

Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) | Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO-POS D-SNP)

## Precertification/Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective January 1, 2026

Effective January 1, 2026, precertification/prior authorization requirements will change for the following code(s). The medical code(s) listed below will require precertification/prior authorization by Blue Cross NC for Healthy Blue + Medicare members. 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 precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage.

**If the requirements are not met, those services may be deemed ineligible for payment.**

**Providers may appeal online through Availity Essentials (<https://Availity.com>) or by phone by calling 833-540-2106 with additional information, which may include medical records.**

Precertification/prior authorization requirements will be added for the following code(s):

Code	Description
0080U	Oncology (lung), mass spectrometric analysis of galectin-3-binding protein and scavenger receptor cysteine-rich type 1 protein M130, with five clinical risk factors (age, smoking status, nodule diameter, nodule-spiculation status and nodule location), utilizing plasma, algorithm reported as a categorical probability of malignancy
0266T	Implantation or replacement of carotid sinus baroreflex activation device; total system (includes generator placement, unilateral or bilateral lead placement, intra-operative interrogation, programming, and repositioning, when performed)
30469	Repair of nasal valve collapse with low energy, temperature-controlled (ie, radiofrequency) subcutaneous/submucosal

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37243	Vascular embolization or occlusion, inclusive of all radiological supervision and interpretation, intraprocedural roadmapping, and imaging guidance necessary to complete the intervention; for tumors, organ ischemia, or infarction
64561	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array; sacral nerve (transforaminal placement) including image guidance, if performed
93653	Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation with insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with right atrial pacing and recording and catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, right ventricular pacing and recording, left atrial pacing and recording from coronary sinus or left atrium, and His bundle recording, when performed; with treatment of supraventricular tachycardia by ablation of fast or slow atrioventricular pathway, accessory atrioventricular connection, cavo-tricuspid isthmus or other single atrial focus or source of atrial re-entry

Not all precertification/prior authorization requirements are listed here. Detailed precertification/prior authorization requirements are available to providers on <https://bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare> or for contracted providers by accessing <https://Availity.com>. Providers may also contact Provider Services at **833-540-2106** for assistance with precertification/prior authorization requirements.