

# Musculoskeletal Management

Provider Education for Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ)



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association



---

# Company Overview

---



**250M  
Members  
Managed**

**Headquartered in Bluffton, SC  
Offices across the US including:**

- Lexington, MA
- Colorado Springs, CO
- Franklin, TN
- Greenwich, CT
- Melbourne, FL
- Plainville, CT
- Sacramento, CA
- St. Louis, MO

# 10 Comprehensive Solutions



The industry's most **comprehensive clinical evidence-based guidelines**



5k+ employees including **1k clinicians**

Engaging with 570k+ providers



Advanced, innovative, and intelligent technology



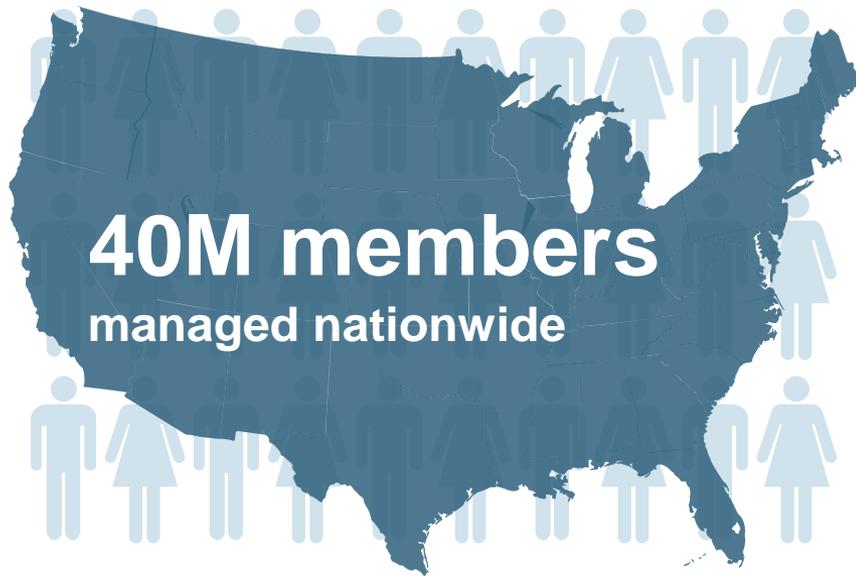
**Quality Improvement Organizations**  
Sharing Knowledge. Improving Health Care.  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

# Musculoskeletal Management Solution - Our Experience

**30+ Regional**  
and National Clients

**8k+**  
Cases built per day

**10 Years**  
Managing Musculoskeletal Services



## Members Managed

- 25.5M Commercial Memberships
- 2M Medicare Memberships
- 6.5M Medicaid Memberships



# Musculoskeletal by the Numbers

45



**Musculoskeletal  
physicians on staff**

43



**Musculoskeletal-trained  
nurses on staff**

93



**Musculoskeletal  
therapists  
(PT/OT/ST/MT/CHIRO/ACU)**

40

**Million lives  
covered**



---

# **Our Clinical Approach**

---

# Clinical Staffing

## Multi-Specialty Expertise

Dedicated nursing and physician specialty teams for various solutions

>300  
Medical  
Directors

Covering  
51  
different  
specialties

800  
Nurses with  
diverse  
specialties /  
experience

- ◆ **Anesthesiology**
- ◆ **Cardiology**
- ◆ **Chiropractic**
- ◆ **Emergency Medicine**
- ◆ **Family Medicine**
  - Family Medicine / OMT
  - Public Health & General Preventative Medicine
- ◆ **Internal Medicine**
  - Cardiovascular Disease
  - Critical Care Medicine
  - Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism
  - Geriatric Medicine
  - Hematology
  - Hospice & Palliative Medicine
  - Medical Oncology
  - Pulmonary Disease
  - Rheumatology
  - Sleep Medicine
  - Sports Medicine
- ◆ **Medical Genetics**
- ◆ **Nuclear Medicine**
- ◆ **OB / GYN**
  - Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- ◆ **Oncology / Hematology**
- ◆ **Orthopedic Surgery**
- ◆ **Otolaryngology**
- ◆ **Pain Mgmt. / Interventional Pain**
- ◆ **Pathology**
  - Clinical Pathology
- ◆ **Pediatric**
  - Pediatric Cardiology
  - Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
- ◆ **Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**
  - Pain Medicine
- ◆ **Physical Therapy**
- ◆ **Radiation Oncology**
- ◆ **Radiology**
  - Diagnostic Radiology
  - Neuroradiology
  - Radiation Oncology
  - Vascular & Interventional Radiology
- ◆ **Sleep Medicine**
- ◆ **Sports Medicine**
- ◆ **Surgery**
  - Cardiac
  - General
  - Neurological
  - Spine
  - Thoracic
  - Vascular
- ◆ **Urology**

# Evidence-Based Guidelines

The foundation of our solutions:



Dedicated  
Molecular  
Genomic  
Guidelines



Contributions  
from a panel  
of community  
physicians



Experts  
associated  
with academic  
institutions



Current  
clinical  
literature

## Aligned with National Societies

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- National Society of Genetic Counselors
- American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
- American Society of Human Genetics
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- College of American Pathologists
- American Gastroenterological Association
- Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Association for Molecular Pathology
- American College of Cardiology
- American College of Chest Physicians
- American Academy of Neurology
- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- American Heart Association
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Society for Reproductive Medicine
- American College of Gastroenterology
- American College of Cardiology Foundation
- National Institutes of Health

---

# **Our Service Model**

---

# Enabling Better Outcomes

---

Enhancing outcomes through Client and Provider engagement

## **Client and Provider Operations Team –**

Client Provider Representatives are cross-trained to investigate escalated provider and client related issues.

## **Client Experience Manager –**

Client Service Managers lead resolution of complex service issues and coordinate with partners for continuous improvement.

## **Regional Provider Engagement Manager –**

Regional Provider Engagement Managers are on-the-ground resources who serve as the voice of eviCore to the provider community.



# Why Our Service Delivery Model Works

---



**One centralized intake point** allows for timely identification, tracking, trending, and reporting of all issues. It also enables eviCore to quickly identify and respond to systemic issues impacting multiple providers.



**Complex issues are escalated to resources** who are the subject matter experts and can quickly coordinate with matrix partners to address issues at a root-cause level.



**Routine issues are handled by a team of representatives** who are cross trained to respond to a variety of issues. There is no reliance on a single individual to respond to your needs.

# Musculoskeletal Utilization Management (UM) Program for BCBSAZ



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

# UM for Musculoskeletal Management (MSK)

---

Please note: For Medicare Advantage members, eviCore will begin accepting precertification/prior authorization requests for radiology on 5/25/2020 for dates of service 6/1/2020 and beyond.

