

# Molecular and Genomic testing/Lab Management Program



## eviCore Precertification Reviews

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota has partnered with eviCore healthcare to manage the precertification review of most Molecular and Genomic Testing for members with BCBSND Commercial plans. This partnership will give BCBSND providers access to clinical expertise in the growing molecular and genomic testing field. eviCore will review precertification requests for certain outpatient, non-emergent Molecular and Genomic Testing such as:

- Hereditary cancer screening
- Carrier screening tests
- Tumor marker / molecular profiling
- Hereditary cardiac disorders
- Cardiovascular disease / thrombosis risk variant testing
- Pharmacogenomic testing
- Neurological disorders
- Mitochondrial disease testing
- Intellectual disability / developmental disorders

## NO Precertification Required

Precertification requests will NOT be required for the following:

- Inpatient Stay
- Emergency Room
- Observation Stay
- Inpatient genomic testing
- General lab testing

## Precertification Requirements

- A representative of the ordering provider's staff can ask for precertification. This could be someone from clinical, front office or billing staff acting on behalf of the ordering provider. Additionally, the rendering lab site may submit the precertification request on behalf of the ordering provider. To ensure the precertification process is as quick and efficient as possible, the requester should have the following information available:
  - Specimen collection date (if applicable)
  - Type or Test Name (if known)
  - CPT code(s) and units
  - ICD 10 code(s) relevant to requested test
  - Test indication
  - Relevant past test results
  - Member / patient ethnicity
  - Relevant family history
  - Known familial mutation / specific mutation
  - Use of results in member / patient care
  - Pertinent clinical documentation that supports the test requested
  - Patient name, date of birth, address, and member ID
  - Referring physician NPI, phone, fax and address
  - Rendering laboratory NPI, phone, fax and address

## Precertification

An authorization number will be faxed to the rendering provider/lab upon approval. eviCore healthcare will approve the CPT code or codes for the requested procedure.

It is the responsibility of the performing lab site to confirm that precertification has been requested and approved prior to Molecular and Genomic Testing. Verification may be obtained via the eviCore healthcare website or by calling: (800) 228-6386.

**Important:** Authorization from eviCore does not guarantee claim payment. Services must be covered by BCBSND and the member must be eligible at the time services are rendered. **Claims submitted for unauthorized procedures are subject to denial, and the member must be held harmless.** Please verify the member's eligibility with BCBSND.

## Precertification Denials

eviCore notifies the ordering physician via fax/phone, the member via mail/phone, and the rendering lab site via fax of a denial and provides a rationale for the determination within one business day of the decision. The communication provides the appeal options per current state policy.

eviCore also offers the ordering physician a consultation with an eviCore Medical Director. In certain instances, additional information provided during the clinical consultation is sufficient to satisfy medical necessity criteria.

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## Urgent Requests (800) 228-6386



Contact eviCore by phone or web portal to request an urgent authorization.

If a fax request is needed for an urgent request, please call the phone number listed above to discuss the fax protocol.

## Convenient Web Portal



[www.evicore.com](http://www.evicore.com) remains the quickest, most efficient way to obtain information. After a one-time registration, you can initiate a case, view case/authorization details and more. Available 24/7, 365 days a year.

Web Portal assistance:

✉ e: [portal.support@evicore.com](mailto:portal.support@evicore.com)

☎ p: 800-646-0418 (Option 2)

## Toll-free (800) 228-6386



Contact us from 7AM to 7PM central Standard Time. For faster service, you'll need all pertinent clinical information before you call. Outside of normal business hours, you may call eviCore and leave a message for a return call the next business day.

eviCore's call center will be closed in observance of New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, and Christmas Day.

## Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Provider Resource Page



The Provider Resource Page contains clinical guidelines, web registration/submission information, FAQ documents, a comprehensive CPT code list, and other important resources that are kept up-to-date for your convenience: [www.BCBSND.com/evicore](http://www.BCBSND.com/evicore)

## Need Clinical Support?

To request a clinical consultation, please visit [www.evicore.com](http://www.evicore.com) and select "Resources" in the top right hand corner then select "Request a Consultation with a Clinical Peer Reviewer".

If your case requires further clinical discussion for approval, we welcome requests for clinical consultations from ordering physicians.

For claim denials, you must follow the appeal process.