



## **Adult outpatient urology and ophthalmology surgery precertification initiative**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions requires outpatient urology and ophthalmology surgery procedures to be provided at an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) or provider office unless precertified at a hospital. Effective December 1, 2021, only services that cannot be provided safely and effectively at a freestanding ASC or an office will be approved to be performed at the hospital.

### **What is the impact of this change?**

Unless there is a medical reason for providing the outpatient surgery procedure listed on the provided code list in a hospital, the services must be performed at a freestanding ASC or in an office. Members who are under 18 years of age are excluded from this initiative.

Providers should review below for a list of procedure codes that will require precertification to be performed in a hospital. For code-specific precertification requirements, please refer to <https://providers.anthem.com/nv> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > select Precertification Lookup Tool.

### **How do I obtain precertification?**

Precertification requests can be submitted through the Availity\* Portal at <https://www.availity.com> or by calling Provider Services at **844-396-2330** and providing clinical documentation showing a medical reason why the member needs to have an outpatient surgery procedure done in a hospital.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **844-396-2330**.

\* Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services on behalf of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions.

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### **CG-SURG-52 medical necessity criteria**

An outpatient surgery in a hospital-based facility is considered medically necessary when all of the following are present:

- The procedure requires that it be performed only by, or under, the general supervision of a licensed clinician.
- The individual's medical status or the procedure requires enhanced monitoring beyond what would routinely be needed for rendering such services in a free-standing ambulatory procedural setting.
- The potential changes in the individual's medical status could require immediate access to specific services of a medical center/hospital setting, such as emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel, and inpatient admission or intensive care. For example, the individual is at significant risk of sudden life-threatening changes in medical status based on clinical conditions including but not limited to:
  - Concerns regarding fluid overload status.
  - History of significant instability during a prior procedure that is considered a risk for other future procedures.
  - At risk for excessive bleeding.
  - Acute mental status changes.
  - Under the age of 18.
  - Pregnancy.
  - Increased risk for complication due to severe comorbidity, such as that evidenced by an American society of anesthesiologist's (ASA) class iii physical status or greater.
  - Prolonged anesthesia is anticipated.
- An outpatient surgery in a hospital-based facility is considered medically necessary when there are no other geographically accessible appropriate alternative sites for the member to undergo the procedure.

**Procedure codes required for precertification in a hospital**

The following procedure codes will require precertification to be performed in a hospital for members 18 years of age and older.

Procedures performed in association with an ER visit or associated with an outpatient surgery performed at a hospital on the same day will not require precertification.

**Urology**

50555	50557	50561	50562	50570	50572	50574	50575
50576	50580	50590	50592	50684	50686	50688	50690
50727	50947	50948	50951	50953	50955	50957	50961
50970	50972	50974	50976	50980	51020	51030	51040
51045	51050	51065	51080	51100	51101	51102	51500
51520	51535	51600	51605	51610	51700	51701	51702
51703	51705	51710	51715	51720	51725	51726	51727
51728	51729	51736	51741	51784	51785	51792	51798
51880	51992	52000	52001	52005	52007	52010	52204
52214	52224	52234	52235	52240	52250	52260	52265
52270	52275	52276	52277	52281	52282	52283	52285
52290	52300	52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318
52320	52325	52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342
52343	52344	52345	52346	52351	52352	52353	52354
52355	52400	52402	52450	52500	52601	52630	52640
52647	52648	52700	53000	53010	53020	53040	53060
53080	53085	53200	53210	53215	53220	53230	53235
53240	53250	53260	53265	53270	53275	53400	53405
53410	53420	53425	53430	53431	53440	53442	53444
53445	53446	53447	53449	53450	53460	53502	53505
53510	53515	53520	53600	53601	53605	53620	53621
53660	53661	53665	53850	53852	54001	54015	54050
54055	54056	54057	54060	54065	54100	54105	54110
54111	54112	54115	54120	54162	54163	54164	54200
54205	54220	54230	54231	54235	54240	54250	54300
54304	54308	54420	54435	54440	54450	54500	54505
54512	54520	54522	54530	54550	54560	54600	54620
54640	54670	54680	54690	54692	54700	54800	54830
54840	54860	54861	54865	54900	54901	55000	55040
55041	55060	55100	55110	55120	55150	55175	55180
55200	55250	55300	55400	55450	55500	55520	55530
55535	55540	55550	55600	55680	55700	55705	55706
55860	55873	55875	55876	55920			

**Ophthalmology**

65091	65093	65101	65103	65105	65110	65112	65114
65125	65130	65135	65140	65150	65155	65175	65205
65210	65210	65220	65222	65235	65260	65265	65270
65272	65275	65280	65285	65286	65290	65400	65410
65420	65426	65430	65435	65436	65450	65600	65780
65781	65782	65800	65810	65815	65820	65850	65855
65860	65865	65870	65875	65880	65900	65920	65930
66020	66030	66130	66160	66170	66172	66180	66185
66220	66225	66250	66680	66682	66700	66710	66711
66720	66740	66761	66762	66770	66820	66821	66825
66830	66840	66850	66852	66920	66930	66940	66982
66983	66984	66985	66986	67005	67010	67015	67025
67027	67028	67030	67031	67036	67039	67040	67041
67042	67110	67120	67121	67208	67210	67218	67220
67221	67227	67228	67250	67255	67311	67312	67314
67316	67318	67343	67345	67346	67400	67405	67412
67413	67414	67415	67500	67505	67515	67550	67560
67700	67710	67715	67800	67801	67805	67808	67810
67820	67825	67830	67835	67840	67850	67875	67880
67882	67900	67901	67902	67903	67904	67906	67908
67909	67911	67912	67914	67915	67916	67917	67921
67922	67923	67924	67930	67935	67938	67950	67961
67966	67971	67973	67974	67975	68020	68040	68100
68110	68115	68130	68135	68200	68320	68325	68326
68328	68330	68335	68340	68360	68362	68400	68420
68440	68500	68505	68510	68520	68525	68530	68540
68550	68700	68705	68720	68745	68750	68760	68761
68770	68801	68810	68815	68816	68840	68850	G0186