

Medicare Advantage prior authorization requirement changes effective December 1, 2020

On December 1, 2020, Anthem prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for codes below. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

Prior authorization requirements will be added for the following codes:

- C1764 - Event recorder, cardiac (implantable)
- E0720 - Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (tens) device, two lead, localized
- E0730 - Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (tens) device, four or more leads,
- E0731 - Conductive garment for tens
- G0460 - Autologous platelet rich plasma for chronic wounds/ulcers, including phlebotomy, centrifugation, and all other preparatory procedures, administration and dressings, per treatment
- L3000 - Foot insert, removable, molded to patient model, UCB type, Berkeley shell, each
- L3031 - Foot, insert/plate, removable, addition to lower extremity orthosis, high strength
- L3170 - Foot, plastic, silicone or equal, heel stabilizer, prefabricated, off-the-shelf, each
- L3224 - Woman's shoe oxford brace
- L3225 - Man's shoe oxford brace
- L3300 - Shoe lift taper to metatarsal
- L3310 - Lift, elevation, heel and sole, neoprene, per in
- L3332 - Lift, elevation, inside shoe, tapered, up to one-half in
- L3334 - Lift, elevation, heel, per in
- L3340 - Heel wedge, SACH
- L3350 - Shoe heel wedge
- L3370 - Shoe sole wedge between sole
- L3390 - Shoe outflare wedge
- L3400 - Shoe metatarsal bar wedge ro
- L3450 - Shoe heel SACH cushion type
- L3485 - Shoe heel pad removable for
- L3540 - Ortho shoe add full sole
- L3580 - Ortho shoe add instep velcro clo
- L3610 - Transfer of an orthosis from one shoe to another, caliper plate, new
- L3620 - Transfer of an orthosis from one shoe to another, solid stirrup, existing
- L3630 - Transfer of an orthosis from one shoe to another, solid stirrup, new
- L3649 - Orthopedic shoe, modification, addition or transfer, not otherwise specified
- L3650 - Shoulder orthosis, figure of eight design abduction restrainer, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3710 - Elbow orthosis, elastic with metal joints, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3761 - Elbow orthosis (EO), with adjustable position locking joint(s), prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3762 - Elbow orthosis, rigid, without joints, includes soft interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf

- L3807 - Wrist hand finger orthosis, without joint(s), prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise
- L3809 - Wrist hand finger orthosis, without joint(s), prefabricated, off-the-shelf, any type
- L3912 - Hand-finger orthosis (HFO), flexion glove with elastic finger control, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3913 - Hand finger orthosis, without joints, may include soft interface, straps, custom fabricated, includes fitting and adjustment
- L3923 - Hand finger orthosis, without joints, may include soft interface, straps, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise
- L3924 - Hand finger orthosis, without joints, may include soft interface, straps, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3925 - Finger orthosis, proximal interphalangeal (pip)/distal interphalangeal (dip), non-torsion joint/spring, extension/flexion, may include soft interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3927 - Finger orthosis, proximal interphalangeal (pip)/distal interphalangeal (dip), without joint/spring, extension/flexion (for example, static or ring type), may include soft interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
- L3999 - Upper limb orthosis NOS
- L5301 - Below knee, molded socket, shin, SACH foot, endoskeletal system
- L5321 - Above knee, molded socket, open end, SACH foot, endoskeletal system, single axis knee
- L5620 - Test socket below knee
- L5645 - Addition to lower extremity, below knee (BK), flexible inner socket, external frame
- L5649 - Addition to lower extremity, ischial containment/narrow M-L socket
- L3250 - Orthopedic footwear, custom molded shoe, removable inner mold, prosthetic shoe, each
- 0232T - Injection(s), platelet rich plasma, any site, including image guidance, harvesting and preparation when performed
- 0397T - Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), with optical endomicroscopy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)
- 0421T - Transurethral waterjet ablation of prostate, including control of post-operative bleeding, complete (vasectomy, meatotomy, cystourethroscopy, urethral calibration and/or dilation, and internal urethrotomy are included when performed)
- 0466T - Insertion of chest wall respiratory sensor electrode or electrode array, including connection to pulse generator (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)
- 0480T - Fractional ablative laser fenestration of burn and traumatic scars for functional improvement; each additional 100 cm², or each additional 1% of body surface area of infants and children, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)
- 33340 - Percutaneous transcatheter closure of the left atrial appendage with endocardial implant, including fluoroscopy, transseptal puncture, catheter placement(s), left atrial angiography, left atrial appendage angiography, when performed, and radiological supervision and interpretation
- 33361 - Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR/TAVI) with prosthetic valve; percutaneous femoral artery approach
- 33362 - Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR/TAVI) with prosthetic valve; open femoral artery approach

