

WellCare of North Carolina

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WellCare of North Carolina requires prior authorization (PA) as a condition of payment for many services. This Notice contains information regarding such prior authorization requirements and is applicable to all Medicaid products offered by WellCare of North Carolina.

WellCare of North Carolina is committed to delivering cost effective quality care to our members. This effort requires us to ensure that our members receive only treatment that is medically necessary according to current standards of practice. Prior authorization is a process initiated by the physician in which we verify the medical necessity of a treatment in advance using independent objective medical criteria and/or in network utilization, where applicable.

It is the ordering/prescribing provider's responsibility to determine which specific codes require prior authorization.

Please verify eligibility and benefits prior to rendering services for all members. Payment, regardless of authorization, is contingent on the member's eligibility at the time service is rendered. **Out-of-Network (Non-Par) providers and facilities require authorization for all HMO services except where indicated.**

For complete CPT/HCPCS code listing, please see Online Prior Authorization Tool on our website at <https://www.carolinacompletehealth.com/providers/preauth-check/medicaid-pre-auth.html>.

The following procedure codes required prior authorization as of 12/31/2025:

Service Category	Service	Procedure Codes
Anesthesia Services	General Anesthesia	1999
	Interventional Pain Management (Nerve Blocks)	62263, 62264, 62290, 64479, 64483, 64490, 64493, 64510, 64517, 64520, 64530, 64624, 64633, 64635
Behavioral Health & Substance Use	Alcohol and drug management, treatment, and rehabilitation	H0010, H0011, H0012, H0013, H0015, H0018, H0019, H0035, H0036, H0038, H0040, H2012, H2015, H2016, H2020, H2022, H2033, H2034, H2035
	Intensive Behavioral Health & Crisis Services (PHP/IOP/Crisis)	S9480, S9484, S9485
	Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing	96111, 96112, 96113, 96116, 96118, 96119, 96120, 96121, 96125, 96130, 96131, 96132, 96133, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139, 96146
	Psychological and psychiatric evaluation and therapy	90832, 90834, 90837, 90846, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90870, 90899, 96101, 96102, 96103
Cardiovascular & Thoracic Procedures	Conversion of cardiac rhythm	92960, 92961, 93609, 93613, 93619, 93620, 93621, 93622, 93623, 93650, 93653, 93654, 93655, 93656, 93657, 93662
	Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)	33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33530, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536, 33768
	Embolectomy and Endarterectomy	35301, 35302, 35303, 35304, 35305, 35306, 35351, 35355, 35371, 35372, 35390
	Heart valve procedures	33361, 33362, 33363, 33364, 33365, 33366, 33367, 33368, 33369, 33405, 33406, 33410, 33411, 33412, 33413, 33425, 33426, 33427, 33430, 33440, 33465, 33475, 33477, 33572, 33641, 33820, 33840, 33917, 33924
	Insertion, revision, replacement, removal of cardiac pacemaker/Defibrillator	33202, 33203, 33206, 33207, 33208, 33210, 33211, 33212, 33213, 33214, 33215, 33216, 33217, 33218, 33220, 33221, 33222, 33223, 33224, 33225, 33226, 33227, 33228, 33229, 33230, 33231, 33233, 33234, 33235, 33236, 33237, 33240, 33241, 33243, 33244, 33249, 33262, 33263, 33264, 33270, 33271, 33272, 33273, 33276, 33277, 33285, 33286, 33288
	Lobectomy, Pneumonectomy, and Mediastinal Procedures	31755, 32850, 32851, 32852, 32853, 32854, 33935, 33945, 39499
	Mechanical Circulatory Support and Transplantation	S2235
	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)	92920, 92924, 92928, 92933, 92937, 92943, 92972, 92973, 92974, 92978, 92979, 92986, 92987, 92997, 92998
	Peripheral vascular bypass	35001, 35011, 35141, 35151, 35500, 35556, 35558, 35566, 35571, 35572, 35583, 35585, 35587, 35600, 35621, 35646, 35654, 35656, 35661, 35665, 35666, 35671, 35700, 35881, 35883, 35884, 36218, 36836, 36837, 37215, 37220, 37221, 37224, 37225, 37226, 37227, 37228, 37229, 37230, 37231, 37232, 37233, 37234, 37235, 37236,

