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Hello there.

We have important news for you.

July 2022

Reminders and 90-day notices

We regularly review and adjust our clinical, payment and coding policies. Review our policies and claim edits on our provider portal, Availity®. Just go to **Payer Space > Resources > Expanded Claim Edits**. Or you may visit [Aetna.com](https://www.aetna.com) to see them.

Here's what you need to know:

Changes to our National Precertification List (NPL)

This update applies to both our commercial and Medicare members.

Effective July 1, 2022, the following precertification changes apply:

- We will require precertification for the following new-to-market drugs:
 - Opdualag™ (relatlimab-rmbw and nivolumab) — precertification is required starting July 1, 2022. This drug is part of the PD1/PDL1 Drugs category.
 - Alysmsys® (bevacizumab) — precertification is required starting July 8, 2022.
- We will no longer require precertification for cataract surgery managed by Aetna®. Cataract surgery for Florida and Georgia Medicare Advantage members will continue through iCare.

Use the telephone numbers listed below for Medicare members in those states:

- Georgia Medicare only (MEHMO and MEPP0): Contact iCare at **1-844-210-7444**.



You can always find these policies on our Availity provider portal.

[Access Availity](#)

- Florida Medicare only (MEHMO and MEPOS): Contact iCare at **1-855-373-7627**.
- We will no longer require precertification for a video electroencephalograph (EEG).
- For the following categories, we will no longer require precertification for administration of home infusion Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes. The associated drugs will continue to require precertification.
 - Antihemophilic agent infusion therapy (e.g., Factor VIII)
 - Alpha-1-proteinase inhibitor (e.g., Prolastin)
 - Enzyme replacement intravenous therapy (e.g., Imiglucerase)
 - Hematopoietic hormone injection therapy (e.g., erythropoietin, G-CSF, GM-CSF)
 - Growth hormone
 - Palivizumab
- For the following categories, we will no longer require precertification for the site of service only. The procedures will continue to require precertification.
 - Spinal fusion
 - Artificial disc surgery: cervical

Submitting precertification requests

Be sure to submit precertification requests at least two weeks in advance. To save time, request precertification online. Doing so is fast, secure and simple.

You can submit most requests online through our [Availity provider portal](#).^{*} Or you can use your practice's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system if it's set up for electronic precertification requests. Use our "Search by CPT code" search function on our [precertification lists](#) page to find out if the code requires precertification.

Learn more about [precertification](#).

Are you asking for precertification on a specialty drug for a commercial or Medicare member? Then submit your request through Novologix®, also available on [Availity](#).

Not registered for Availity®? Go to [Availity](#) to register and learn more.

^{*}Availity is available only to providers in the U.S. and its territories.

Site-of-service coding update

This update applies to commercial members only.

This information is in regard to the [Expanded code set for site of service for outpatient surgical procedures policy](#) article that was published in the June 2022 OfficeLink Updates (OLU) quarterly newsletter.

Not all the procedure codes will become effective on October 1, 2022, but please continue to monitor the following sites in subsequent months for any additions to the policy:

- Our [Site of Service](#) page
- The Resources section of Availity®*

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Computer-assisted surgical and musculoskeletal navigation coding update

This update applies to both our commercial and Medicare members.

Effective November 1, 2022, Aetna® will no longer consider the following codes for separate reimbursement:

- 20985 (Computer-assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures, image-less (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure))
- 0054T (Computer-assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image-guidance based on fluoroscopic images (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure))

The use of computer-assisted surgical navigation is considered integral to the performance of the procedure.

Note to Washington state providers: Your effective date for changes described in this article will be communicated following regulatory review.

Reminder: You can also use our Code Edit Lookup tools on Availity. Just go to **Payer Space > Applications > Code Edit Lookup Tools**. And keep your Aetna® provider ID number handy to access them.

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