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Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective August 1, 2022

Effective August 1, 2022, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for [multiple codes]. The medical codes listed below will require PA by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina for Healthy Blue members. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language, and CMS 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:

- 81415: Exome (such as unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis
- 81416: Exome (such as unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis, each comparator exome (such as parents and siblings) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 81417: Exome (such as unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); re-evaluation of previously obtained exome sequence (such as updated knowledge or unrelated condition/syndrome)
- 81432: Hereditary breast cancer-related disorders (such as hereditary breast cancer, hereditary ovarian cancer, hereditary endometrial cancer); genomic sequence analysis panel, must include sequencing of at least 10 genes, always including BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, and MLH1
- 81433: Hereditary breast cancer-related disorders (such as hereditary breast cancer, hereditary ovarian cancer, hereditary endometrial cancer); duplication/deletion analysis panel, must include analyses for BRCA1, BRCA2, MLH1, MSH2, and STK11
- L6026: Transcarpal/metacarpal or partial hand disarticulation prosthesis, external power, self-suspended, inner socket with removable forearm section, electrodes and cables, two batteries, charger, myoelectric control of terminal device, excludes terminal device

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

- Availity:* Once logged in to Availity at <http://availity.com>, select **Patient Registration > Authorizations & Referrals**, then select **Authorizations** or **Auth/Referral Inquiry**, as appropriate.
- Fax: **855-817-5788**
- Phone: **844-594-8072**, prompt 2

Note: Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services for Healthy Blue providers on behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

<https://provider.healthybluenc.com>

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Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers on the provider website at <https://provider.healthybluenc.com/north-carolina-provider/archives>. Any provider, contracted and noncontracted, who is unable to access Availity may call our Provider Services at **844-594-5072** for assistance with PA requirements.



Email is the quickest and most direct way to receive important Healthy Blue information from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

To start receiving email from us (including some sent in lieu of fax or mail), submit your information using the QR code to the right or via our online form (<https://bit.ly/3J4MTIP>).

