Effective July 1: Updates to prior authorization requirements

We want to let you know about some recent and upcoming changes to the Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) prior authorization requirements. Please be sure your clinical teams receive this information.

Starting July 1, 2022, prior authorization will be required for the following drug codes. This applies to all BCBSAZ group and individual commercial plans as well as the Medicare Advantage plans we administer.

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Code	Description
J0172	INJECTION, ADUCANUMAB-AVWA, 2 MG
J1096	DEXAMETHASONE, LACRIMAL OPHTHALMIC INSERT, 0.1 MG
J1095	INJECTION, DEXAMETHASONE 9%, INTRAOCULAR, 1 MCG

We recently added these two codes for uterine fibroid treatment to the group and individual commercial plan requirements:

Code	Description
0404T	TRANSCERVICAL UTERINE FIBROID(S) ABLATION WITH ULTRASOUND GUIDANCE, RADIOFREQUENCY
58674	LAPAROSCOPY, SURGICAL, ABLATION OF UTERINE FIBROID(S) INCLUDING INTRAOPERATIVE ULTRASOUND GUIDANCE AND MONITORING, RADIOFREQUENCY

eviCore updates their prior authorization requirements on a quarterly basis. We review these changes and update our code lists and lookup tool accordingly.

Look for new codes around the first of the month

We typically add new codes to our prior authorization requirements around the first of each month. When a new code becomes available, be sure to check to see if it requires prior authorization.

Where to find prior authorization requirements

You can use the prior authorization lookup tool to check requirements for our commercial group plans. For code lists, log in to azblue.com and go to "Practice Management > Prior Authorization > BCBSAZ Plans-Prior Auth Code Lists." For more information about our prior authorization requirements for all lines of business, see the 2022 Provider Operating Guide, Section 11. If you have questions about these updates, contact your provider liaison or call us at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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