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		37237, 37238, 37239, 37241, 37242, 37243, 37244, 37246, 37247, 37248, 37249
	Varicose vein stripping, lower limb	36465, 36466, 36470, 36471, 36473, 36474, 36475, 36476, 36478, 36479, 37500, 37700, 37718, 37722, 37760, 37761, 37765, 37766, 37780, 37785
	Vascular Repairs, Open Trauma, and Ligation	37799
Consultation & Evaluation Services	Consultation, evaluation, and preventative care	95199, 99183, 99199, G0455
Diagnostic Cardiology	Diagnostic cardiac catheterization, coronary arteriography	93451, 93452, 93453, 93454, 93455, 93456, 93457, 93458, 93459, 93460, 93461, 93462, 93463, 93464, 93505, 93563, 93564, 93565, 93566, 93567, 93568, 93571, 93572, 93580, 93581, 93582, 93584, 93585, 93586, 93587, 93588, 93590, 93591, 93592
	Diagnostic ultrasound of heart (echocardiogram)	93303, 93304, 93306, 93307, 93308, 93312, 93313, 93314, 93315, 93316, 93317, 93318, 93350, 93351
	Electrographic cardiac monitoring	93292, 93745
Diagnostic Neurology	Electroencephalogram (EEG), Sleep Studies, and Neurodiagnostics	95782, 95783, 95711, 95712, 95713, 95714, 95715, 95716, 95800, 95805, 95806, 95807, 95808, 95810, 95811, 95851, 95852
Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging	Arterio- or Venogram (Including Aortography)	36005, 36140, 36200, 36215, 36216, 36217, 36245, 36246, 36247, 36251, 36252, 36253, 36254, 75625, 75630, 75635, 75710, 75716, 75726, 75736
	Computerized axial tomography (CT) Imaging	70450, 70460, 70470, 70480, 70481, 70482, 70486, 70487, 70488, 70490, 70491, 70492, 70496, 70498, 71250, 71260, 71270, 71271, 71275, 72125, 72126, 72127, 72128, 72129, 72130, 72131, 72132, 72133, 72191, 72192, 72193, 72194, 72198, 73200, 73201, 73202, 73206, 73700, 73701, 73702, 73706, 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723, 73725, 74150, 74160, 74170, 74174, 74175, 74176, 74177, 74178, 75572, 75573, 75574
	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI/MRA)	70540, 70542, 70543, 70544, 70545, 70546, 70547, 70548, 70549, 70551, 70552, 70553, 70554, 70555, 71550, 71551, 71552, 71555, 72141, 72142, 72146, 72147, 72148, 72149, 72156, 72157, 72158, 72159, 72195, 72196, 72197, 73218, 73219, 73220, 73221, 73222, 73223, 73225, 74181, 74182, 74183, 74185, 75557, 75561, 77046, 77047, 77048, 77049
	Other diagnostic ultrasound	76883, 76937, 76979
	Radioisotope scan, PET, and Nuclear Medicine	78199, 78299, 78399, 78451, 78452, 78453, 78454, 78459, 78466, 78468, 78469, 78472, 78473, 78481, 78483, 78491, 78492, 78494, 78599, 78608, 78609, 78699, 78799, 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816, 78999
	Standard X-Ray and Radiography	70336, 76145, 76380, 76391, 76497, 76498, 77014, 77078, 77084
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	DME and supplies	T1999
	Orthotics, Prosthetics, and OPSS Devices	L7510, L8619, L8691, L8692

