

MEDICAID PROVIDER BULLETIN

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This is an update about information in the provider manual. For access to the latest manual, go online to <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky>.

Authorization rule additions and deletions effective April 1, 2017

These authorization rule changes are a result of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid (Anthem) moving to utilize InterQual Criteria for medical necessity reviews.

Prior authorization now required for coronary artery bypass grafts

Effective April 1, 2017, elective one and two vessel coronary artery bypass grafts (CABGs) will require prior authorization (PA). Please refer to the Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO) for detailed authorization requirements. Go to <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky> and select **Precertification** to find the PLUTO.

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

33510 — coronary artery bypass	vein only; single coronary venous graft	
33511 — coronary artery bypass	vein only; two coronary venous grafts	
33517 — coronary artery bypass	using venous graft(s) and arterial graft(s); single vein graft (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	
33518 — coronary artery bypass	using venous graft(s) and arterial graft(s); two venous grafts (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	
33530 — reoperation	coronary artery bypass procedure or valve procedure	more than one month after original operation (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
33533 — coronary artery bypass	using arterial graft(s); single arterial graft	
33534 — coronary artery bypass	using arterial graft(s); two coronary arterial grafts	

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>

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In review of these services, Anthem will utilize InterQual Criteria for CABGs.

PA no longer required for some services

Also effective April 1, 2017, services noted in the link provided below will no longer require PA:
http://mediproviders.anthem.com/Documents/KYKY_CAID_ProcedureCodesnolongerrequiringPA.pdf

All inpatient services and services performed by nonparticipating providers will continue to require PA.

If you have questions, please call Provider Services at **1-855-661-2028**.