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## Prior Authorization Requirement Changes Effective March 1, 2024

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Effective **March 1, 2024**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for the following code(s). The medical code(s) listed below will require PA by Blue Cross NC for 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. **Non-compliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.**

Prior authorization requirements will be added for the following code(s):

Code	Description
0239U	Targeted genomic sequence analysis panel, solid organ neoplasm, cell-free DNA, analysis of 311 or more genes, interrogation for sequence variants, including substitutions, ins
0388U	Oncology (non-small cell lung cancer), next-generation sequencing with identification of single nucleotide variants, copy number variants, insertions and deletions, and struct
0392U	Drug metabolism (depression, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD]), gene-drug interactions, variant analysis of 16 genes, including deletion/duplication an
0397U	Oncology (non-small cell lung cancer), cell-free DNA from plasma, targeted sequence analysis of at least 109 genes, including sequence variants, substitutions, insertions, del
0400U	Obstetrics (expanded carrier screening), 145 genes by nextgeneration sequencing, fragment analysis and multiplex ligationdependent probe amplification, DNA, reported as carrie

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
0401U	Cardiology (coronary heart disease [CAD]), 9 genes (12 variants), targeted variant genotyping, blood, saliva, or buccal swab, algorithm reported as a genetic risk score for a

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on [bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare](https://bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare) on the *Resources* tab or for contracted providers by accessing [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com). Providers may also call Provider Services at **833-540-2106** for assistance with PA requirements.