

Changes to Authorization Requirements for Select Services Under Medicaid and Commercial Lines of Business

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Effective **November 1, 2024**, select services under Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island’s (Neighborhood) Medicaid and Commercial lines of business will no longer require prior authorization.

Those services and procedure codes include:

- **Cochlear Remapping/Re-programming**
 - No requirement for cochlear remapping/re-programming of an existing implant for procedure codes 92601 to 92604.
- **Cardiac Implants**
 - No requirement for the following cardiac implant procedure codes, excluding left ventricular assist devices (LVADs).
 - Procedure codes:
 - 33202, 33203, 33206, 33207, 33208, 33212, 33213, 33214, 33216, 33217, 33221, 33224, 33225, 33226, 33227, 33228, 33230, 33231, 33240, 33241, 33243, 33244, 33249, 33262, 33263, 33264, 33270, 33271, 33272, 33273, 33340, 36260, 36261, 36262, 93260, 93261, C1722, C1785, C1786, C2619, C2620, C7537, C7538, C7539, G0448

Breast Reconstruction/Mastectomies

Prior authorization has also been removed for select breast reconstruction and mastectomy procedures associated with the cancer diagnoses listed below. Please note that other diagnoses related to these procedure codes will still require authorization.

Procedure Codes	Applicable Cancer Diagnoses Codes
11920, 11921, 11970, 11971, 19301, 19302, 19303, 19307, 19316, 19325, 19328, 19340, 19342, 19350, 19357, 19361, 19364, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19370, 19371, 19380, 19396, S2066, S2067, S2068	C50.011 to C50.929, C79.81, D05.00, D05.01, D05.02, D05.10, D05.11, D05.12, D05.80, D05.81, D05.82, D05.90, D05.91, D05.92, N65.0, N65.1, Z42.1

Additional Codes Not Requiring Authorization

Additionally, **procedure codes 15771 and 15772** will not require authorizations for diagnoses C50.011 to C50.929, D05.00 to D05.02, D05.10 to D05.12, D05.80 to D05.82, D05.90 to D05.92, N65.0, N65.1, Z42.1, and Z85.3. If these procedure codes are associated with other diagnoses, they will be considered a non-covered benefit.

For more information on these changes, please refer to the [Prior Authorization Search Tool](#) available on our website. If you have any questions about this notification, please contact our Provider Services team at 1-800-963-1001.