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Tips for Using the Blue Cross VT Searchable Prior Approval Database

The searchable prior approval database takes the previous prior approval pdf document and incorporates the prior approval procedures/items directly into the Blue Cross VT public website, offering three search options, as well as the ability to scroll through all the listings.

The new searchable prior approval database webpage outlines what health plans are included and which ones are not and provides quick links to additional information on the website that users may need for prior approvals.

Understanding the Individual Listings

- Each listing of the searchable prior approval database provides the following information:
  - Procedure/Item Name
    - If the procedure/item is tied to a category (i.e., Radiology) the category name will appear in small all caps text above the procedure/item name
    - If there are additional details tied to the procedure/item name, it will appear just below the procedure/item name
  - A "Show More Details" expandable link under each listing that notes any applicable medical policies and how to secure the needed prior approval
  - CPT®/HCPCS Code(s) applicable to that listing item
    - Within this column, additional details may also be presented regarding notes for other health plans, specific exceptions, and other code-related details.
  - Either a blue check mark or 'Not Reviewed' notation for the health plans tied to this prior approval database

Using the Search Boxes

Users have three options when searching for a prior approval listing: Search by the CPT/HCPCS code, Search by the service/item name, or Search by the Category.

Note: For best results, do not use both Search by Code and Search by Name for the same search – only one should be used per search or you will risk clearing out a search from one box when applying a new search from the other (see below for information about clearing a search)**.** If you select a Category first, you can search by Name or Code, but only codes or listings within that chosen category will be searchable.

- **Search by Code**
  - Start typing the code into the search area of the Search by Code box. The search will begin to filter based on the letters/numbers you type.
  - **Select the code** you are searching for; the webpage will refresh and bring you to that specific listing for more information.
    - **Please note**: Hitting enter will not select the code and provide results; click on the code to provide results
  - Like the previous prior approval pdf document, some listings have "**ALL**" for the CPT/HCPCS code. If the specific code you search for provides no results, try **searching "ALL" to confirm if a prior approval is needed.**

- **Search by Name**
  - The name of each listing is the same as it was in the previous prior approval pdf document, so it is not necessarily the same as the CPT code description.
  - Start typing the name of the procedure/item into the search area of the Search by Name box. The search will begin to filter based on the letters/name you type.
  - Select the name or names of the procedure(s)/item(s) you wish to view; select the Apply Selection button at the bottom of the filtered list; the webpage will refresh and bring you to the selected listing(s) for more information.
  - If you wish to refine the results further, you can use the Search by Code field. Only codes listed within your current filtered results procedures/items will be searchable unless you clear all filters and start a new search.
  - If you wish to search additional procedures/items, use the Search by Name box and select the applicable items.

- **Search by Category**
  - We have moved away from the Appendix used in the previous prior approval pdf document, and listings that were previously listed in the Appendix sections are now tied to a Category; the Category name is titled the same as the Appendix name.

- Listings that were in the Appendix area of the previous prior approval pdf document now have their own individual listing, and the Category name appears in all caps above each listing name to see how they are related.
  - To select a Category, click the drop-down area of the search box
  - Once you select a category, the webpage will refresh and bring you to the listings within that Category.
  - **Not all codes are tied to a Category**, so if the procedure/item you are looking for is not found using the Search by Category, please try using a different search option.

  - **Special Note: Radiology Category**
    - We have combined radiology listings for the same procedures. For example, you will now find one listing for Computed Tomographic Scan (CT Scan) which shows the codes required for prior approval for the applicable health plans.

Procedure or Item	CPT®/HCPCS CODE	Blue Cross VT ⓘ	IBEW Local 300 ⓘ	State of Vermont ⓘ
RADIOLOGY (ADVANCED IMAGING) **Computed Tomographic (CT) Scans** Includes CT scans for angiography, bone density study, colonography, and all other CT scans Show More Details +	* State of Vermont (excluding State of VT Total Choice (FVT)) requires prior approval for those codes marked with an asterisk below. **New England Health Plan / Access Blue New England:** Blue Cross Vermont reviews all prior approval requests for advanced imaging/radiology. Refer to our Prior Approval Authorization page for more information. **Note:** CT guided procedures do not require prior approval. 70450*, 70460*, 70470*, 70480*, 70481*, 70482*, 70486*, 70487*, 70488*, 70490*, 70491*, 70492*, 70496, 70498, 71250*, 71260*, 71270*, 71271*, 71275, 72125*, 72126*, 72127*, 72128*, 72129*, 72130*, 72131*, 72132*, 72133*, 72191, 72192*, 72193*, 72194*, 73200*, 73201*, 73202*, 73206, 73700*, 73701*, 73702*, 73706, 74150*, 74160*, 74170*, 74174, 74175, 74176*, 74177*, 74178*, 74261*, 74262*, 74263*, 75571*, 75572*, 75573*, 75574, 75635, 77078*	☑	☑	☑

If you would like to start a new search, click the "Clear" button to remove all filters. You can also hit the "x" on any of the filtered items to clear that specific item out of your results.

Applied Filters	Computed Tomographic Scan (CT) ✕			Clear

Updated on **Nov 1, 2022**   KEY ⭐ New Code Added

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RADIOLOGY (ADVANCED IMAGING) FOR BLUE CROSS & IBEW **Computed Tomographic Scan (CT)**	For Blue Cross VT and IBEW **New England Health Plan / Access Blue New England:** Blue Cross Vermont reviews all prior approval requests for advanced imaging/radiology. Refer to	☑	☑	Not Reviewed

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