## Prior authorization applies to the following services:

### Interventional Pain Management

- Spinal injections
- Spinal implants
  - Spinal cord stimulators
  - Pain pumps

### Joint Surgery

- Large joint replacement
- Arthroscopic and open procedures

### Spine Surgery IP & OP

- Spinal Implants
  - Spinal cord stimulators
  - Pain Pumps
- Cervical/Thoracic/Lumbar
  - Decompressions
  - Fusions

## Prior authorization does **NOT** apply to services that are:

- Emergency Room Services
- 23 Hour Observations
- Inpatient Stays
- Other radiology procedures not indicated

## Provider Resource Page

Providers and/or staff can utilize BCBSAZ's Provider Resource page to access a list of covered CPT codes, Clinical Worksheets, FAQs, Quick Reference Guides, and additional educational materials by visiting:

[evicore.com/healthplan/azblue](http://evicore.com/healthplan/azblue)

## Important Information

Note: Any provider can initiate a precertification request. However, if a required precertification is not obtained, the penalty is applied to:  
a) the contracted servicing provider or facility  
b) the member, if an out-of-network provider or facility is used

# Continuity of care for Medicare Advantage members

---

Medicare Advantage patients already enrolled in a treatment protocol as of May 31, 2020 will not need a new prior authorization to continue their treatment. All new treatment protocols starting on or after June 1, 2020 will require a prior authorization through eviCore.

## Treatment started prior to 6/1/2020:

- Does not require new prior authorization

## Treatment will start 6/1/2020 and after:

- Requires new prior authorization through eviCore

**Note:** Any provider can initiate a prior authorization request. However, if a required prior authorization is not obtained, the penalty is applied to:

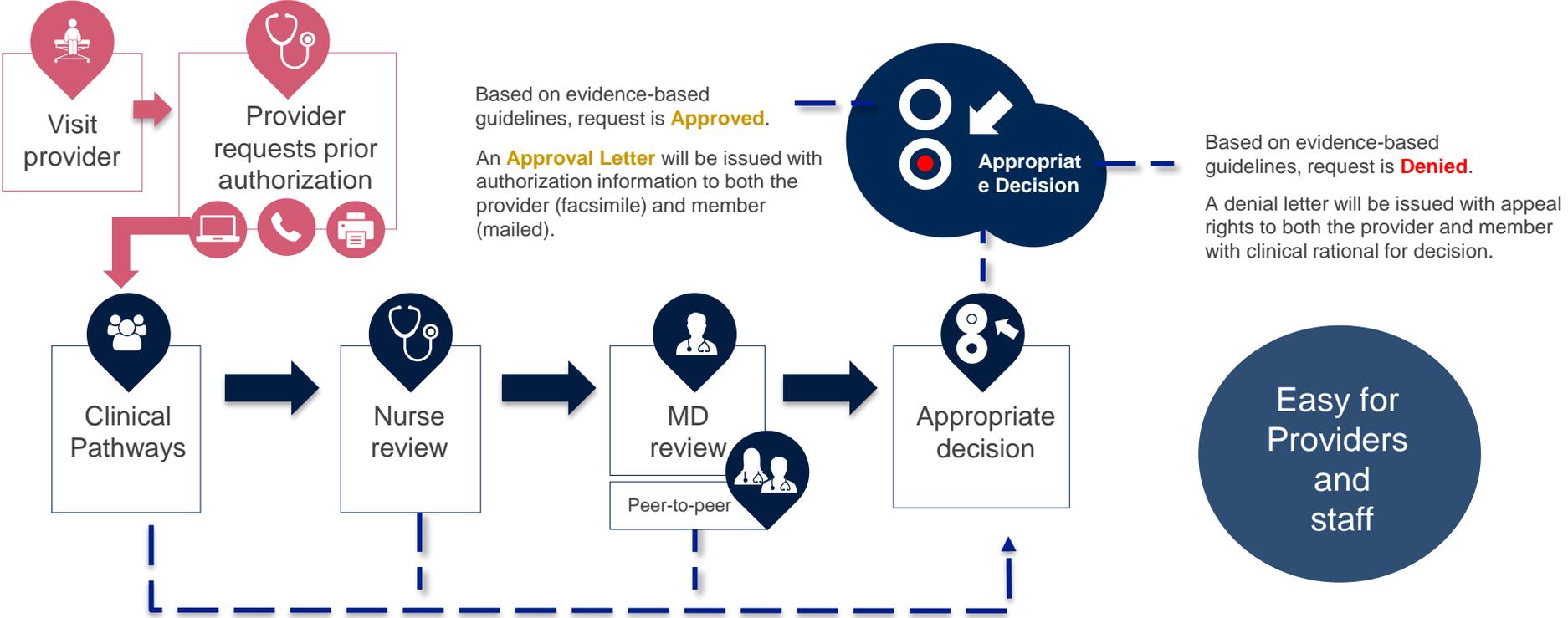
- a) the contracted servicing provider or facility
- b) the member, if an out-of-network provider or facility is used

# Applicable MA Membership

**eviCore prior authorization is required** for BCBSAZ members enrolled in the following MA benefit plans (does *not* include plans administered by P3 Health Partners):

BENEFIT PLAN	PREFIX	SERVICE AREA	PRIOR AUTH ADMINISTRATOR
Blue Medicare Advantage Classic (HMO)	M2K	Maricopa County and parts of Pinal County	BCBSAZ, in partnership with eviCore for certain services
Blue Medicare Advantage Plus (HMO)			
BluePathway Plan 2 (HMO)	M2V	Maricopa County	
BluePathway Plan 3 (HMO)			
BlueJourney (PPO)	M3P	Maricopa and Pima counties	

# Prior Authorization Process



# Non-Clinical Information Needed

---

The following information must be provided to initiate the prior authorization request:

## Member Information

- First and Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Member Identification Number
- Phone Number (If Applicable)

## Ordering Physician Information

- First and Last Name
- Practice Address
- Individual National Provider Identification (NPI) Number
- Tax Identification Number(TIN)
- Phone and Fax Numbers

## Rendering Facility Information

- Facility Name
- Street Address
- National Provider Identification (NPI) Number
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Phone and Fax Numbers



# Clinical Information Needed

---

## Include the following information with your request:

- A relevant history and physical examination
- A relevant summary of the patient's clinical condition
- Imaging and/or pathology and/or laboratory reports as indicated relevant to the requested services
- The indication for the specified procedure
- Prior treatment regimens (for example, appropriate clinical trial of conservative management, if indicated)
- If additional clinical information is required in order to render a determination on a case, the case will be placed into a Hold status by eviCore and a notification will be sent to the ordering provider requesting the information necessary for review and the date by which it is needed.
- Failure to submit requested clinical information within the required timeframe may result in denial for medical necessity.



