in the home health setting in the delivery of a safe and effective physical therapy maintenance program, each 15 minutes
- G2169 — Services performed by an occupational therapist assistant in the home health setting in the delivery of a safe and effective occupational therapy maintenance program, each 15 minutes
- L8681 — Patient programmer (external) for use with implantable programmable neurostimulator pulse generator, replacement only
- L8699 — Prosthetic Implant Nos

To request PA, you may use one of the following methods:

- Web: <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ca>
- Fax: **1-800-754-4708**
- Phone:
 - **1-888-831-2246** (Medi-Cal)
 - **1-877-273-4193** (Major Risk Medical Insurance Program)

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers by accessing the Precertification Lookup Tool on the Availity* Portal at <https://www.availity.com> or on the provider website at <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ca>. Contracted and noncontracted providers who are unable to access Availity, may call Call one of our Medi-Cal Customer Care Centers for assistance with PA requirements:

- **1-800-407-4627** (outside L.A. County)
- **1-888-285-7801** (inside L.A. County)

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