

List of updated authorization criteria and new or updated e-referral system questionnaires

The authorization criteria and questionnaires listed in the following table are new or were recently updated. The table also shows which lines of business these changes apply to.

Procedure	New or updated	Lines of business		
		BCN HMO SM	BCN Advantage SM	Blue Cross Medicare Plus Blue SM PPO
Blepharoplasty and repair of brow ptosis	The questionnaire is new. It is to be used for any date of service, for requests submitted starting June 25, 2018.	Yes	Yes	No
Breast biopsy, excisional	The questionnaire is updated.	Yes	Yes	No
Cervical spine surgery	The questionnaires are updated for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical spine surgery • Cervical spine surgery with artificial disc replacement 	Yes	Yes	No
Gastric pacing / stimulation	The questionnaire is updated.	No	Yes	Yes
Hip replacement surgery, initial	The authorization criteria and questionnaire are updated.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy	The questionnaire is new. It is to be used for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018. Note: The questionnaire for BCN HMO is different from the questionnaire for BCN Advantage.	Yes	Yes	No
Knee arthroscopy for adults	Authorization criteria and questionnaires are updated for the following knee arthroscopy procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic • Chondroplasty • Lateral release • Resection or repair of stable or unstable meniscus tear • Synovectomy, limited • Synovectomy, major 	Yes	Yes	No
Knee replacement surgery	Authorization criteria and questionnaires are updated for the following knee replacement surgery procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unicondylar, initial • Nonunicondylar, initial 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lumbar spine surgery procedures	The authorization criteria and questionnaire are updated, for dates of service on or after Oct. 3, 2016.	Yes	Yes	No
Shoulder replacement surgery procedure, initial	The authorization criteria and questionnaire are updated.	Yes	Yes	Yes