# Basic prior authorization process

## What happens when I submit a prior authorization request?

### Request Processing time

- Routine requests are processed within 2 business days of receipt of all necessary clinical information.
- Medically Urgent are reviewed within 24 hours.

### Denied Requests

- Communication of the denial determination and rationale (for Medicare Advantage, this communication precedes the actual denial notice).
- Denial notice contains reconsideration options based on the members health plan and line of business.
- The notice also includes instructions on how to request a clinical consultation.

### Authorization Notice

- The notice will be uploaded to the online tool and faxed to the requesting physician.
- Approval information is uploaded to the eviCore online request/status tool and can be printed on demand from the eviCore portal.
- The member will receive the letter in the mail.

### Denial Notice

- The notice will be uploaded to the online tool and faxed to the requesting physician
- Denial information is uploaded to the eviCore online request/status tool and can be printed on demand from the eviCore portal
- The member will receive the letter in the mail.



# Urgent prior authorization requests

## How can I submit a prior authorization request for an urgent medical situation?

### Medically urgent services: definition

Medically urgent services address conditions that are a **risk to the patient's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function**, or when the patient is having severe pain that requires a medically urgent procedure.

### Requesting an urgent prior authorization

- This option is not available for situations that are *not* medically urgent (such as administrative delays, scheduling, etc.)
- You can submit **medically urgent** prior authorization requests online at [eviCore.com](https://www.eviCore.com).
- When you see the question “Is this request standard/routine?” respond “No.” Your case will be automatically be sent to the urgent work list.
- You may also call eviCore with an urgent request. 866.743.9630
- Urgent requests are reviewed within 24 hours.



# Authorization scenarios and follow-up options

Scenario	Options for commercial plans	Options for MA plans
1. <i>My authorization request was pended for additional information. I haven't rendered the service yet.</i>	Request eviCore peer-to-peer clinical consultation or submit additional clinical information to eviCore.*	
2. <i>My authorization request was denied. I haven't rendered the service yet.</i>	Request eviCore reconsideration (re-review) for potential overturn of denial*	Request eviCore consultation or submit appeal with supporting records to BCBSAZ* <i>eviCore consultation can't be used to overturn the denial</i>
3. <i>My authorization request was denied. I have already rendered the service, but haven't submitted a claim yet.</i>	Submit appeal with supporting records to BCBSAZ*	Submit claim with supporting records to BCBSAZ <i>eviCore consultation can't be used to overturn the denial</i>
4. <i>Oops! I didn't request authorization before rendering the service. I haven't submitted a claim yet.</i>	Request post-service retrospective review within 30 days <i>The request may be denied and penalties may apply</i>	
5. <i>Oops! I didn't request authorization before rendering the service. I have already submitted a claim.</i>	Follow instructions on your remit for post-service, post-claim retrospective review <i>The request may be denied and penalties may apply</i>	
6. <i>I disagree with the final authorization denial decision.</i>	Submit appeal with supporting records to BCBSAZ* <i>eviCore consultation can't be used to overturn the denial</i>	

\* Follow the instructions in your eviCore notice for submitting additional information or requesting clinical consultations.

# How does a Peer-to-Peer Consultation (P2P) work?

## How P2Ps work for Medicare Advantage plans

If a request has been pended for additional clinical information, follow the instruction on the notice from eviCore. If the determination decision has not yet been made, the consultation could influence the initial decision.

If a denial decision has already been made, the information shared in the consultation may *not* be used to overturn the denial. The information shared in the consultation may be used in submitting an appeal.

## How to request an eviCore P2P

Providers, nurse practitioners and physician assistants can request a clinical consultation by:

- Visiting [evicore.com/provider/request-a-clinical-consultation](https://www.evicore.com/provider/request-a-clinical-consultation) and requesting a scheduling appointment
- Using the Self-Service P2P consultation option from the Authorization Lookup tool on the provider portal, eliminating the need to receive a scheduling callback:

Authorization Lookup	
Authorization Number:	NA
Case Number:	
Status:	Denied
P2P Status:	

 **P2P AVAILABILITY**



---

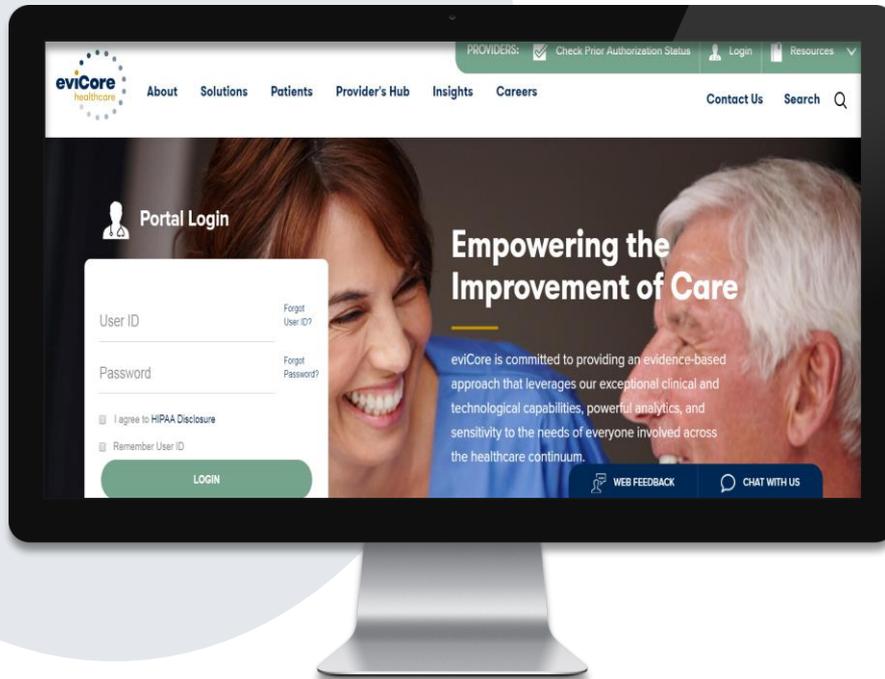
# Provider Portal Overview

Account Access

---

# eviCore Provider Portal

---



The eviCore online portal is the quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization and check authorization status and is available 24/7.

By visiting [www.eviCore.com](http://www.eviCore.com) providers can spend their time where it matters most — with their patients!

Or by phone:

**Phone Number:**  
866.540.2406  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m.  
(Monday – Friday)

# Portal Compatibility

---

The eviCore.com website is compatible with the following web browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Internet Explorer 9, 10, and 11

You may need to disable pop-up blockers to access the site. For information on how to disable pop-up blockers for any of these web browsers, please refer to our [Disabling Pop-Up Blockers guide](#).



