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Prior authorization requirements for the below codes (January 1, 2021)

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On **January 1, 2021**, Empire BlueCross BlueShield prior authorization (PA) requirements changed for codes below. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

See [attached for a list of prior authorization requirements](#) that will be added.

Not all prior authorization requirements are listed here. Prior authorization requirements are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool at www.availability.com at <https://www.empireblue.com/medicareprovider> > Login. Contracted and non-contracted providers who are unable to access Availability* may call the number on the back of the member's ID card.

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