

Update to Low-Dose CT Scan Authorization Requirement

January 1, 2025

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is updating the authorization requirements for CPT Code 71271, which pertains to computed tomography (CT) of the thorax, specifically low-dose CT for lung cancer screening without the use of contrast material. This update applies to all lines of business beginning **January 1, 2025**.

Key Changes

- **Removal of Authorization:** Starting January 1, 2025, prior authorization will no longer be required for CPT Code 71271 across all lines of business.
- **Authorization Search Tool:** Providers are encouraged to refer to Neighborhood's [Prior Authorization Search Tool](#) for the most current authorization requirements.
- **Portal Update:** Please be aware that Evolent's portal will not reflect this change immediately. **Please do not submit authorizations for this code through Evolent.** Although the portal may still accept requests for CPT Code 71271, no authorization will be required from the effective date. Neighborhood is actively working with Evolent to update their portal to align with the latest authorization requirements.

Please review [Neighborhood's Prior Authorization Search Tool](#) for additional details or contact our Provider Services team if you have any questions regarding this update.

Thank you for your attention to this important update as we continue to streamline our processes to better serve our providers and members.

Note: This notice was sent via email on January 1, 2025 to all providers with a high-volume authorization submissions of CPT Code 71271.