# Access the tool from the BCBSAZ MA Secure Provider Portal – Resources page

---

Access the eviCore request tool from the BCBSAZ MA secure provider portal at [azbluemedicare.com](http://azbluemedicare.com) > Resources > Prior Authorization and Care Management:

## **Prior Authorization and Care Management**

[Care Management Referral Form](#)

[Part B Drug List – BCBSAZ](#)

[Part D Drug Coverage Determination Form \(Submit Online\)](#)

[Part D Drug Coverage Determination Fax Form](#)

[Prior Authorization eviCore Overview – BCBSAZ](#)

[Prior Authorization Requirements eviCore MSK Code List – BCBSAZ](#)

[Prior Authorization Request Fax Form](#)

 [Prior Authorization Requests/Status: eviCore](#)

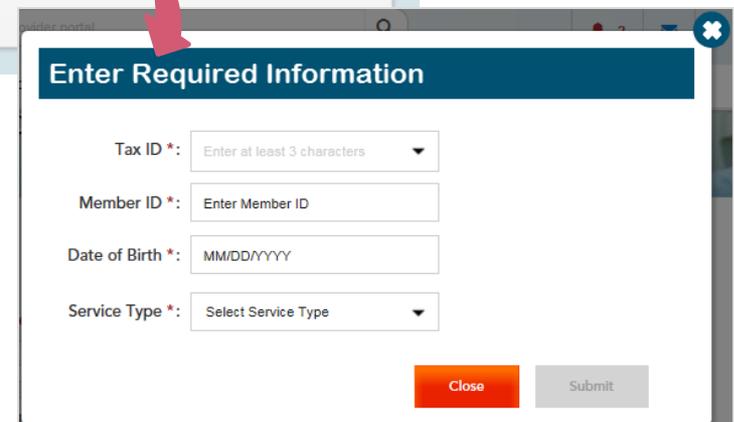
[Prior Authorization Requirements Code List 2020 – BCBSAZ](#)

[Prior Authorization Requirements Code List 2020 – P3 Health Partners](#)

# You can also access the tool from the Prior Auth page

## Related Resources:

- [Part B Drug List – BCBSAZ](#)
- [Part D Drug Coverage Determination Form \(Submit Online\)](#)
- [Part D Drug Coverage Determination Fax Form](#)
- [Prior Authorization eviCore Overview – BCBSAZ](#)
- [Prior Authorization Requirements eviCore MSK Code List – BCBSAZ](#)
- [Prior Authorization Request Fax Form](#)
- [Prior Authorization Requests/Status: eviCore](#)
- [Prior Authorization Requirements Code List 2020 – BCBSAZ](#)
- [Prior Authorization Requirements Code List 2020 – P3 Health Partners](#)



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Enter Required Information" with a dark blue header. The form contains four input fields, each with an asterisk indicating it is required:

- Tax ID \*:** A dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Enter at least 3 characters".
- Member ID \*:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Enter Member ID".
- Date of Birth \*:** A text input field with the placeholder text "MM/DD/YYYY".
- Service Type \*:** A dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Select Service Type".

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: a red "Close" button and a grey "Submit" button. A red curved arrow points from the "Prior Authorization Requests/Status: eviCore" link in the list above to the "Enter Required Information" form.

# Login Options: Which one is best for your needs?

---

## Direct login from eviCore site vs. Single Sign-On (SSO) from BCBSAZ MA secure portal

FUNCTIONS	Notes	
Save & Finish Later	To find and resume a specific authorization request, you must be logged in the same way you were when you created the request	
Create Request	The SSO link in the BCBSAZ MA secure portal works only for BCBSAZ MA members.	When logged in to eviCore directly, you can make authorization requests for members of any insurance plan utilizing eviCore.
View Summary	You can only see the authorization summary tab when you are logged in to eviCore directly. The summary tab displays your recent cases from all insurance plans.	

# eviCore healthcare Website

---

Visit [www.evicore.com](http://www.evicore.com)



## Portal Login

User ID

[Forgot User ID?](#)

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

I agree to HIPAA Disclosure

Remember User ID

LOGIN

Don't have an account? [Register Now](#)

## Already a user?

If you already have access to eviCore's online portal, simply login with your User ID and Password and begin submitting requests real-time!

## Don't have an account?

Click "Register Now" and provide the necessary information to receive access today!

# Creating An Account



\* Required Field

**Web Portal Preference**

Please select the Portal that is listed in your provider training material. This selection determines the primary portal that you will use to submit cases over the web.

Default Portal\*:  

**User Information**

All Pre-Authorization notifications will be sent to the fax number and email address provided below. Please make sure you provide valid information.

User Name*: <input type="text"/>	Address*: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Phone*: <input type="text"/>
Email*: <input type="text"/>	City*: <input type="text"/>	Ext: <input type="text"/>
Confirm Email*: <input type="text"/>	State*: <input type="text" value="Select"/> <input type="text" value="v"/>	Fax*: <input type="text"/>
First Name*: <input type="text"/>	Zip*: <input type="text"/>	
Last Name*: <input type="text"/>	Office Name: <input type="text"/>	

- Select CareCore National as the **Default Portal**, and complete the user registration form.
- Review information provided, and click **“Submit Registration.”**

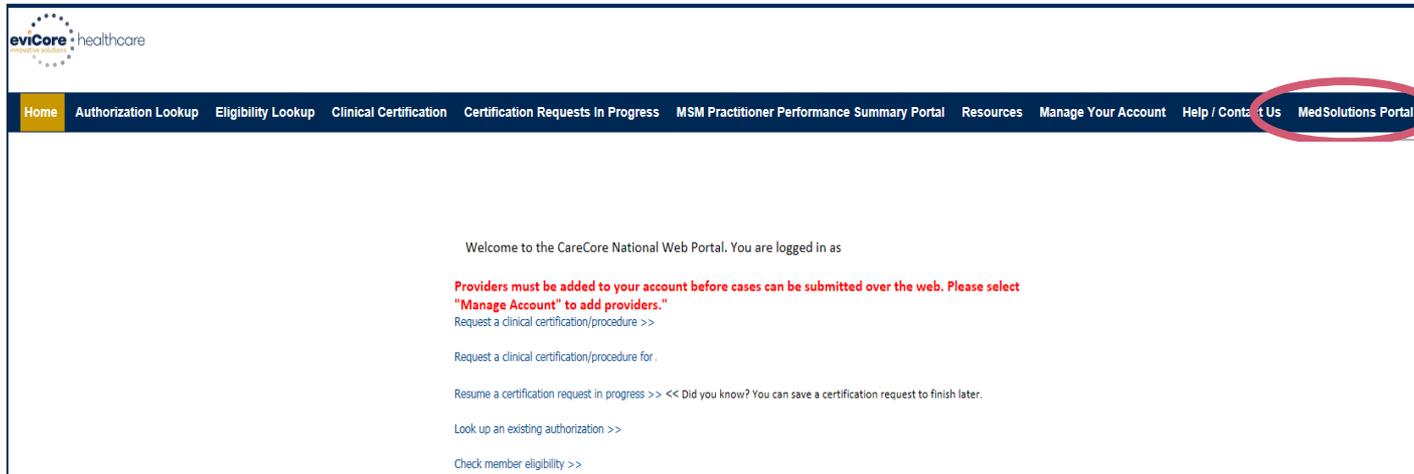
---

# Provider Portal Overview

Adding Providers

---

# Welcome Screen



- Providers will need to be added to your account prior to case submission. Click the **“Manage Account”** tab to add provider information.

