

New precertification requirements for certain cardiovascular diagnostic and interventional services begins January 1, 2019

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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our affiliate HealthKeepers Inc. are committed to helping ensure our members receive patient care that is consistent with recognized best practices. To support this goal, beginning with dates of service on and after **January 1, 2019**, Anthem will expand our cardiovascular program to require precertification for arterial ultrasound, cardiac catheterization, and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). The program will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), a separate company administering the program on behalf of Anthem.

Please note that all Anthem local members who currently require precertification for high-tech imaging and echocardiograms are included in the program. The program does not apply to Federal Employee Program® (FEP). **Additionally, procedures performed in an inpatient setting or on an emergent basis are not included in the program.**

Arterial ultrasound, cardiac catheterization, and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) services will be reviewed using AIM clinical guidelines which are available at aimproviders.com/cardiology/.

Ordering physicians may submit to AIM a precertification request in one of several ways:

- Access AIM *ProviderPortal*SM directly at 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.
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 866-789-0158, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Anthem recognizes that the necessity for arterial duplex imaging or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) may not be identified by providers until their patients have undergone a

physiologic study or cardiac catheterization. We ask that you contact AIM no later than 10 business days after you perform arterial duplex imaging or PCI, but before you submit the claim, to request clinical appropriateness review. The following codes will be reviewed by AIM as part of the program:

CPT	Description
93922	Limited bilateral noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries
93923	Complete bilateral noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, 3 or more levels
93924	Noninvasive physiologic studies of lower extremity arteries, at rest and following treadmill stress testing
93925	Duplex scan of lower extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study
93926	Duplex scan of lower extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study
93930	Duplex scan of upper extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study
93931	Duplex scan of upper extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study
93978	Duplex scan of aorta, inferior vena cava, iliac vasculature, or bypass grafts; complete study
93979	Duplex scan of aorta, inferior vena cava, iliac vasculature, or bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study
93880	Duplex scan of extracranial arteries; complete bilateral study
93882	Duplex scan of extracranial arteries; unilateral or limited study
93454	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography
93455	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography
93456	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with right heart catheterization
93457	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization
93458	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography
93459	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography
93460	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography
93461	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left

	ventriculography, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography
92920	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty; single major coronary artery or branch
92924	Percutaneous transluminal coronary atherectomy, with coronary angioplasty when performed; single major coronary artery or branch
92928	Percutaneous transcatheter placement of intracoronary stent(s), with coronary angioplasty when performed; single major coronary artery or branch
92933	Percutaneous transluminal coronary atherectomy, with intracoronary stent, with coronary angioplasty when performed; single major coronary artery or branch
92937	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of or through coronary artery bypass graft (internal mammary, free arterial, venous), any combination of intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty, including distal protection when performed; single vessel
92943	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of chronic total occlusion, coronary artery, coronary artery branch, or coronary artery bypass graft, any combination of intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty; single vessel

For questions regarding precertification or prior authorization requirements, please contact the provider service number on the back of the member ID card.

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