

# PROVIDER Update



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## Prior Authorization Changes, Effective April 1, 2025, and July 1, 2025

### Learn what codes have been added or removed to the prior authorization requirements

The following update includes changes to prior authorization (PA) requirements for Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) physicians and other providers.

#### How to access prior authorization requirements

Access the Medicare Prior Authorization requirements via either option below:

- Provider Library – Go to [providerlibrary.healthnetcalifornia.com](https://providerlibrary.healthnetcalifornia.com), select *Medicare Advantage*, then select *Prior Authorization Requirements* on the left-hand side.
- Prior Authorization page on Healthnet.com – Go to <https://bit.ly/HN-Prior-Auth> and select the *Medicare - California* Prior Authorization List.

#### HCPCS code additions, effective April 1, 2025

The following procedures, services (including durable medical equipment [DME]) and outpatient pharmaceuticals require PA, effective April 1, 2025, per new CPT and HCPCS codes issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>
0531U	Infectious disease (acid-fast bacteria and invasive fungi), DNA (673 organisms), next-generation sequencing, plasma	Genetic testing
0532U	Rare diseases (constitutional disease/hereditary disorders), rapid whole genome and mitochondrial DNA sequencing for single-nucleotide variants, insertions/deletions, copy number variations, peripheral blood, buffy coat, saliva, buccal or tissue sample, results reported as positive or negative	Genetic testing
0533U	Drug metabolism (adverse drug reactions and drug response), genotyping of 16 genes (i.e., ABCG2, CYP2B6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2C, CYP2D6, CYP3A5, CYP4F2, DPYD, G6PD, GGCX, NUDT15, SLCO1B1, TPMT, UGT1A1, VKORC1), reported as metabolizer status and transporter function	Genetic testing
0534U	Oncology (prostate), microRNA, single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) analysis by RT-PCR of 32 variants, using buccal swab, algorithm reported as a risk score	Genetic testing
0536U	Red blood cell antigen (fetal RhD), PCR analysis of exon 4 of RHD gene and housekeeping control gene GAPDH from whole blood in pregnant individuals at 10+ weeks gestation known to be RhD negative, reported as fetal RhD status	Genetic testing
0537U	Oncology (colorectal cancer), analysis of cell-free DNA for epigenomic patterns, next-generation sequencing, > 2500 differentially methylated regions (DMRs), plasma, algorithm reported as positive or negative	Genetic testing
0538U	Oncology (solid tumor), next-generation targeted sequencing analysis, formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tumor tissue, DNA analysis of 600 genes, interrogation for single-nucleotide variants, insertions/deletions, gene rearrangements, and copy number alterations, microsatellite instability, tumor mutation burden, reported as actionable variant	Genetic testing
0539U	Oncology (solid tumor), cell-free circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA), 152 genes, next-generation sequencing, interrogation for single-nucleotide variants, insertions/deletions, gene rearrangements, copy number alterations, and microsatellite instability, using whole-blood samples, mutations with clinical actionability reported as actionable variant	Genetic testing
0540U	Transplantation medicine, quantification of donor-derived cell-free DNA using next-generation sequencing analysis of plasma, reported as percentage of donor-derived cell-free DNA to determine probability of rejection	Genetic testing
0543U	Oncology (solid tumor), next-generation sequencing of DNA from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue of 517 genes, interrogation for single-nucleotide variants, multi-nucleotide variants,	Genetic testing

