

MEDICAID PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Authorization rule additions effective May 1, 2017

Prior authorization (PA) is now required for varicose vein procedures and sacroiliac joint injections. Effective May 1, 2017, the below procedures will require PA. Please refer to the Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO) for detailed authorization requirements. To find PLUTO, go to <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky> and select **Precertification**.

Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims. PA requirements will be added to the following codes:

27096	Injection procedure for sacroiliac joint, arthrography and/or anesthetic/steroid
37700	Ligation and division of long saphenous vein at saphenofemoral junction, or distal interruptions
37718	Ligation, division and stripping — short saphenous vein
37722	Ligation, division and stripping — long (greater) saphenous veins from saphenofemoral junction to knee or below
37760	Ligation of perforator vein(s) — subfascial, radical (Linton type), with or without skin graft, open
37761	Ligation of perforator vein(s) — subfascial, open, including ultrasound guidance when performed, one leg
37765	Stab phlebectomy of varicose veins, one extremity — 10 to 20 stab incisions
37780	Ligation and division of short saphenous vein at saphenopopliteal junction (separate procedure)
37785	Ligation, division and/or excision of varicose vein cluster(s) — one leg
37799	Unlisted procedure — vascular surgery

Please use one of the following methods to request PA:

- Phone: **1-855-661-2028**
- Fax: **1-800-964-3627**
- Website: <https://www.availity.com>

In review of these services, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid will utilize InterQual Criteria.

The information in this bulletin may be an update or change to your provider manual. Find the most current manual at:

<https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky>

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