- 33363 - Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR/TAVI) with prosthetic valve; open axillary artery approach
- 33365 - Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR/TAVI) with prosthetic valve; transaortic approach (eg, median sternotomy, mediastinotomy)
- 33418 - Transcatheter mitral valve repair, percutaneous approach, including transseptal puncture when performed; initial prosthesis
- 33419 - Transcatheter mitral valve repair, percutaneous approach, including transseptal puncture when performed; additional prosthesis(es) during same session (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 33477 - Transcatheter pulmonary valve implantation, percutaneous approach, including pre-stenting of the valve delivery site, when performed
- 33979 - Insertion, ventricular assist device, Implantable Intracorporeal, single ventricle
- 33990 - Insertion of ventricular assist device, percutaneous including radiological supervision and interpretation; arterial access only
- 36514 - Therapeutic apheresis; plasma pheresis
- 36522 - Photopheresis, extracorporeal
- 37215 - Transcatheter placement of intravascular stent(s), cervical carotid artery, percutaneous; with distal embolic protection
- 55874 - Transperineal placement of biodegradable material, peri-prostatic, single or multiple injection(s), including image guidance, when performed
- A4224 - Supplies for maintenance of insulin infusion catheter, per week
- A4225 - Supplies for external insulin infusion pump, syringe type cartridge, sterile, each
- A5500 - Diabetic shoe for density insert
- A5501 - Diabetic custom molded shoe
- A5503 - For diabetics only, modification (including fitting) of off-the-shelf depth-inlay shoe or custom molded shoe with roller or rigid rocker bottom, per shoe
- A5504 - Diabetic shoe with wedge
- A5505 - Diabetic shoe w/metatarsal bar
- A5507 - Modification diabetic shoe
- A5512 - For diabetics only, multiple density insert, direct formed, molded to foot after external heat source of 230 degrees Fah
- A5513 - For diabetics only, multiple density insert, custom molded from model of patient's foot, total contact with patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 3/16 inch material of Shore A 35 durometer (or higher), includes arch filler and other shaping material, custom fabricated, each
- A9580 - Sodium fluoride F-18, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 30 millicuries
- C1722 - Cardioverter-defibrillator, single chamber (implantable)
- L5671 - Addition to lower extremity, below knee (BK)/above knee (AK) suspension locking mechanism (shuttle, lanyard, or equal), excludes socket insert
- L5673 - Addition to lower extremity, below knee/above knee, custom fabricated
- L5679 - Addition to lower extremity, below knee/above knee, custom fabricated
- L5700 - Replace socket below knee
- L5701 - Replace socket above knee
- L5940 - Endo bk ultra-light material
- L5968 - Addition to lower limb prosthesis, multiaxial ankle with swing phase active dorsiflexion feature

- L5981 - All lower extremity prostheses, flex-walk system or equal
- L5987 - All lower extremity prostheses, shank foot system with vertical loading pylon
- L8699 - Prosthetic implant, not otherwise specified
- L9900 - Orthotic and prosthetic supply, accessory, and/or service component of another HCPCS L code

This is not a complete list of prior authorization requirements. Prior authorization requirements are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool at www.availity.com at <https://www.anthem.com/medicareprovider> > Login. Contracted and non-contracted providers who are unable to access Availity* may call the number on the back of the member's ID card.

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