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	insertions and deletions from DNA, fusions in 24 genes and splice variants in 1 gene from RNA, and tumor mutation burden	
0544U	Nephrology (transplant monitoring), 48 variants by digital PCR, using cell-free DNA from plasma, donor-derived cell-free DNA, percentage reported as risk for rejection	Genetic testing
0549U	Oncology (urothelial), DNA, quantitative methylated real-time PCR of TRNA-Cys, SIM2, and NKX1-1, using urine, diagnostic algorithm reported as a probability index for bladder cancer and/or upper tract urothelial carcinoma (UTUC)	Genetic testing
A2030	Miro3D® fibers, per mg	Wound care
A2031	MiroDry™ Wound Matrix, per sq cm	Wound care
A2032	Myriad Matrix™, per sq cm	Wound care
A2033	Myriad Morcells™, 4 mg	Wound care
A2034	Foundation DRS Solo®, per sq cm	Wound care
A2035	Corplex P™ or Theracor P™ or Allacor P™, per mg	Wound care
C8005	Bronchoscopy, rigid or flexible, non-thermal transbronchial ablation of lesion(s) by pulsed electric field (PEF) energy, including fluoroscopic and/or ultrasound guidance, when performed, with computed tomography acquisition(s) and 3D rendering, computer-assisted, image-guided navigation, and endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) guided transtracheal and/or transbronchial sampling (e.g., aspiration[s]/biopsy[ies]) of all mediastinal and/or hilar lymph node stations or structures, and therapeutic intervention(s)	Experimental/investigational services and new technologies
C9301	Obecabtagene autoleucel, up to 410 million CD19 CAR-positive viable T cells, including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per therapeutic dose	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
C9302	Injection, zanidatamab-hrij, 2 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
C9303	Injection, zolbetuximab-clzb, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
C9304	Injection, marstacimab-hncq, 0.5 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
E1032	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware used with joystick or other drive control interface	DME
E1033	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware for headrest, cushioned, any type	DME
E1034	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware for lateral trunk or hip support, any type	DME

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>
E1832	Static progressive stretch finger device, extension and/or flexion, with or without range of motion adjustment, includes all components and accessories	DME
J1072	Injection, testosterone cypionate (Azmiro™), 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J1299	Injection, eculizumab, 2 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J2351	Injection, ocrelizumab, 1 mg and hyaluronidase-ocsq	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J2428	Injection, paliperidone palmitate extended release (Erzofri®), 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J7521	Tacrolimus®, granules, oral suspension, 0.1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J9024	Injection, atezolizumab, 5 mg and hyaluronidase-tqjs	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J9038	Injection, axatilimab-csfr, 0.1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J9054	Injection, bortezomib (Boruzu), 0.1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J9161	Injection, denileukin diftitox-cxdl, 1 mcg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
L0720	Cervical-thoracic-lumbar-sacral-orthoses (CTLSO), anterior-posterior-lateral control, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise	Orthotics
L1933	Ankle foot orthosis (AFO), rigid anterior tibial section, total carbon fiber or equal material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	Orthotics
L1952	Ankle foot orthosis (AFO), spiral, (Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine-type), plastic or other material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	Orthotics
L5827	Endoskeletal knee-shin system, single axis, electromechanical swing and stance phase control, with or without shock absorption and stance extension damping	Orthotics
L6028	Partial hand including fingers, flexible or non-flexible interface, endoskeletal system, molded to patient model, for use without external power, not including inserts described by L6692	Prosthetics
L6029	Upper extremity addition, test socket/interface, partial hand including fingers	Prosthetics
L6031	Replacement socket/interface, partial hand including fingers, molded to patient model, for use with or without external power	Prosthetics

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>
L6032	Addition to upper extremity prosthesis, partial hand including fingers, ultralight material (titanium, carbon fiber or equal)	Prosthetics
L6033	Addition to upper extremity prosthesis, partial hand including fingers, acrylic material	Prosthetics
L6700	Upper extremity addition, external powered feature, myoelectronic control module, additional EMG inputs, pattern-recognition decoding intent movement	Prosthetics
L7406	Addition to upper extremity, user adjustable, mechanical, residual limb volume management system	Prosthetics
Q2057	Afamitresgene autoleucel, including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per therapeutic dose	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q4354	PalinGen® Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4355	Abiomend® Xplus Membrane and Abiomend Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4356	Abiomend Membrane and Abiomend Hydromembrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4357	XWRAP Plus®, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4358	XWRAP Dual®, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4359	ChoriPly, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4360	AmchoPlast FD®, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4361	EPIXPRESS™, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4362	CYGNUUS® Disk, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4363	Amnio Burgeon Membrane and Hydromembrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4364	Amnio Burgeon Xplus Membrane and Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4365	Amnio Burgeon Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4366	Dual Layer Amnio Burgeon X-Membrane, per sq cm	Wound care
Q4367	AmnioCore SL™, per sq cm	Wound care
Q5147	Injection, aflibercept-ayyh (Pavblu™), biosimilar, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q5148	Injection, filgrastim-txid (Nypozi™), biosimilar, 1 mcg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q5149	Injection, aflibercept-abzv (Enzeevu™), biosimilar, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q5150	Injection, aflibercept-mrbb (Ahzantive®), biosimilar, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q5151	Injection, eculizumab-aagh (Epysqli®), biosimilar, 2 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications

