

## New precertification requirement for EGD services begins January 1, 2019

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Beginning with dates of service on and after **January 1, 2019**, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will expand precertification requirements to include upper gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy, also referred to as esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), a separate company, will administer this EGD review on behalf of Anthem.

EGD procedures will be reviewed against clinical guideline CG-MED-59, Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, for clinical appropriateness and to help ensure care aligns with established evidence-based medicine. Please note, procedures performed in an inpatient or observation setting, or on an emergent basis will not be reviewed under CG-MED-59.

A complete list of EGD CPT codes requiring precertification is available on the [www.aimproviders.com/surgicalprocedures](http://www.aimproviders.com/surgicalprocedures)

### Submit a request for review

Starting **December 19, 2018**, ordering providers may submit precertification requests for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, to AIM in one of the following ways:

- Access AIM *ProviderPortal*SM directly at [providerportal.com](http://providerportal.com). Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at [availity.com](http://availity.com).
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 866-789-0158, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

Please note, this review does not apply to the following plans: BlueCard®, Federal Employee Program® (FEP®), Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplemental plans.

Providers can view precertification requirements for Anthem members at Coverage & Clinical UM Guidelines, and Pre-Cert Requirements at the Virginia provider section of [anthem.com](http://anthem.com). **Providers should continue to verify eligibility and benefits for all members prior to rendering services.**

For questions, please contact the Provider Service number on the back of the member ID card.

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