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Procedures that require prior authorization by AIM Specialty Health®

Cardiology, radiation oncology, radiology (high technology) and sleep studies (in lab)

For Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus BlueSM, Blue Care Network commercial and BCN AdvantageSM

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Overview

Prior authorizations managed by AIM Specialty Health

This document shows the codes associated with procedures that are managed by AIM for:

- **Blue Cross commercial members, for:**
 - o Cardiology
 - o Radiology (high technology)
 - o Sleep studies, in lab
- **Medicare Plus Blue members** who reside in Michigan and who receive outpatient diagnostic procedures from Michigan providers, for:
 - o Cardiology, including cardiac implantable devices and services
 - o Radiology (high technology)
 - o Sleep studies, in lab

Note: Non-Michigan residents and out-of-state providers are not included in this Medicare Plus Blue program. (Exception: UAW Medical Benefits Trust Medicare members are included in this program for out-of-state radiology, cardiology and in-lab sleep services.) Also not included in

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this program are emergency room, observation room, inpatient and secondary coordination of benefits services.

- **BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members, for:**
 - Cardiology, including cardiac implantable devices and services
 - Radiology (high technology)

Note: The groupings of codes on this document are program based and are not arranged in strict accordance with the description of the code by the American Medical Association.

Submitting prior authorization requests to AIM

Providers must obtain prior authorization from AIM before these services are provided. To submit a prior authorization request to AIM, use one of the following methods:

- Log in to the [AIM provider portal](#).**
- Call AIM at one of these numbers:
 - For Blue Cross commercial and Medicare Plus Blue: 1-800-728-8008
 - For BCN commercial and BCN Advantage: 1-844-377-1278

For services that do not have approved authorizations, claims may be denied and providers may not bill the member.

Where to find additional information

For information about finding clinical guidelines and submitting prior authorization requests, refer to these webpages on the ereferrals.bcbsm.com website:

- [Blue Cross AIM-Managed Procedures page](#)
- [BCN AIM-Managed Procedures page](#)

Note: Medical oncology medications that require prior authorization by AIM are not included in this document. For information on those services, refer to these webpages on the ereferrals.bcbsm.com website:

- [Blue Cross Medical Benefit Drugs page](#)
- [BCN Medical Benefit Drugs page](#)



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Cardiology services

Blue Cross commercial members

Codes ⁽¹⁾						
*93303	*93304	*93306	*93307	*93308	*93312	*93313
*93314	*93315	*93316	*93317	*93350	*93351	

⁽¹⁾ Do not submit prior authorization requests to AIM for add-on codes *92921, *92925, *92929, *92934, *92938, *92944, *93320, *93321, *93325, *93352, *93462, *93463, *93464, *93566, *93567 or *93568. These codes are used to facilitate claims payment.

Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members

Codes ⁽¹⁾						
*0571T ⁽²⁾	*0572T ⁽²⁾	*0573T ⁽²⁾	*0574T ⁽²⁾	*33214 ⁽²⁾	*33215 ⁽²⁾	*33216 ⁽²⁾
*33217 ⁽²⁾	*33218 ⁽²⁾	*33220 ⁽²⁾	*33223 ⁽²⁾	*33224 ⁽²⁾	*33226 ⁽²⁾	*33229 ⁽²⁾
*33230 ⁽²⁾	*33231 ⁽²⁾	*33240 ⁽²⁾	*33241 ⁽²⁾	*33243 ⁽²⁾	*33244 ⁽²⁾	*33249 ⁽²⁾
*33262 ⁽²⁾	*33263 ⁽²⁾	*33264 ⁽²⁾	*33270 ⁽²⁾	*33271 ⁽²⁾	*33272 ⁽²⁾	*33273 ⁽²⁾
*92920 ⁽³⁾	*92924 ⁽³⁾	*92928 ⁽³⁾	*92933 ⁽³⁾	*92937 ⁽³⁾	*92943 ⁽³⁾	*93303
*93304	*93306	*93307	*93308	*93312	*93313	*93314
*93315	*93316	*93317	*93350	*93351	*93454 ⁽³⁾	*93455 ⁽³⁾
*93456	*93457	*93458	*93459	*93460	*93461	*93862 ⁽⁴⁾
*93880 ⁽⁴⁾	*93882	*93922 ⁽⁴⁾	*93923 ⁽⁴⁾	*93924 ⁽⁴⁾	*93925 ^{(3),(4)}	*93926 ^{(3),(4)}
*93930 ^{(3),(4)}	*93931 ^{(3),(4)}	*93978 ⁽⁴⁾	*93979 ⁽⁴⁾	C1721 ⁽²⁾	C1722 ⁽²⁾	C1777 ⁽²⁾
C1824 ⁽²⁾	C1882 ⁽²⁾	C1895 ⁽²⁾	C1896 ⁽²⁾			

Note: For Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members, *33225 is a secondary code; it must be billed with a primary code. No authorization is required.