Code	Description	Category
Q5152	Injection, eculizumab-aeeb (Bkemv™), biosimilar, 2 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q9999	Injection, ustekinumab-aaaz (Otulfi™), biosimilar, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications

### HCPCS code additions, effective July 1, 2025

The below HCPCS codes require prior authorization, effective July 1, 2025.

Code	Description	Category
E1012	Wheelchair accessory, addition to power seating system, center mount power elevating leg rest/platform, complete system, any type	DME
J9271	Injection Pembrolizumab, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
J9299	Injection Nivolumab, 1 mg	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications
Q4205	Membrane graft or membrane wrap, per sq cm	Wound care
Q5104	Injection, Renflexis®	Outpatient pharmaceuticals: Part B medications

### CPT and HCPCS code removals, effective July 1, 2025

The below CPT and HCPCS codes no longer require prior authorization, effective July 1, 2025.

Code	Description	Category
E1038	Transport chair, adult size, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds	DME
E1392	Portable oxygen concentrator, rental	DME
E2210	Wheelchair accessory, bearings, any type, replacement only, each	DME
E2359	Power wheelchair accessory, group 34 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glass mat)	DME
E2361	Power wheelchair accessory, 22 NF sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)	DME
E2363	Power wheelchair accessory, group 24 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)	DME
E2365	Power wheelchair accessory, U-1 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)	DME
E2606	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 in or greater, any depth	DME
E2607	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 in, any depth	DME
E2624	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width less than 22 in, any depth	DME

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>
K0019	Arm pad, replacement only, each	DME
K0043	Footrest, lower extension tube, replacement only, each	DME
K0077	Front caster assembly, complete, with solid tire, replacement only, each	DME
K0733	Power wheelchair accessory, 12 to 24 amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)	DME
K0738	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; home compressor used to fill portable oxygen cylinders; includes portable containers, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing	DME
77078	Computed tomography, bone mineral density study, 1 or more sites, axial skeleton (e.g., hips, pelvis, spine)	Advanced imaging: Computed tomography (CT)
E0184	Dry pressure mattress	DME
E0431	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing	DME
E0443	Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit	DME
E0601	Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device	DME
E0720	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device, two-lead, localized stimulation	DME
E0730	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device, four or more leads, for multiple nerve stimulation	DME
E0953	Wheelchair accessory, lateral thigh or knee support, any type including fixed mounting hardware, each	DME
E0954	Wheelchair accessory, foot box, any type, includes attachment and mounting hardware, each foot	DME
E0956	Wheelchair accessory, lateral trunk or hip support, any type, including fixed mounting hardware, each	DME
E0973	Wheelchair accessory, adjustable height, detachable armrest, complete assembly, each	DME
E0990	Wheelchair accessory, elevating leg rest, complete assembly, each	DME
81257	HBA1/HBA2 (alpha globin 1 and alpha globin 2) (e.g., alpha thalassemia, Hb Bart hydrops fetalis syndrome, HbH disease), gene analysis; common deletions or variant (e.g., Southeast Asian, Thai, Filipino, Mediterranean, alpha3.7, alpha4.2, alpha20.5, Constant Spring)	Genetic testing
93308	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, follow-up or limited study	Cardiac
93320	Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging); complete	Cardiac

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>
93325	Doppler echocardiography color flow velocity mapping (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiography)	Cardiac
93356	Myocardial strain imaging using speckle tracking-derived assessment of myocardial mechanics (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiography imaging)	Cardiac
97605	Negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum assisted drainage collection), utilizing durable medical equipment (DME), including topical application(s), wound assessment, and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area less than or equal to 50 square centimeters	Wound care
97606	Negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum assisted drainage collection), utilizing durable medical equipment (DME), including topical application(s), wound assessment, and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area greater than 50 square centimeters	Wound care

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