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Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Surgery	Diagnostic procedures on nose, mouth, pharynx, and ear	30469, 30520, 30620, 30999, 31295, 31296, 31297, 31298, 31299, 40899, 41010, 41115, 41520, 42145, 42975, 69300, 69714, 69716, 69930, 69979
Gastroenterology Procedures	Gastrointestinal endoscopy (and Diagnostics)	45399, 45999, 91110, 91113
General & Abdominal Surgery	Appendectomy	44979
	Cholecystectomy and common duct exploration	47562, 47563, 47570
	Exploratory laparotomy (and Major Open Abdominal)	45499, 47135, 47141, 47379, 48160, 48554, 49999, 60699
	Gastric bypass and volume reduction (Bariatric)	43280, 43289, 43497, 43499, 43633, 43644, 43645, 43659, 43770, 43775, 43842, 43843, 43845, 43846, 43847, 43848
	Gastric, Esophageal, and Bariatric Structural Surgery	43999
	Laparoscopy	44238, 49329
	Other hernia repair	39599, 49659
	Small bowel resection/ Resection & Stoma	44132, 44135, 44799, 44899
Gynecological Surgery	Hysterectomy, abdominal and vaginal	58150, 58180, 58260, 58262, 58263, 58267, 58270, 58275, 58285, 58290, 58291, 58292, 58294, 58541, 58542, 58543, 58544, 58550, 58552, 58553, 58554, 58570, 58571, 58572, 58573
	Minor Gyn, Non-Hysterectomy & Maternity	56625, 56640, 56800, 56805, 56810, 57106, 57107, 57110, 57111, 57292, 57335, 57426, 58579
	Other gynecological surgery (Ovary/Tubal)	58720
Hematology & Oncology Procedures	Blood and blood product transfusion	S2142
	Bone marrow transplant	38209, 38240, 38241, 38242, S2150
	Lymph Node and Hemic System Surgery	38129
	Therapeutic radiology (Radiation Oncology)	77261, 77262, 77263, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77300, 77301, 77306, 77307, 77316, 77317, 77318, 77321, 77331, 77332, 77333, 77334, 77336, 77338, 77370, 77371, 77372, 77373, 77385, 77386, 77387, 77401, 77402, 77407, 77412, 77417, 77423, 77427, 77431, 77432, 77435, 77470, 77520, 77522, 77523, 77525, 77750, 77761, 77762, 77763, 77767, 77768, 77770, 77771, 77772, 77778, 77789, 77790
Home Health & Community Services	Home Nursing Services	G0299, G0300, G0495, T1000, T1017, T1020, T1021
	Nonhospital-based care (e.g., home health care, hospice)	99509, G0151, G0152, G0153, G0155, G0156, G0157, G0158, G0159, G0160, G0161, G0162, G0493, G0494, G2168, G2169, S9122, S9123, S9124, S9128, S9129, S9131
	Supplemental & State-Waiver Services	S5110, S5145, S5150, S5165, T2027, T2033
Integumentary Procedures	Blepharoplasty and Brow Procedures	15820, 15821, 15822, 15823, 67901, 67902, 67903, 67904, 67906, 67908, 67909, 67911, 67912, 67950, 67999