# Add Practitioners

## Manage Your Account

Office Name:

Change Password

Edit Account

Address: 730 Cool Springs Blvd  
Franklin, TN 37067

Primary

Contact: User Account

Email Address: Test@email.com

Add Provider

Click Column Headings to Sort

No providers on file

Cancel

Click the “Add Provider” button.

# Add Practitioners

## Add Practitioner

Enter Practitioner information and find matches.

Practitioner NPI

Practitioner State

Practitioner Zip

Enter the **Provider's NPI**, **State**, and **Zip Code** to search for the provider record to add to your account. You are able to add multiple Providers to your account.



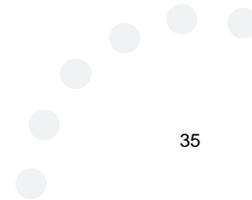
# Adding Practitioners

## Add Practitioner

This following practitioner record(s) were found to match the requested NPI. Is this the practitioner you would like to register?

Practitioner Name	NPI	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Fax
Last, First	12312312	730 Coolsprings Blvd	Franklin	TN	37067	(615)548-4000	

Select the matching record based upon your search criteria



# Manage Your Account

## Add Practitioner

If you wish to add an additional practitioner, click the "Add Another Practitioner" button. If you are finished, click the "Continue" button to return to your account.

[Add Another Practitioner](#) [Continue](#)

© CareCore National, LLC. 2018 All rights reserved.  
[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Contact Us](#)

- Once you have selected a practitioner, your registration will be completed. You can then access the **“Manage Your Account”** tab to make any necessary updates or changes.
- You can also click **“Add Another Practitioner”** to add another provider to your account.

# Certification Summary

**Certification Summary**

Search...

Certification Summary

Search...

Single Status  
(Show All)

Filter By Multiple Statuses  
(Show All)

Date  
7 days

Submit Close

No records to display

Authorization Number	Case Number	Member Last Name	Ordering Provider Last Name	Ordering Provider NPI	Status	Case Initiation Date	Procedure Code	Service Description	Site Name	Expiration Date	Correspondence	Upload Clinical

No records to display

- CareCore National Portal now includes a Certification Summary tab, to better track your recently submitted cases.
- The work list can also be filtered - as seen above.

---

# Provider Portal Overview

Submitting Online Prior Authorization Requests

---

# Initiating A Case

[Home](#)

[Certification Summary](#)

[Authorization Lookup](#)

[Eligibility Lookup](#)

[Clinical Certification](#)

[Certification Requests In Progress](#)

[MSM Practitioner Performance Summary Portal](#)

[Resources](#)

[Manage Your Account](#)

[Help / Contact Us](#)

[MedSolutions Portal](#)

Welcome to the CareCore National Web Portal. You are logged in

[Review a summary of recent certifications >>](#)

[Request a clinical certification/procedure >>](#)

[Resume a certification request in progress >>](#) << Did you know? You can save a certification request to finish later.

[Look up an existing authorization >>](#)

[Check member eligibility >>](#)

[Horizon Pilot Designation Program >>](#)

© CareCore National, LLC. 2019 All rights reserved.

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Choose **“request a clinical certification/procedure”** to begin a new case request.

# Select Program

## Clinical Certification

Please select the program for your certification:

- Radiology and Cardiology
- Specialty Drugs
- Radiation Therapy Management Program (RTMP)
- Musculoskeletal Management
- Sleep Management
- Lab Management Program
- Durable Medical Equipment(DME)
- Medical Oncology Pathways

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Select the **Program** for your certification.



# Select Health Plan



20% Complete

## Clinical Certification

To process an urgent case on the web you will be required to upload relevant clinical information using the online clinical upload feature at the end of the case build process. [Click here](#) for more information!

You selected

Please select the health plan for which you would like to build a case. If the health plan is not shown, please contact the plan at the number found on the member's identification card to determine if case submission through CareCore National is necessary.

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Choose the appropriate **Health Plan** for the case request. If the health plan does not populate, please contact the plan at the number found on the member's identification card. Once the plan is chosen, please select the provider address in the next drop down box.

# Contact Information



30% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

## Clinical Certification

Provider's Name  [?]

Who to Contact  [?]

Fax  [?]

Phone  [?]

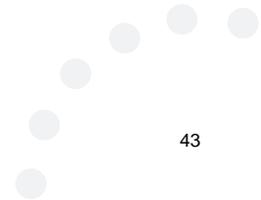
Ext.  [?]

Cell Phone

Email

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Enter the **Provider's name** and appropriate information for the point of contact individual.



## Member/Procedure Information

[Home](#) [Certification Summary](#) [Authorization Lookup](#) [Eligibility Lookup](#) **[Clinical Certification](#)** [Certification Requests In Progress](#) [MSM Practitioner Performance Summary Portal](#) [Resources](#) [Manage Your Account](#) [Help / Contact Us](#) [MedSolutions Portal](#)

### Attention!

Has this procedure been performed?

YES  NO

Verify if the procedure has already been performed.

# Member Information



40% Complete

Provider and NPI

## Clinical Certification

Patient ID:

Date Of Birth:  MM/DD/YYYY

Patient Last Name Only:  [?]

ELIGIBILITY LOOKUP

Cancel Back Print

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Enter the **member information** including the Patient ID number, date of birth, and patient's last name. Click **"Eligibility Lookup."**

# Clinical Details

  
60% Complete

Provider and NPI

Patient EDIT

## Clinical Certification

This procedure will be performed on 4/1/2019. CHANGE

### Musculoskeletal Management Procedures

Select a Procedure by CPT Code[?] or Description[?]

64493 ▼ FACET INJ LUMBOSACRAL, 1 LEVEL ▼

Don't see your procedure code or type of service? [Click here](#)

### Diagnosis

Primary Diagnosis Code: **R68.89**

Description: **Other general symptoms and signs**

[Change Primary Diagnosis](#)

Select a Secondary Diagnosis Code (Lookup by Code or Description)

*Secondary diagnosis is optional for Musculoskeletal Management*

LOOKUP

Cancel Back Print Continue

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Select the **CPT** and **Diagnosis** codes.

