
Clarification to Prior Authorization Submission Requirements

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is issuing this notice to clarify prior authorization submission requirements referenced in the August 29, 2025 notice [titled Updated Prior Authorization Requirements for Medicaid and Commercial Lines of Business](#). This clarification does not change existing benefit limits.

All Lines of Business

For all Neighborhood lines of business, when a member is expected to receive services in excess of the number of services allowed without prior authorization, providers must include the following information on the prior authorization request:

- The dates of service for procedures or services already provided, and
- The dates of service for the additional procedures or services being requested.

Prior authorization forms are currently being updated to reflect this clarification.

D-SNP (INTEGRITY for Duals and Dual CONNECT)

The benefit limits below apply to Neighborhood's D-SNP products (Neighborhood INTEGRITY for Duals and Dual CONNECT) and are included here to define D-SNP requirements for interventional pain management injections and facility-based sleep studies.

Interventional Pain Management Injections

(e.g., epidural steroid injections, nerve blocks)

- Limited to six dates of service per calendar year
- Services beyond six per calendar year require prior authorization
- Prior authorization requests must include the applicable dates of service, as outlined above

Facility-Based Sleep Studies

- Limited to one per calendar year
- Services beyond one per calendar year require prior authorization
- Prior authorization requests must include the applicable dates of service, as outlined above

Please reference the [August 29 notice](#) for benefit limits for Medicaid and Commercial lines of business.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for your cooperation in submitting complete and accurate prior authorization requests.