

Blues Brief

For hospitals and facilities

Reminder: Prior authorization changes went into effect June 1

Michigan's prior authorization law requirements went into effect on June 1, 2023. These requirements apply to health care insurers and providers in Michigan for members who have commercial coverage. Read more:

- Page 30 of the May–June 2023 *BCN Provider News*
- April 2023 issue of *The Record*

Some pre-COVID-19 utilization management requirements to resume July 1

With the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network reinstated certain utilization management requirements that were in effect before the PHE. Read more: [June 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

MAPS may not capture all information about a patient's experience with controlled substances

Health care providers using the Michigan Automated Prescription System should know that the database may not capture information about some controlled substances in a patient's history. Read more: [June 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

Don't miss important Blue Cross and BCN news

You're invited to subscribe to any of our electronic newsletters that help inform health care professionals about Blue Cross and BCN policies and programs. Visit bcbsm.com/providers/newsletters.html to view current issues and sign up to receive emails as new issues are posted.

Providers to receive denial for incorrect coding of electroencephalogram and ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm, starting in September

Providers need to code correctly for electroencephalogram and abdominal aortic aneurysm screening to avoid a claim denial. Read more: [June 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

Starting June 1, requests for commercial LTACH admissions and extensions must be submitted through e-referral

Long-term acute care hospitals in Michigan must submit prior authorization requests through the e-referral system and not by fax, starting June 1, 2023. Read more:

- Page 32 of the May–June 2023 *BCN Provider News*
- May 2023 issue of *The Record*





Submit prior authorization requests for human organ transplants through e-referral, not fax, starting June 1

On June 1, 2023, we began requiring providers located in Michigan to submit prior authorization requests for human organ transplant procedures through the e-referral system and not by fax. Read more:

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Blue Cross expanding covered PPO services for substance use disorders and mental health

Effective July 1, 2023, we'll cover the following as standard benefits for all Blue Cross commercial members:

- Partial hospitalization program services for substance use disorders
- Intensive outpatient program services for mental health

Read more: [May 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

Reminder: Outpatient services PPO provided during inpatient admission should be reported with inpatient claim

In May 2023, Blue Cross payment policy began requiring that outpatient services provided during an inpatient admission be reported with the inpatient claim if there is a similar diagnosis.

Read more: [May 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

Behavioral health providers: How to bill prolonged services

In January 2023, we posted a [provider alert](#) in which we asked behavioral health providers to hold claims for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2023, that contain procedure codes *99354 and *99355.

These codes were for prolonged services and were terminated as of Jan. 1, 2023. Learn what to do with the claims that you've been holding.

Read more: [May 17, 2023 provider alert](#)

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EDI transitioning to Availity starting in 2023

Blue Cross and BCN will move our electronic data interchange services, known as EDI, to Availity® beginning in August 2023. The EDI transition affects HIPAA* electronic transactions. Read more:

- [Page 3 of the May–June 2023 BCN Provider News](#)
- [May 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)

*Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Here's how to determine prior authorization requirements for patients with non-Michigan Blue plans

Michigan providers can find information about prior authorization requirements for patients with non-Michigan Blue plans as follows:

- Specific information may be available through Availity®.
- General information is available through our Medical Policy & Pre-Cert/Pre-Auth Router.

Read more: [April 2023 issue of *The Record*](#)





Holiday office closings

Blue Cross and BCN offices will be closed July 3 to 4 (Independence Day).

Finding the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) provider information

- Visit the [Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) document for temporary changes that became permanent and which ones stopped with the end of the public health emergency.
- In the *Member Care* section of our secure Provider Resources site, accessible through Availity®

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