

## Prior Authorization Requirements for G0481, G0482, and G0483

Effective September 1, 2022, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for G0481, G0482, and G0483. Healthy Blue providers must obtain prior authorization for *all* requests for these codes. The medical codes listed below will require PA by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC). Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these PA rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. **Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.**

PA requirements will be added to the following:

- **G0481** — Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing:
  1. Drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers) including, but not limited to, GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem, and excluding immunoassays (for example, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (for example, alcohol dehydrogenase)
  2. Stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (for example, to control for matrix effects, interferences, and variations in signal strength)
  3. Method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (for example, to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 8 to 14 drug classes, including metabolite(s) if performed
- **G0482** — Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing:
  1. Drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers) including, but not limited to, GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem, and excluding immunoassays (for example, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (for example, alcohol dehydrogenase)
  2. Stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (for example, to control for matrix effects, interferences, and variations in signal strength)
  3. Method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (for example, to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift);

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qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day;  
15 to 21 drug classes, including metabolite(s) if performed

- **G0483** — Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing:
  1. Drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers) including, but not limited to, GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem, and excluding immunoassays (for example, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (such as alcohol dehydrogenase)
  2. Stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (for example, to control for matrix effects, interferences, and variations in signal strength)
  3. Method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (for example, to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 22 or more drug classes, including metabolite(s) if performed

To request PA, you may use one of the following methods:

- Web: <https://www.availity.com>\*
- Fax (outpatient): **855-817-5788**
- Phone: **844-594-5072**

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted and noncontracted providers on our provider website (<https://provider.healthybluenc.com> > Resources > Prior Authorization & Eligibility > **Prior Authorization Look Up Tool**). Providers may also call us at **844-594-5072** for PA requirements.



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