

Cardiology

Quick Reference Guide



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Required Authorization

Prior authorization is required for the following studies:

- o Cardiac MR, CT, PET
- o Nuclear Stress Test
- o Echo
- o Stress Echo
- o Diagnostic Heart Catheterization

Authorization Requirements

To ensure the authorization process is as quick and efficient as possible, the physician's office submitting requests will need to provide the following:

- o Member Name, Date of Birth, Member ID
- o Ordering physician's name, NPI, Tax ID, Address
- o Rendering facilities name, NPI, Tax ID, Address
- o Supporting Clinical Information

Authorizations

An authorization number will be faxed to the ordering physician and requested facility upon approval. eviCore healthcare will approve the specific facility performing the procedure and the CPT code or codes for cardiac services. **Contact eviCore healthcare for changes to facility or study.**

It is the responsibility of the ordering provider to obtain authorization. Verification of authorization requirements may be obtained via the eviCore website or by calling (888) 233-8158.

Important: Authorization from eviCore does not guarantee claim payment. Services must be covered by the health plan and the member must be eligible at the time services are rendered. Claims submitted for unauthorized procedures are subject to denial, and the member must be held harmless. Please verify the member's eligibility with the health plan.

Authorization Denials

A denial letter will be faxed to the ordering physician and mailed to the member with rationale for the determination within one business day of decision. The denial notification sets forth the appeal options per current state policy. eviCore also offers the ordering physician a consultation with an eviCore Medical Director. In certain instances, additional information provided during the physician consultation is sufficient to satisfy medical necessity criteria.

No Required Authorization

Prior authorization is not required for the following services:

- Inpatient
- Emergency room services
- 23-hour observation

Clinical Worksheets and Guidelines

eviCore uploads clinical worksheets and guidelines to assist providers and/or their staff to assist in the prior authorization process. By utilizing these educational resources, providers have the potential to receive real-time authorization.

Clinical Worksheets

www.evicore.com/provider/online-forms

Clinical Guidelines

www.evicore.com/provider/clinical-guidelines

Need Clinical Support?

Providers and/ or staff can request to speak to an eviCore Medical Director by scheduling a clinical consultation. To schedule a clinical consultation, please visit:

www.evicore.com/provider/request-a-clinical-consultation

Please contact the health plan directly to discuss reconsiderations of claims payment.

For claim denials, you must follow the appeals process

If your case requires further clinical discussion for approval, we welcome requests for clinical determination discussions from ordering physicians.

One of eviCore's physicians can assist in a consideration of cardiac study options.

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Urgent Requests (888) 233-8158



When service is required due to a medically urgent condition, the ordering physician's office must call eviCore at the number above. eviCore will make a good faith effort to render a decision within 72 hours of receipt of all necessary information. In most cases where requisite information is provided in the initial call, a decision is rendered and communicated within 24 hours. Please indicate that the notification is for medically urgent care.

Convenient Web Portal

24/7

[The Web Portal](#) remains the quickest, most efficient way to obtain information. You can view case/authorization details, verify eligibility, and more. Available 24/7, 365 days a year. You may also request a peer-to-peer [online](#).

Web Portal assistance:

✉ e: portal.support@evicore.com

☎ p: 800-646-0418 (Option 2)

Toll-free (888) 233-8158



Contact us from 7AM to 7PM local time. For faster service, you'll need all pertinent clinical information before you call. Outside of normal business hours, you may call eviCore and leave a message for a return call the next business day.

eviCore's call center will be closed in observance of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, and Christmas Day.

Provider Resource Page



The eviCore Client Resource contains clinical guidelines, FAQ documents, the provider orientation, a comprehensive CPT code list, and other important resources that are kept up-to-date for your convenience:

<https://www.evicore.com/implementation/healthplan/blue-cross-blue-shield/rhode-island>