

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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Echocardiogram Code to Be Removed from Prior Authorization List

In support of our Living Health strategy, the Utilization Management (UM) Transformation team continues to identify opportunities to reduce administrative burden and give time back to providers and members.

CPT 93306 — the procedure ordered most frequently by cardiologists via eviCore's Advanced Imaging and Cardiology program — will no longer require authorization effective **January 1, 2023**.

Highmark will revise its [List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization](#) by removing the following code on **January 1, 2023**:

Procedure Code	Description
93306	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes m-mode recording, when performed, complete, with spectral doppler echocardiography, and with color flow doppler echocardiography

Note: This procedure will continue to require authorization via eviCore and appear on the all-inclusive authorization list on the Provider Resource Center until **January 1, 2023**.

Important Information for Acquiring Prior Authorization

The [List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization](#) for Highmark is subject to change. During the year, Highmark makes several adjustments to its full list of outpatient procedures, services, durable medical equipment, and drugs requiring authorization.

For benefits to be paid, the member must be eligible on the date of service and the service must be a covered benefit.

Providers should use [NaviNet®](#) or the applicable HIPAA electronic transactions to check member benefits and eligibility, to verify if an authorization is required, and to obtain authorization for services before they are rendered.

Providers who don't have NaviNet or access to the HIPAA transactions should fax authorization requests to one of the following departments:

- Behavioral Health: **833-581-1866**
- Gastric Surgery: **833-619-5745**

- Durable Medical Equipment/Medical Injectable Drugs/Outpatient Procedures: **833-619-5745**
- Inpatient Clinical: **833-581-1868**

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