# Verify Service Selection



60% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

**Patient**

[EDIT](#)

## Clinical Certification

Confirm your service selection.

**Procedure Date:** 4/1/2019  
**CPT Code:** 64493  
**Description:** FACET INJ LUMBOSACRAL, 1 LEVEL  
**Primary Diagnosis Code:** R68.89  
**Primary Diagnosis:** Other general symptoms and signs  
**Secondary Diagnosis Code:**  
**Secondary Diagnosis:**  
[Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis](#)  
[Change Secondary Diagnosis](#)

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Click **continue** to confirm your selection.



# Site Selection

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:05 AM

Log Off

## Clinical Certification

### Specific Site Search

Use the fields below to search for specific sites. For best results, search by NPI or TIN. Other search options are by name plus zip or name plus city. You may search a partial site name by entering some portion of the name and we will provide you the site names that most closely match your entry.

NPI:	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text"/>
TIN:	<input type="text"/>	City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Exact match	
				<input type="radio"/> Starts with	

LOOKUP SITE

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Print](#)

[Click here for help or technical support](#)

© CareCore National, LLC. 2019 All rights reserved.

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Select the **specific site** where the testing/treatment will be performed.

# Site Selection

## Clinical Certification

Selected Site:

FIND NEW SITE

Site Email (optional)

Cancel Back Print **Continue**

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

This page allows you to enter an email address for a facility representative.

# Clinical Certification

## Clinical Certification

You are about to enter the clinical information collection phase of the authorization process.

Once you have clicked "Continue," you will not be able to edit the Provider, Patient, or Service information entered in the previous steps. Please be sure that all this data has been entered correctly before continuing.

**In order to ensure prompt attention to your on-line request, be sure to click SUBMIT CASE before exiting the system. This final step in the on-line process is required even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time. Failure to formally submit your request by clicking the SUBMIT CASE button will cause the case record to expire with no additional correspondence from CareCore National.**

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

- **Verify all information entered and make any needed changes prior to moving into the clinical collection phase of the prior authorization process.**
- **You will not have the opportunity to make changes after that point.**

# Contact Information

## Clinical Certification

Is this case Routine/Standard?

Yes No



Select an Urgency Indicator and Upload your patient's relevant medical records that support your request.

If your request is urgent select **No**, if the case is standard select **Yes**.

You can upload up to **FIVE documents** in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. Your case will only be considered Urgent if there is a successful upload.

# Medical Review

## Clinical Certification

### Clinical Upload

Please upload any additional clinical information that justifies the medical necessity of this request.

Browse for file to upload (max size 5MB, allowable extensions .DOC,.DOCX,.PDF):

No file chosen

© CareCore National, LLC. 2018 All rights reserved.

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Contact Us](#)

If **additional information** is required, you will have the option to either free hand text in the additional information box, or you can mark Yes to additional info and click submit to bring you to the upload documentation page.

**Providing clinical information via the web is the quickest, most efficient method.**

# Clinical Certification Pathway

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:05 AM

Log Off

## Clinical Certification

### TYPE OF CONDITION

Please select Developmental for all pediatric cases EXCEPT primary musculoskeletal injuries such as ankle sprain, fracture, WITHOUT an underlying developmental or neuromuscular condition like cerebral palsy)

1 Indicate the type of condition that therapy is being requested for:

SUBMIT

Finish Later

Did you know?  
You can save a certification request to finish later.

Cancel Print

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

## Clinical Certification

1 Please select the primary area:

1 Is there a second body part being treated?

SUBMIT

# Attestation

## Clinical Certification

I acknowledge that the clinical information submitted to support this authorization request is accurate and specific to this member, and that all information has been provided. I have no further information to provide at this time.

Print **SUBMIT CASE**

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Acknowledge the Clinical Certification statements, and hit **“Submit Case.”**

# Approval

## Clinical Certification

According to the presented information, this request for Physical Therapy meets medical necessity criteria.

<b>Provider Name:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
<b>Provider Address:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
	<b>Fax Number:</b>
<hr/>	
<b>Patient Name:</b>	<b>Patient Id:</b>
<b>Insurance Carrier:</b>	
<hr/>	
<b>Site Name:</b>	<b>Site ID:</b>
<b>Site Address:</b>	
<hr/>	
<b>Primary Diagnosis Code:</b> R68.89	<b>Description:</b> Other general symptoms and signs
<b>Secondary Diagnosis Code:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
<b>CPT Code:</b> MSMPT	<b>Description:</b> PHYSICAL THERAPY
<b>Authorization Number:</b>	
<b>Review Date:</b> 3/29/2019 2:15:20 PM	
<b>Approved Treatment Start Date:</b> 4/1/2019	
<b>Expiration Date:</b> 5/1/2019	
<b>Status:</b>	According to the presented information, this request for Physical Therapy meets medical necessity criteria.

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Once the clinical pathway questions are completed and the answers have met the clinical criteria, an **approval** will be issued.

Print the screen and store in the patient's file.

# Medical Review

## Clinical Certification

Your case has been sent to Medical Review

Provider Name:

Provider Address:

Contact:

Phone

Number:

Fax Number:

Patient Name:

Insurance Carrier:

Patient ID:

Site Name:

Site Address:

Site ID:

Primary Diagnosis Code: R68.89

Secondary Diagnosis  
Code:

CPT Code: M SMPT

Description: Other general symptoms and  
signs

Description:

Description: PHYSICAL THERAPY

Modifier:

Authorization Number:

Review Date:

Expiration Date:

Status: Pending

Once the clinical pathway questions are completed and the case has not meet clinical review. The status will reflect pending and at the top “Your case has been sent to Medical Review”.

Print the screen and store in the patient’s file.

# Building Additional Cases

## Clinical Certification

Thank you for submitting a request for clinical certification. Would you like to:

- Return to the main menu
- Start a new request
- Resume an in-progress request

You can also start a new request using some of the same information.

Start a new request using the same:

- Program (Musculoskeletal Management)
- Provider
- Program and Provider
- Program and Health Plan

GO

Cancel Print

[Click here](#) for help or technical support

Once a case has been submitted for clinical certification, you can return to the **Main Menu**, **resume an in-progress request**, or **start a new request**. You can indicate if any of the previous case information will be needed for the new request.