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⁽²⁾ Prior authorization is required for these cardiac implantable devices and services for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021, for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

⁽³⁾ For these procedures, providers must submit the authorization request after, not before, the service has been completed.

⁽⁴⁾ For Medicare Plus Blue members, prior authorization is required for these noninvasive diagnostic vascular studies for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021. For BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members, prior authorization has been required for these services since Oct. 1, 2018.



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Radiation oncology

Blue Cross commercial members

AIM manages radiation oncology services only for Blue Cross UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members. The radiation oncology procedures managed by AIM for those members are listed in the document [Radiation Oncology Prior Authorization List for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members \(only\), for Blue Cross commercial](#).

Radiation oncology services for other Blue Cross commercial members are managed by eviCore healthcare®. Refer to the document [Procedures that require authorization by eviCore healthcare](#).

Radiology (high technology)

Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members

Note: This list does not apply to Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® Michigan members. To see the radiology procedures AIM manages for those members, refer to the document [Procedures that require prior authorization by AIM Specialty Health for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® Michigan members](#).

Codes ⁽¹⁾						
*70336	*70450	*70460	*70470	*70480	*70481	*70482
*70486	*70487	*70488	*70490	*70491	*70492	*70496
*70498	*70540	*70542	*70543	*70544	*70545	*70546
*70547	*70548	*70549	*70551	*70552	*70553	*70554 ⁽²⁾
*70555 ⁽²⁾	*71250	*71260	*71270	*71271 ⁽⁵⁾	*71275	*71550
*71551	*71552	*71555	*72125	*72126	*72127	*72128
*72129	*72130	*72131	*72132	*72133	*72141	*72142
*72146	*72147	*72148	*72149	*72156	*72157	*72158
*72159	*72191	*72192	*72193	*72194	*72195	*72196
*72197	*72198	*73200	*73201	*73202	*73206	*73218
*73219	*73220	*73221	*73222	*73223	*73225	*73700
*73701	*73702	*73706	*73718	*73719	*73720	*73721
*73722	*73723	*73725	*74150	*74160	*74170	*74174
*74175	*74176	*74177	*74178	*74181	*74182	*74183



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Codes ⁽¹⁾						
*74185	*74261	*74262	*74263	*74712 ⁽³⁾	*75557	*75559
*75561	*75563	*75571 ⁽⁴⁾	*75572	*75573	*75574	*75635
*76390	*77046	*77047	*77048	*77049	*77058	*77059
*77078	*77084	*78429	*78430	*78431	*78432	*78433
*78451	*78452	*78453	*78454	*78459	*78466	*78468
*78469	*78472	*78473	*78481	*78483	*78491	*78492
*78494	*78608	*78609	*78811	*78812	*78813	*78814
*78815	*78816					

⁽¹⁾ Do not submit prior authorization requests to AIM for add-on codes *74713, *75565, *76376, *76377, *76380, *78434 or *78496. These codes are used to facilitate claims payment.

⁽²⁾ For Blue Cross commercial and Medicare Plus Blue members, prior authorization is required for dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2021.

⁽³⁾ AIM manages procedures associated with code *74712 for Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members only.

⁽⁴⁾ AIM manages procedures associated with code *75571 for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members only. Submit those prior authorization requests to AIM. For BCN commercial members with procedures associated with code *75571, submit the prior authorization request to BCN through the e-referral system.

⁽⁵⁾ For procedure code *71271, prior authorization is required only for Blue Cross commercial members, for dates of service prior to Aug. 1, 2022. Retroactive requests will be accepted when they're submitted within 90 days from the date of service.

Sleep studies (in lab)

Blue Cross commercial and Medicare Plus Blue members

Codes					
*95805	*95807	*95808	*95810	*95811	

Note: Procedure codes *95806, *95782 and *95783 are excluded from prior authorization.

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