

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

February 6, 2023

Prior Authorization Changes Postponed

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York (BCBSWNY) is postponing authorization requirement changes for some musculoskeletal (MSK) procedures and interventional pain management, molecular and genomic testing, and radiation oncology services for all lines of business **for the foreseeable future**.

We value our relationships with our providers and made the decision to delay these programs based on your concerns about the volume of changes taking place right now.

Educational webinars that were scheduled to begin next week will be rescheduled. We will send updated registration information and webinar dates prior to implementation of these eviCore programs.

Advanced Imaging and Cardiology Services for Medicare Advantage Members

The above change has **no impact** on prior authorization requirements for advanced imaging and cardiology services for Medicare Advantage members. Effective **March 1, 2023**, those services will be managed by eviCore. Advanced imaging and cardiology services prior authorization requests for all other lines of business migrated to eviCore throughout 2022 and are also not impacted by the above change.

Note: Prior authorization requirements for the advanced imaging and cardiology services for Medicare Advantage Members are waived until **March 1, 2023**.

Learn More

You can learn more about the programs on the Highmark BCBSWNY Provider Resource Center under **CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** in the left-hand menu.

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