# Authorization look up



Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:30 PM

## Authorization Lookup

### New Security Features Implemented

**Search by Member Information**

REQUIRED FIELDS

Healthplan:

Provider NPI:

Patient ID:

Patient Date of Birth:   
MM/DD/YYYY

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Case Number:

or

Authorization Number:

**Search by Authorization Number/ NPI**

REQUIRED FIELDS

Provider NPI:

Auth/Case Number:



Select Search by **Authorization Number/NPI**. Enter the provider's NPI and authorization or case number. Select **Search**.

You can also search for an authorization by **Member Information**, and enter the health plan, Provider NPI, patient's ID number, and patient's date of birth.

# Search Results and Electronic Clinical Upload Feature

## New Security Features Implemented

Authorization Number:	NA
Case Number:	
Status:	Additional Information Required
Approval Date:	
Service Code:	
Service Description:	
Site Name:	
Expiration Date:	
Date Last Updated:	9/15/2017 10:45:49 AM
Correspondence:	<a href="#">VIEW CORRESPONDENCE</a>
Clinical Upload:	<a href="#">UPLOAD ADDITIONAL CLINICAL</a> 

# Self-Service Peer to Peer Scheduling Feature

eviCore healthcare

Home Certification Summary **Authorization Lookup** Eligibility Lookup Clinical Certification Certification Requests In Progress MSM Practitioner Perf. Summary Portal Resources Manage Your Account Help / Contact Us

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:04 AM [Log Out \(SHANING\)](#)

### Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number: NA  
Case Number: [REDACTED] **P2P AVAILABILITY**  
Status: Denied  
P2P Status:  
**ALL POST DECISION OPTIONS**

Approval Date:  
Service Code: 72148  
Service Description: MRI LUMBAR SPINE W/O CONTRAST  
Site Name: [REDACTED]  
Expiration Date:  
Date Last Updated: 4/28/2020 6:22:32 PM  
Correspondence: **UPLOADS & FAXES**

**Procedures**

Procedure	Description	Qty Requested	Qty Approved	Modifier(s)
72148	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), a special kind of picture of your lower back without contrast (dye)	1	0	

**PRINT**

### Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number: NA  
Case Number: [REDACTED] **P2P AVAILABILITY**  
Status: Denied  
P2P Status:

Authorization Number: NA  
Case Number: [REDACTED] [Request Peer to Peer Consultation](#)  
Status: Denied  
P2P Eligibility Result: Post-decision options for this case have been exhausted or are not delegated to eviCore. You may continue to schedule a Peer to Peer discussion for this case but it will be considered consultative only and the original decision cannot be modified.  
P2P Status:  
**ALL POST DECISION OPTIONS**

- eviCore's scheduling system takes into consideration all case logic needed to determine if a case is eligible for a Peer to Peer conversation (P2P)
- Search for an authorization to determine if a case is eligible for a P2P
- If the case is eligible for a P2P, a link will display, allowing scheduling without any additional messaging

• Pay attention to any messaging that displays. In some instances, a P2P is allowed, but the case decision cannot be changed. Instead, a Consultative Only P2P can be scheduled. The "All Post Decision Options" button will display any other action that may be taken.

# Eligibility Look Up



Home Authorization Lookup **Eligibility Lookup** Clinical Certification Certification Requests In Progress MSM Practitioner Performance Summary Portal Resources Manage Your Account Help / Contact Us

Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:43 PM

Log Off (INTGTEST)

## Eligibility Lookup

### New Security Features Implemented

Health Plan:

Patient ID:

Member Code:

Cardiology Eligibility: **Medical necessity determination required.**

Radiology Eligibility: **Precertification is Required**

Radiation Therapy Eligibility: **Medical necessity determination required.**

MSM Pain Mgt Eligibility: **Precertification is Required**

Sleep Management Eligibility: **Medical necessity determination required.**

[Print](#) [Done](#) [Search Again](#)

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: Certain portions of this website are accessible only by authorized users and unique identifying credentials, and may contain confidential or privileged information. If you are not an authorized recipient of the information, you are hereby notified that any access, disclosure, copying, distribution, or use of any of the information contained in the code-accessed portions is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

You may also confirm the patient's eligibility by selecting the **Eligibility Lookup** tab.

# Clinical Details

## Clinical Certification

This procedure will be performed on 4/1/2019. [CHANGE](#)

### Musculoskeletal Management Procedures

Select a Procedure by CPT Code[?] or Description[?]

Don't see your procedure code or type of service? [Click here](#)

### Diagnosis

Primary Diagnosis Code: **R68.89**

Description: **Other general symptoms and signs**

[Change Primary Diagnosis](#)

Select a Secondary Diagnosis Code (Lookup by Code or Description)

*Secondary diagnosis is optional for Musculoskeletal Management*

[LOOKUP](#)

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Print](#) [Continue](#)

[Click here](#) for help or technical support

Select the **CPT** and **Diagnosis** codes.



60% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

**Patient** [EDIT](#)

# Verify Service Selection



60% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

**Patient**

[EDIT](#)

## Clinical Certification

Confirm your service selection.

**Procedure Date:** 4/1/2019  
**CPT Code:** JOINT  
**Description:** JOINT SURGERY  
**Primary Diagnosis Code:** R68.89  
**Primary Diagnosis:** Other general symptoms and signs  
**Secondary Diagnosis Code:**  
**Secondary Diagnosis:**  
[Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis](#)  
[Change Secondary Diagnosis](#)

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Click **continue** to confirm your selection.

# Clinical Certification Pathway

## Clinical Certification

1 Please enter the primary CPT code for this surgery.

1 Which side is the procedure being performed on?

Left  Right

1 Please select the Place of Service in which this procedure will be performed:

- 11 - Office
- 19 - Off Campus-Outpatient Hospital
- 21 - Inpatient Hospital
- 22 - Outpatient Hospital
- 24 - Ambulatory Surgical Center

1 Do you want to enter a second code for this Hip surgery?

Yes  No

SUBMIT

Finish Later

Did you know?  
You can save a certification  
request to finish later.

Cancel Print

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Once you have entered the clinical collection phase of the case process, you can save the information and return **within two business days** to complete.

# Clinical Details

## Clinical Certification

This procedure will be performed on 4/1/2019.

### Musculoskeletal Management Procedures

Select a Procedure by CPT Code[?] or Description[?]

Don't see your procedure code or type of service? [Click here](#)

### Diagnosis

Primary Diagnosis Code: **R68.89**

Description: **Other general symptoms and signs**

[Change Primary Diagnosis](#)

Select a Secondary Diagnosis Code (Lookup by Code or Description)

*Secondary diagnosis is optional for Musculoskeletal Management*

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Select the **CPT** and **Diagnosis** codes.



60% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

**Patient**

# Verify Service Selection



60% Complete

**Provider and NPI**

**Patient**

EDIT

## Clinical Certification

Confirm your service selection.