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	Breast Reconstruction and Mastectomy	19300, 19303, 19316, 19318, 19325, 19328, 19330, 19340, 19342, 19350, 19355, 19370, 19371, 19380, 19499
	Complex Reconstruction & Grafts (Skin Substitutes)	Q4104, Q4116, Q4121, Q4186
	Skin graft	15271, 15272, 15273, 15274, 15275, 15276, 15277, 15278
	Wound Repair & Destruction of Lesions	17360, 17380, 17999
Laboratory & Pathology Services	Genetic and Molecular Testing	81105, 81106, 81107, 81108, 81109, 81110, 81111, 81112, 81120, 81121, 81161, 81162, 81163, 81164, 81165, 81166, 81167, 81171, 81172, 81173, 81174, 81175, 81176, 81191, 81192, 81193, 81194, 81200, 81201, 81202, 81203, 81204, 81206, 81207, 81208, 81210, 81212, 81215, 81216, 81217, 81218, 81219, 81220, 81221, 81222, 81223, 81224, 81225, 81226, 81227, 81228, 81229, 81233, 81235, 81236, 81237, 81240, 81241, 81242, 81243, 81244, 81245, 81246, 81251, 81255, 81256, 81257, 81258, 81259, 81269, 81270, 81271, 81272, 81274, 81279, 81287, 81288, 81291, 81292, 81293, 81294, 81295, 81296, 81297, 81298, 81299, 81300, 81301, 81302, 81303, 81304, 81307, 81308, 81309, 81310, 81311, 81315, 81316, 81317, 81318, 81319, 81320, 81329, 81331, 81332, 81334, 81336, 81337, 81338, 81339, 81345, 81347, 81348, 81349, 81351, 81352, 81353, 81357, 81360, 81361, 81362, 81363, 81364, 81401, 81404, 81405, 81406, 81407, 81408, 81412, 81415, 81416, 81417, 81420, 81422, 81425, 81426, 81427, 81432, 81435, 81437, 81441, 81442, 81443, 81457, 81458, 81459, 81462, 81463, 81464, 81479, 81507, 81518, 81519, 81520, 81521, 81522, 81523, 81546
	Immunology	86849
	Laboratory - Chemistry, Hematology, and Blood Bank	81099, 82731, 84999, 85999, 89240, 89300, 89325
	Microscopic examination (bacterial, toxicology)	87999, G0481, G0482, G0483
	Proprietary Lab Analyses (PLA Codes)	0001U, 0018U, 0022U, 0026U, 0037U, 0048U, 0094U, 0101U, 0102U, 0103U, 0111U, 0113U, 0114U, 0118U, 0120U, 0129U, 0130U, 0131U, 0132U, 0133U, 0134U, 0135U, 0136U, 0137U, 0138U, 0162U, 0172U, 0204U, 0209U, 0211U, 0212U, 0213U, 0230U, 0234U, 0238U, 0239U, 0242U, 0244U, 0245U, 0250U, 0287U, 0326U, 0329U, 0334U, 0364U, 0379U, 0388U, 0391U, 0395U, 0409U, 0414U, 0417U
Medication & Pharmacy	Medications (Injections, infusions and other forms)	J1411, J1412, J1413, J1414, J3392, J3393, J3394, J3398, J3399, J8499, J9274, J9307, J9348, Q2041, Q2042, Q2043, Q2053, Q2054, Q2055, Q2058
Neurosurgery	Incision and excision of CNS	61720, 64999
	Insertion of catheter or spinal stimulator	61889, 62320, 62321, 62322, 62323, 62350, 62351, 62360, 62361, 62362, 62380, 63650, 63655, 63661, 63662, 63663, 63664, 63685, 63688, 64561, 64575, 64581, 64590, 64596, 64597
	Peripheral nerve procedures	64721

