

Outpatient PT, OT and ST, and physical medicine services by chiropractors and athletic trainers

For authorization determinations

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UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT



BCN provides utilization management programs.

These programs vary based on member coverage and may be administered by BCN staff or by contracted vendors.

Utilization management programs focus on ensuring that patients get the right care at the right time in the right location through the authorization process.

These programs are provided by the vendor listed below.

Utilization management

[eviCore healthcare®](#)

Keep reading to learn which members have access to or requirements under these programs. Programs may not apply to all members.

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Makes authorization determinations on authorization requests as follows:

| Service | For these groups and individual members |
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| Physical and occupational therapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage BCN AdvantageSM — All groups and members |
| Speech therapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage BCN AdvantageSM — All groups and members |
| PT, OT and ST with a diagnosis of autism | <p>BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage</p> <p>Note: eviCore manages these services for members age 19 and older.</p> |
| Physical medicine services by chiropractors | BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage |

| Service | For these groups and individual members |
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| Physical medicine services by athletic trainers | BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage |

Resources

- www.evicore.com/provider/#i-want-to-learn-how-to**
- [Procedure codes that require authorization by eviCore healthcare](#)
- [Outpatient rehabilitation services: Frequently asked questions for rehab providers](#)
- [BCN Outpatient PT, OT, ST](#) page on our e referrals.bcbsm.com website
- “Procedures reviewed by eviCore for BCN” section of the [Utilization Management](#) chapter of the *BCN Provider Manual*



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

About this document

This document lists coverage exceptions for major groups.

It also refers to additional resources. For resources that are publicly available, we provide direct links. To access documents that aren't publicly available, including provider manual chapters:

1. Log in to our provider portal (availability.com**).
2. Click *Payer Spaces* on the menu bar.
3. Click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
4. Click the *Resources* tab.
5. Click *Secure Provider Resources (Blue Cross and BCN)*.

Information for out-of-state providers

See the following documents for referral and authorization requirements.

- For Blue Cross commercial and Medicare Plus Blue members: [Provider Preauthorization and Precertification Requirements](#)
- For BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members: [Non-Michigan providers: Referral and authorization requirements](#)

You can view these documents and our medical policies through the [Medical Policy & Pre-Cert/Pre-Auth Router](#). To access the router, go to bcbsm.com/providers, click *Resources*, scroll to the "Out-of-area prior authorization resources" section and click the out-of-area router link.

Reminder

As always, it's essential that providers check each member's eligibility and benefits prior to performing services.

Providers are responsible for identifying the need for authorization through our provider portal, Benefit Explainer or Provider Inquiry and for obtaining authorization for services, as needed.

eviCore healthcare is an independent company that contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network to manage authorizations for select services. For more information, go to our ereferrals.bcbsm.com website.

*For self-funded plans, the employer assumes the risk for claims costs and pays a fee for administrative services provided by Blue Cross or BCN.

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