**Procedure Date:** 4/1/2019  
**CPT Code:** SPINE  
**Description:** SPINE SURGERY  
**Primary Diagnosis Code:** R68.89  
**Primary Diagnosis:** Other general symptoms and signs  
**Secondary Diagnosis Code:**  
**Secondary Diagnosis:**  
[Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis](#)  
[Change Secondary Diagnosis](#)

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Click **continue** to confirm your selection.

# Clinical Certification Pathway

## Clinical Certification

1 Please enter the primary CPT code for this surgery.

2 How many units? (Units for an assistant or co-surgeon should NOT be included here. Indicate the assistant / co-surgeon by requesting the appropriate modifier)

3 Which region of the spine will this procedure be performed?

- Thoracic
- Cervical
- Lumbar
- Sacral
- This request is for E0760 and is NOT related to a spinal condition.

4 Please select the Place of Service in which this procedure will be performed:

- 11 - Office
- 19 - Off Campus-Outpatient Hospital
- 21 - Inpatient Hospital
- 22 - Outpatient Hospital
- 24 - Ambulatory Surgical Center

SUBMIT

Finish Later

Did you know?  
You can save a certification  
request to finish later.

Cancel Print

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Once you have entered the clinical collection phase of the case process, you can save the information and return **within two business days** to complete.

# Clinical Certification Pathway

## Clinical Certification

1 Is there any additional information specific to the member's condition you would like to provide?

Yes  No

Enter text in the space provided below or continue.

1 Additional Information - Notes:

SUBMIT

Finish Later

**Did you know?**  
You can save a certification request to finish later.

Cancel Print

Click [here](#) for help or technical support

Once you have entered the clinical collection phase of the case process, you can save the information and return **within two business days** to complete.



---

# **Provider Resources**

---

# Provider Resources

---

## Prior Authorization Call Center – 866.743.9630

Our call centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (local time).

Providers can contact our call center to do one of the following:

- Request Prior Authorization
- Check Status of existing authorization requests
- Discuss questions regarding authorizations and case decisions
- Change facility or CPT Code(s) on an existing case
- Request to speak to a clinical reviewer
- Schedule a clinical consultation with an eviCore Medical Director



# Provider Resources

---

## Web Support Services

The quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization is through our provider portal. We have a dedicated Web Support specialists that can assist providers in navigating the portal and addressing any web related issues during the online submission process.

To speak with a Web Specialist, call (800) 646-0418 (Option #2) or email [portal.support@evicore.com](mailto:portal.support@evicore.com)

## Online Resources

- You can access important tools, health plan specific contact information and resources at [www.evicore.com](http://www.evicore.com)
- Select the Resources tab to view Clinical Guidelines, Online Forms, and more.
- The Quick Reference Tool can be found by clicking the resources tab then select Find Contact Information, under the Learn How to section. Simply select the Health Plan and Solution to populate the contact phone and fax numbers as well as the appropriate legacy portal to utilize for case requests.

The screenshot displays the Evicore Provider Portal interface. At the top, a navigation bar contains the following items: 'PROVIDERS', 'Check Prior Authorization Status', 'Login', and 'Resources'. A red arrow points to the 'Resources' tab. Below the navigation bar, the 'Resources' section is highlighted. It includes a 'CLINICAL GUIDELINES' sub-section with links for 'Clinical Worksheets', 'Network Standards/Accreditations', and 'Provider Playbooks'. To the right, under 'I Would Like To', there are links for 'Request a Consultation with a Clinical Peer Reviewer', 'Request an Appeal or Reconsideration', 'Receive Technical Web Support', and 'Check Status Of Existing Prior Authorization'. Below this, the 'Learn How To' section offers 'Submit A New Prior Authorization', 'Upload Additional Clinical', and 'Find Contact Information'. A red arrow points to the 'Find Contact Information' link. A 'GO TO PROVIDER'S HUB' button is located to the right of the 'Learn How To' section. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'I want to learn how to...' section with three dropdown menus: 'Find Contact Information', 'Health Plan', and 'Solution'. A 'START' button is positioned at the bottom left of this section.

# Provider Resources

---

## Client and Provider Services

eviCore healthcare has a dedicated Client and Provider Services team to address provider related requests and concerns. In most instances, this team can provide a resolution within 24-48 hours from the date the request was submitted. Here are some common requests that can be sent to our Client and Provider Services team for assistance:

- Questions regarding Accuracy Assessment, Accreditation, and/or Credentialing
- Requests for an authorization to be resent to the health plan
- Consumer Engagement Inquiries
- Eligibility issues (member, rendering facility, and/or ordering physician)
- Issues experienced during case creation
- Reports of system issues

### How to Contact our Client and Provider Services team

**Phone:** 1 (800) 646 - 0418 (option 4)

**Email:** [ClientServices@evicore.com](mailto:ClientServices@evicore.com)

For prompt service, please have all pertinent information available when calling Client Services. If emailing, make sure to include a description of the issue with member/ provider/case details when applicable. Outside of normal business hours, please e-mail Client Services with your inquiry.

eviCore uses the Cherwell Ticketing System for all email inquiries. You will be assigned a ticket number starting with T. This number will identify a specific issue which you have provided for review.



# Provider Resources

---

## BCBSAZ Provider Resource Page

The BCBSAZ provider resource page includes helpful resources:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Program Overview
- Code Lists
- Clinical Guidelines
- Clinical Worksheets

To access the page, please visit

[www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/azblue](http://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/azblue)

**Provider Enrollment Questions – Contact BCBSAZ Provider Assistance at 602-864-4320 or 1-800-232-2345**



# Customized Provider Resource Page

[www.evicore.com/healthplan/azblue](http://www.evicore.com/healthplan/azblue)

The screenshot shows a web page for BCBSAZ Resources. At the top left is a dark blue 'MENU' button with a hamburger icon. In the center is the 'eviCore healthcare' logo. At the top right is a green 'PROVIDERS' button with a person icon. Below the menu is a 'Back to health plan' button with a left arrow. The main heading is 'BCBSAZ Resources' in large blue font. Below it are the BlueCross BlueShield Arizona logos and the text 'An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association'. A large image on the right shows two healthcare workers in blue scrubs on a staircase. At the bottom, there are three tabs: 'OVERVIEW' (highlighted with a yellow underline), 'GENERAL RESOURCES', and 'SOLUTION RESOURCES'.

Access clinical guidelines, code lists, clinical worksheets, and other helpful resources for the BCBSAZ eviCore programs.

Questions for eviCore? Contact Client Services at [ClientServices@eviCore.com](mailto:ClientServices@eviCore.com) or call 1-800-646-0418 (option 4)

---

Questions for BCBSAZ? Contact Provider Assistance at 602-864-4320 or 1-800-232-2345

# Thank You!



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association