

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is Removing Select Prior Authorization Requirements in 2023

December 1, 2022

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island’s (Neighborhood’s) Medical Management department is responsible for ensuring positive patient outcomes by addressing and supporting member’s medical and social needs in the most cost effective and efficient way. Neighborhood has an ongoing responsibility to evaluate our medical policies, programs, and benefits to ensure our covered services align with the latest scientific evidence and specialty society guidance. Although we use a process of prior authorization to manage the utilization of the most resource-sensitive services, we have also tried to remain sensitive to our provider’s experience with Neighborhood.

You Spoke – We Listened

Providers have shared the administrative burden experienced with our PA requirements and we are pleased to share that we will be removing the PA requirement on select services in the New Year. Effective January 1, 2023, the services (and associated codes) listed in the table below will no longer require PA from Neighborhood, for any Neighborhood line of business:

Service	Code List
Allergen IgE Each Allergen/ Allergen IgE Testing	82785, 86003, 86005, 86008
Capsule Endoscopy	91110, 91111
Ocular Photo screening	99174, 99177
Pediatric Autism and Developmental Screening	96110
Vision Care Services and Hardware	S0580, V2100- V2221, V2299, V2300-V2321, V2399, V2410-V2499, V2500-V2523, V2600, V2610, V2615, V2700, V2715, V2744 to V2755, V2781-V2783, V2784, V2797, V2799, 92311-92317
Wound Clinic Services	97597-97608, 97610, G0168, G0281, G0329
Removal of Skin Tags* <i>*Removal of skin tags is a non-covered service for Neighborhood Commercial/Exchange members.</i>	11200, 11201
Removal of Benign Skin Lesions	11300-11446
Long-term EEG/VEEG Set-up	95700, 95705, 95706, 95707, 95708, 95709, 95710, 95711, 95712, 95713, 95714, 95715, 95716, 95717, 95718, 95719, 85720, 95721, 95722, 95723, 95724, 95725, 95726, 95957, 95958

Please note, although PA requirements may be added/updated/removed for certain codes, the presence or absence of a service or code on the list does not indicate coverage, benefit availability or reimbursement for all products or lines of business. Providers should verify Neighborhood member eligibility and benefit availability ([NaviNet](#)) prior to performing a service. Prior authorization is a determination of medical necessity, but does not guarantee coverage, benefits or reimbursement. [Neighborhood’s Prior Authorization Guides](#), by line of business, can be found on our website. For services requiring prior authorization, please utilize the [electronic forms](#) (e-forms) for your PA requests to ensure faster and more accurate processing. For more information, please refer to [Neighborhood’s Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies](#). All impacted [Clinical Medical Policies](#) will be updated on Neighborhood’s website prior to January 1, 2023.

The above information was sent in a formal notification to all Neighborhood contracted providers via USPS on November 30, 2022. To receive important news and information via email on matters such as new initiatives, policy changes, and more, please [click here](#) to register your email address.