

Chiropractic services

For chiropractic manipulations and physical medicine services by chiropractors

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UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT



Blue Care Network provides utilization management programs.

Utilization management programs focus on ensuring that patients get the right care at the right time in the right location through the prior authorization process.

These programs vary based on member coverage and may be administered by Blue Cross or BCN staff or by independent companies, as specified below.

Utilization management

- [BCN Utilization Management department](#)
- [EviCore by Evernorth®](#)

Keep reading to learn which members have access to or requirements under these programs. Programs may not apply to all members.

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This utilization management program applies to:

BCN
commercial

BCN
Advantage

BCN Utilization Management makes prior authorization determinations for chiropractic procedures, such as spinal manipulations, for the following groups and individual members:

- BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage
- BCN AdvantageSM — All groups and all members with individual coverage

Resources

- “BCN Advantage claims processing” section of the [BCN Advantage](#) chapter of the *BCN Provider Manual*
- “Chiropractic services (spinal manipulations)” section of the [Michigan providers: BCN global referral, plan notification and prior authorization requirements](#) document

EviCore by Evernorth

This utilization management program applies to:

BCN
commercial

EviCore makes prior authorization determinations for physical medicine services by chiropractors for the following groups and members:

- BCN commercial — All fully insured groups, all self-funded groups* and all members with individual coverage

Resources

- evicore.com/provider**
- [Procedure codes for which providers must request prior authorization](#) PDF
- [Outpatient rehabilitation services: Frequently asked questions for rehab providers](#) PDF
- [Chiropractic Services](#) page on authorizations.bcbsm.com

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

About this document

This document lists coverage exceptions for major groups.

It also provides links to additional resources. For resources that are publicly available, we provide direct links. To access documents that aren't publicly available, including provider manual chapters:

1. Log in to our provider portal (availity.com**).
2. Click *Payer Spaces* on the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
3. Click the *Resources* tab.
4. Click *Secure Provider Resources (Blue Cross and BCN)*.

Information for non-Michigan providers

See the following documents for prior authorization requirements.

- For Blue Cross commercial and Medicare Plus BlueSM members: [Prior authorization requirements for Michigan and non-Michigan providers](#)
- For BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members: [Non-Michigan providers: BCN prior authorization requirements](#)

You can view these documents and our medical policies through the [Medical Policy & Pre-Cert/Pre-Auth Router](#). To access the router, go to bcbsm.com/providers, click *Resources*, scroll to the “Out-of-area prior authorization resources” section and click the *out-of-area router* link.

Reminder

As always, it's essential that providers check each member's eligibility and benefits prior to performing services.

Providers are responsible for identifying the need for prior authorization through our provider portal, Benefit Explainer or Provider Inquiry and for obtaining prior authorization for services, as needed.

*For self-funded plans, the employer assumes the risk for claims costs and pays a fee for administrative services provided by Blue Cross or BCN.

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