Important Prior Authorization Updates

(Effective October 15, 2025)

As part of our ongoing work to improve the prior authorization (PA) process for both providers and members, Wellcare wants to share some important updates to our PA requirements. Our goal is to reduce administrative burden, simplify submission and approval processes, and facilitate timely access to appropriate, high-quality care.

A full list of code changes for Wellcare, including Medicare (Wellcare), can be found on our website at https://www.wellcare.com/authorization-lookup. These changes may include:

- Removing PA requirements based on criticality of review and clinical need.
- Creating a more uniform set of prior authorization requirements across our markets and lines of businesses, including adding and changing some PA requirements, to simplify processes, reduce confusion for providers, and support future efforts to expand real-time responses to requests.

If you have questions about specific prior authorization codes or how these changes affect your practice, please reach out to your local Provider Engagement representative.

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Service Category	PA Rule	Services	Procedure Codes
DME Services	No PA Required	Equipment Accessories	E0953, K0019, K0044, K0045, K0046, K0047, K0051, K0052
		Wheelchairs	E0954, E0956, E0957, E0973, E1028, E2209, E2210, E2365, E2366, E2367, E2603, E2604, E2615, E2616, K0733, K0739
Home Services	No PA Required	Home Management	G0156
Surgery Procedures	No PA Required	Vascular	36471
Transportation Services	PA Required	Medical Transportation	A0431, A0436
Skin Substitutes & Wound Dressings	PA Required	Skin Substitutes & Wound Dressings	C9358, C9360, C9363, Q4111, Q4115, Q4117, Q4118, Q4125, Q4134, Q4135, Q4136, Q4139, Q4145, Q4162, Q4165, Q4166, Q4167, Q4168, Q4170, Q4171, Q4174, Q4176, Q4177, Q4179, Q4180, Q4181, Q4182, Q4205, Q4206, Q4208, Q4209, Q4211, Q4212, Q4214, Q4216, Q4217, Q4218, Q4219, Q4220, Q4221, Q4222, Q4226, Q4227, Q4229, Q4230, Q4232, Q4233, Q4234, Q4235, Q4237, Q4238, Q4239, Q4240, Q4241, Q4242, Q4244, Q4245, Q4246, Q4247, Q4248, Q4251,Q4252, Q4253

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Durable Medical Equipment	No PA Required	Equipment and Accessories	A5500, A6530, A9279, E0184
		Incontinence Supplies	A4335, T4521, T4535
		Neurostimulators	E0720, E0730
		Nutritional Services	B4034
		Orthotics and Prosthetics	E0849
		Supplies and Devices	A9900
		Wheelchairs	E0961, E0951, E0955, E0990, E1016, E2359, E2361, E2363, E2606, E2607, E2624, K0040, K0043, K0077
Physical Medicine	No PA Required	Orthotics and Prosthetics	L5926, L5685 L2820, L5617
Other Medical Services	No PA Required	Other Services	97542, G0249
		Surgical Supplies	A4557
		Wound Care	A6010