

Delegation of Joint/Spine Surgery and Interventional Cardiology Services to Evolent

Neighborhood News – January 2026

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is excited to announce a partnership with Evolent to implement two new medical management programs focused on Joint/Spine Surgery and Interventional Cardiology for our **Medicaid** and **Medicare** lines of business. Neighborhood's **Commercial** line of business is not included in this delegation.

Evolent will manage services within these specialties. Neighborhood will continue to oversee claims adjudication.

This collaboration reflects Neighborhood's ongoing commitment to continuous quality improvement and aligns with broader industry efforts to promote clinically appropriate, high-quality care.

Joint/Spine Surgery

Effective for dates of service on or after **February 1, 2026**, prior authorization will be required for the following **non-emergent Joint/Spine Surgeries**. Providers may begin submitting requests as of **January 1, 2026**.

In-scope services CPT Code List can be found here for [Joint Surgery](#) and [Spine Surgery](#) services.

Interventional Cardiology Services

Effective for dates of service on or after **February 1, 2026**, prior authorization will be required for **non-emergent Interventional Cardiology services** for adults 19 years of age or older. Providers may begin submitting requests as of **January 1, 2026**.

In-scope services CPT Code List can be found here for [Interventional Cardiology](#) services.

Evolent Online Portal

Providers can request access to Evolent's portal at [RadMD.com](https://www.radmd.com) by completing the registration process.

Reminders

Before rendering any services:

- Ordering or rendering providers are responsible for obtaining prior authorization prior to rendering Interventional Cardiology and Joint/Spine Surgery services.
- Rendering providers should confirm that authorization has been obtained by visiting [RadMD.com](https://www.RadMD.com) or by calling Evolent at 1-877-469-7949. Claims may be denied if authorization is not secured.
- Emergency Room, Urgent Care, and Newborn Inpatient services do not require prior authorization from Evolent for these services
- Interventional Cardiology services delegated to Evolent apply only to members 19 years of age or older.

Provider Support

Neighborhood and Evolent are providing additional resources regarding both medical programs including:

- Scope of Services Documentation can be found [here](#) for Joint Surgery, Spine Surgery and Interventional Cardiology.
- FAQ for the Interventional Cardiology and Musculoskeletal Surgery (Joint/Spine Surgery) program can be found [here](#).
- Clinical guidelines are available at [RadMD.com](https://www.RadMD.com).

Neighborhood appreciates your continued commitment to providing quality care to our members. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-963-1001.

Note: A notice was sent via email on August 21, 2025 to all providers who utilize the impacted services.