

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

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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 starting **January 1, 2026**.

HIP SURGERY PROCEDURES	
Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty	Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI) Hip Surgery
Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing	Hip Surgery – Other
KNEE SURGERY PROCEDURES	
Revision Knee Arthroplasty	Knee Ligament Reconstruction/Repair
Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)	Knee Meniscectomy/Meniscal Repair/Meniscal Transplant
Partial-Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA)	Knee Surgery – Other
Knee Manipulation under Anesthesia (MUA)	
SHOULDER SURGERY PROCEDURES	
Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty	Frozen Shoulder Repair/Adhesive Capsulitis
Total/Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty or Resurfacing	Shoulder Labral Repair
Partial Shoulder Arthroplasty/Hemiarthroplasty	Shoulder Rotator Cuff Repair
Shoulder Surgery - Other	
SPINAL SURGERY PROCEDURES	

Cervical Anterior Decompression (without fusion)	Lumbar Microdiscectomy
Cervical ACDF - Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Single Level	Lumbar Decompression
Cervical ACDF - Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels	Lumbar Fusion - Single Level
Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)	Lumbar Fusion - Multiple Levels
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Single Level	Lumbar Artificial Disc - Single Level
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion – Multiple Levels	Lumbar Artificial Disc - Multiple Levels
Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level	Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
Cervical Artificial Disc - Two Levels	

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 starting **January 1, 2026**.

Please note: emergent Interventional Cardiology services are excluded from requiring prior authorization. A complete list of CPT codes and service descriptions requiring authorization is [listed here](#).

Evolent Online Portal

Providers can request access to Evolent's portal at RadMD.com by completing the registration process. While access can be requested at any time, prior authorization requests may not be submitted until **January 1, 2026**. Neighborhood strongly encourages all providers to become familiar with the portal prior to that date.

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 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:

- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- A new clinical medical policy (effective January 1, 2026)
- Evolent provider website
 - Coming soon!
- Provider education webinars:
 - To be scheduled for November and December 2025

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