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Ophthalmology & Vision Care	Glaucoma & Eyeball Procedures	65765, 65767, 67399, 67715, 68899
	Lens and cataract procedures	66989, 66991
Orthopedic & Spine Surgery	Foot & Ankle Surgery	28285, 28725, 28899
	General Orthopedics, Trauma, & Fracture Treatment	21120, 21121, 21122, 21123, 21125, 21127, 21137, 21138, 21139, 21142, 21150, 21151, 21155, 21160, 21184, 21208, 21209, 21210, 21215, 21230, 21235, 21240, 21242, 21243, 21244, 21247, 21255, 21260, 21261, 21268, 21270, 21280, 21282, 21295, 21296, 21299, 21899, 22101, 22102, 22103, 22110, 22112, 22114, 22116, 22220, 22222, 22224, 22512, 22513, 22514, 22515, 22532, 22856, 22861, 22864, 22865, 23120, 23125, 23130, 23700, 23929, 24363, 24366, 24370, 24371, 25332, 25441, 25442, 25443, 25444, 25445, 25446, 25492, 27096, 27125, 27278, 27279, 27403, 27405, 27407, 27409, 27415, 27416, 27418, 27420, 27422, 27424, 27425, 27427, 27428, 27429, 27438, 27570, 27599, 27702
	Major Joint Reconstruction & Arthroscopy	23405, 23410, 23412, 23415, 23420, 23430, 23450, 23455, 23460, 23462, 23465, 23466, 23470, 23472, 23473, 23474, 27130, 27132, 27134, 27137, 27138, 27332, 27333, 27446, 27447, 27486, 27487, 29805, 29806, 29807, 29819, 29820, 29821, 29822, 29823, 29824, 29825, 29826, 29827, 29828, 29848, 29860, 29861, 29862, 29863, 29866, 29867, 29870, 29873, 29874, 29875, 29876, 29877, 29879, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29883, 29884, 29885, 29886, 29887, 29888, 29889, 29899, 29900, 29902, 29914, 29915, 29916, 29999
	Orthopedic Supplies, Casting, & Wound Care	29799
	Spine Surgery (Fusion, Laminectomy, & Deformity)	22533, 22548, 22551, 22552, 22554, 22558, 22590, 22595, 22600, 22612, 22614, 22630, 22633, 22830, 22847, 22848, 22849, 63001, 63003, 63005, 63011, 63012, 63015, 63016, 63017, 63020, 63030, 63040, 63042, 63045, 63046, 63047, 63050, 63051, 63055, 63056, 63064, 63066, 63075, 63077, 63078, 63085, 63086, 63185, 63190, 63191, G0277
Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy	Chiropractic Services	98940, 98941, 98942
	PT/OT/Speech therapy	97110, 97112, 97113, 97116, 97124, 97129, 97130, 97140, 97151, 97152, 97153, 97154, 97155, 97156, 97157, 97530, 97533, 97535, 97542
	Therapy Modalities (Ultrasound, Traction, Stim)	97010, 97012, 97014, 97016, 97018, 97022, 97024, 97026, 97028, 97032, 97033, 97034, 97035, 97036, 97750, 97760, 97761, 97763, 97799, G0283
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	Cosmetic & Functional Reconstructive Surgery	11950, 11951, 11952, 11954, 15780, 15781, 15782, 15783, 15786, 15787, 15788, 15789, 15792, 15793, 15830, 15832, 15833, 15834, 15835, 15836, 15837, 15838, 15839, 15847
	Plastic procedures on nose (Rhinoplasty)	30400, 30410, 30420, 30430, 30435, 30450, 30465, 30468
Respiratory Services	Pulmonary Function Tests (PFTs) & Diagnostics	94660, 94799

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Speech, Language, and Hearing Services	Hearing and Speech Evaluations	92507, 92508, 92526, 92612, 92614, 92616
	Hearing devices and audiology supplies	V5014, V5050, V5060, V5130, V5264, V5267, V5274
Therapeutic Injections & Infusions	Injections: muscles, tendons, bursa, joints, soft tissue	11960, 11970, 11980
	Therapeutic infusion Services (Chemotherapy)	96549
Transportation Services	Transportation - patient, provider, equipment	A0100, A0110, A0120, A0130, A0140, A0160, A0180, A0190, A0200, A0210, A0426, A0428, A0999
Urological & Kidney Surgery	Diagnostic procedures, male genital (includes minor surgery)	54125, 54520, 54660, 54690, 54699, 55175, 55180, 55899
	Kidney transplant	50300, 50320, 50340, 50360, 50365, 50370, 50380, S2065
	Nephrectomy and Major Urinary Tract Reconstruction	50549, 53410, 53415, 53420, 53425, 53430, 53460, 54360, 54385, 54400, 54401, 54405, 54406, 54408, 54410, 54411, 54415, 54416, 54420
	Nephrectomy, partial or complete	50045
	Open prostatectomy	55867
	Other diagnostic procedures of urinary tract	51715, 53899