

BCBSAZ Rx prior authorization now available through Surescripts

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Good news! Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) now partners with Surescripts® for quick and efficient electronic prior authorization (ePA) of medications covered under pharmacy benefits.

Surescripts is a health information company focused on increasing safety, lowering costs, and improving quality. The Surescripts electronic platform will enhance our ability to respond to your authorization requests in a more comprehensive, rapid, and effective way.

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Mobilize AZSM offers patients and families
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If you are already using Surescripts in your office, you can now request ePA for BCBSAZ members.

Advantages of requesting prior authorization through Surescripts

The Surescripts prior authorization portal is very user-friendly and delivers fast, accurate approvals for multiple payers. Perhaps you're already familiar with the ease of using Surescripts ePA. The process allows you to see coverage and documentation requirements before submitting a request. Your dashboard keeps you updated on the status of your requests.

Many EHR systems are certified for ePA. For more information, you can visit the [Surescripts website](#) and scroll down to the FAQ section for a list of EHRs that have ePA capability.

Available only for benefit plans that use BCBSAZ for pharmacy benefit coverage

You can use Surescripts ePA for plans that use BCBSAZ for pharmacy benefit coverage. Look for our Rx BIN number **603017** on the member ID card. We manage pharmacy benefits for our individual plans and most of our group plans. However, some of our large, self-funded groups use a third-party PBM as indicated on the back of the ID card. Other exclusions include:

- BlueCard® (out-of-area) plans—check the member ID card
- Corporate Health Services (CHS) group plans (these [network-rental plans](#) are administered by a third-party administrator [TPA])—check the member ID card
- Federal Employee Program® (FEP®) plans—CVS Caremark manages prior approval
- Medicare Advantage plans—MedImpact manages prior authorization for Part D drugs
- BCBSAZ-TPA co-administered plans—check the member ID card

More information

For more information, visit the Surescripts [prior authorization page](#) and [prior authorization portal](#).

Surescripts and MedImpact are separate, independent companies contracted with BCBSAZ to provide pharmacy benefit management services.

CVS Caremark is a separate, independent company that provides pharmacy benefit management services to FEP members.

Our members can take a digital ID card with them wherever they go with the MyBlue AZSM mobile app.

