



EviCore Vascular Intervention

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is EviCore by Evernorth?

EviCore by Evernorth (EviCore) is an independent specialty medical benefits management company that provides utilization management services for FirstCarolinaCare.

Which members will EviCore manage for the Vascular Intervention program?

EviCore will manage prior authorization for FirstCarolinaCare members who are enrolled in the following programs:

- Medicare
- Commercial (Fully Insured and Self Insured)

What is EviCore's Vascular Intervention program?

EviCore's Vascular Intervention Program consists of Prior Authorization Medical Necessity Determinations for various procedures to treat vascular problems including blocked arteries in the neck, arms and legs, vein problems and abnormally large blood vessels known as aneurysms. Some of these problems can often be treated conservatively with risk factor modification, medication, compression therapy or a structured walking program. Sometimes, these symptoms may be disabling or even life-threatening. For those with advanced disease such as critical limb ischemia, large aneurysms or non-healing wounds, intervention may be considered.

Which Vascular Intervention services require prior authorization for FirstCarolinaCare?

Procedures for peripheral atherosclerosis that are included in the PVD intervention program include:

- Carotid Disease: carotid endarterectomy, carotid stent, TCAR
- EVAR/TEVAR
- Venous Disease
- Lower extremity endovascular procedures

Go to <https://www.evicore.com/resources> Find the Health Plan > Select solution resources> Select the correct solution> Select CPT Codes.



Who needs to request prior authorization through EviCore?

All physicians who request/order Vascular Intervention services are required to obtain prior authorization for EviCore-delegated procedures prior to the service being rendered in an office or outpatient setting.

How do I request a prior authorization through EviCore?

Providers and/or staff can request prior authorization in one of the following ways:

Web Portal

The EviCore portal is the quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization and is available 24/7. Providers can request authorization by visiting www.evicore.com

Call Center

EviCore's call center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time. Providers and/or staff can request prior authorization and make revisions to existing cases by calling 877-872-4161.

Fax

Providers and/or staff can fax prior authorization requests by completing the clinical worksheets found on EviCore's website at www.evicore.com/provider/online-forms

How do I check an existing prior authorization request for a member?

Our web portal provides 24/7 access to check the status of existing authorizations. To check the status of your authorization request, please visit www.evicore.com and sign in with your login credentials.

What information is required when requesting prior authorization?

Member

- First and Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Member ID

Ordering Provider

- First and Last Name
- National Provider Identification (NPI) Number
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)



- Phone and Fax Number

Rendering (Performing) Provider

- Facility Name
- National Provider Identification (NPI) Number
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Street Address

Clinical(s)

- Recent (within 6 months) in-person clinical evaluation which includes a detailed history and physical exam
- Imaging studies, including ankle-brachial indices, arterial duplex, or angiograms if applicable
- Prior procedure reports
- Reports from other providers participating in treatment of the relevant condition

How long is the authorization valid?

Authorizations are valid for 90 calendar days. If the service is not performed within 90 days from the issuance of the authorization, please contact EviCore by Evernorth.

What is the most effective way to get authorization for urgent requests?

Urgent requests are defined as a condition that is a risk to the patient's health, ability to regain maximum function and/or the patient is experiencing severe pain that require a medically urgent procedure. Urgent requests may be initiated on our web portal at evicore.com or by contacting our contact center at 877-872-4161. Urgent requests will be processed within 24 hours from the receipt of complete clinical information.

Note: Please select urgent for cases that truly are clinically urgent and not simply for a "quicker" review. Also, please note that any case marked urgent that does not meet urgent criteria may be reassigned as a routine case.

How do I check the eligibility and benefits of a member?

Providers should verify member eligibility and benefits on the secured provider log-in section at login.firstcarolinacare.com.



Where can I access EviCore by Evernorth's clinical worksheets and guidelines?

EviCore's clinical worksheets and guidelines are available online 24/7 and can be found by visiting one of the following links:

Clinical Worksheets

www.evicore.com/provider/online-forms

Clinical Guidelines

www.evicore.com/provider/clinical-guidelines

After I submit my request, when and how will I receive the determination?

After all clinical information is received, for normal (non-urgent) requests a decision is made within 2-3 business days. For urgent requests, a decision is made within 24 hours (Medicare/Medicaid) and 72 hours (Commercial). The provider will be notified by fax. E-notification is also available.

What if a provider doesn't know the specific CPT code(s) they plan to perform at the time prior authorization is requested?

EviCore recognizes that providers may not know beforehand what procedures may be performed during the course of the planned PVD procedure. Therefore, EviCore allows a range of related CPT codes based on procedure type and anatomic region to be selected at the time precertification is requested. Providers may submit billing for any of the PVD CPT codes included on the code list managed by EviCore. This list can be found on the EviCore website by selecting Provider Resources > Cardiac & Vascular Intervention > First Carolina Care Vascular Intervention Code List. Providers do not have to contact EviCore if the procedure ultimately performed is different than the one initially approved, because approval received for one PVD procedure code represents approval for any appropriate related PVD codes within the billable code list performed on the same date of service.

What are my options if I receive and adverse determination?

The ordering and rendering provider will receive a denial letter that contains the reason for denial as well as reconsideration and appeal rights processes.

Does EviCore review cases retrospectively if no authorization was obtained?

No. EviCore does not process retrospective authorizations for FirstCarolinaCare. All retrospective requests should be sent directly to FirstCarolinaCare.



How do I make a revision to an authorization that has been performed? How do I make a revision to an authorization that has not been performed?

The requesting provider or member should contact EviCore with any change to the authorization, whether the procedure has already been performed or not. It is very important to update EviCore by Evernorth of any changes to the authorization in order for claims to be correctly processed.

What information about the authorization will be visible on the EviCore by Evernorth web portal?

The authorization status function on the website will provide the following information:

- Prior Authorization Number/Case Number
- Status of Request
- Site Name and Location
- Prior Authorization Date
- Expiration Date

Where do I submit my claims and/or appeals?

All claims and authorization appeals should be sent directly to FirstCarolinaCare.

Where do I submit questions or concerns regarding this program?

For program related questions or concerns, please email: clientservices@evicore.com.

Common topics to send to Client Services:

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

Who do I contact for online support/questions?

Web portal inquiries can be emailed to portal.support@evicore.com or call 800-646-0418 (Option 2).

What are the benefits of using EviCore by Evernorth's web portal?



Our web portal provides 24/7 access to submit or check on the status of your request. The portal also offers additional benefits for your convenience:

- **Speed** – Requests submitted online require half the time (or less) than those taken telephonically.
- **Efficiency** – Medical documentation can be attached to the case upon initial submission, reducing follow-up calls and consultation.
- **Real-Time Access** – Web users are able to see real-time status of a request.
- **Member History** – Web users are able to see both existing and previous requests for a member.

Where can I find additional educational materials?

For more program information and reference documents, please visit our provider resource page at www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/firstcarolinacare.