

Vision, Medical Prior Authorization Requirements Removed

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As of June 1, 2024, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) no longer requires prior authorization for select vision and medical services. **This update applies to all lines of business.**

The following table outlines the services and associated codes:

Figure 1:

Service	Code List
Closure of the lacrimal punctum; by plug, each	68761
Arthrodesis, combined posterior or posterolateral technique with posterior interbody technique including laminectomy and/or discectomy sufficient to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), single interspace, lumbar.	22633
Arthrodesis, combined posterior or posterolateral technique with posterior interbody technique including laminectomy and/or discectomy sufficient to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), single interspace, lumbar; each additional interspace.	22634

Please note that although prior authorization requirements may be added, updated, or removed for certain codes, the presence or absence of a service or code on the list does not indicate coverage, benefit availability, or reimbursement for all products or lines of business. Providers should verify Neighborhood member eligibility and benefit availability (NaviNet) prior to performing a service. Prior authorization is a determination of medical necessity, but does not guarantee coverage, benefits, or reimbursement.

Providers should use the [Prior Authorization Search Tool](#) found on the [Policies and Guidelines page](#) to determine which Neighborhood services require prior authorization. To ensure faster and more accurate processing, providers can choose from the [prior authorization electronic forms found here](#). Additional information can also be found under [Neighborhood's Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies](#).

If you have any questions about this update, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-963-1001.

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