

CT to detect coronary artery calcification — AIM transition

Effective November 1, 2021, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will transition the *Clinical Criteria* for medical necessity review of computed tomography (CT) to detect coronary artery calcification to the AIM Specialty Health® (AIM)* Imaging of the Heart Clinical Appropriateness Guideline.

As part of this transition of *Clinical Criteria*, the following procedures will be subject to prior authorization:

| CPT® code | Description |
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| 75571 | Computed tomography, heart, without contrast material, with quantitative evaluation of coronary artery calcium |
| S8092 | Electron beam CT (also known as ultrafast CT, cine CT) |

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM’s *ProviderPortal*_{SM} directly at <https://providerportal.com>. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization
- Access AIM via the Availity Portal* at <https://availity.com>
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number at **800-714-0040** Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT

If you have questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

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