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## Lower extremity vascular intervention codes require prior authorization

Effective July 1, 2018, lower extremity vascular intervention codes will require prior authorization (PA) by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Please refer to the Precertification Lookup Tool for detailed PA requirements by visiting <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/wi>, then choosing **Precertification** from the main menu.

PA requirements will be added to the following codes:

- **37220** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, iliac artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with transluminal angioplasty
- **37221** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, iliac artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with transluminal stent placement(s), includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37224** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral, popliteal artery(s), unilateral; with transluminal angioplasty
- **37225** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral, popliteal artery(s), unilateral; with atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37226** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral, popliteal artery(s), unilateral; with transluminal stent placement(s), includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37227** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral, popliteal artery(s), unilateral; with transluminal stent placement(s) and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37228** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial, peroneal artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with transluminal angioplasty
- **37229** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial, peroneal artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37230** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial, peroneal artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with transluminal stent placement(s), includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed
- **37231** — Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial, peroneal artery, unilateral, initial vessel; with transluminal stent placement(s) and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed

Please use one of the following methods to request PA:

- **Web:** <https://www.availity.com>
- **Fax:** 1-800-964-3627
- **Phone:** 1-855-558-1443

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

Noncompliance with the new requirements may result in denied claims. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language including definitions, and specific contract provisions and exclusions, take precedence over these PA rules and must be considered first when determining coverage.

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, call Provider Services at **1-855-558-1443**.