

April 15, 2025

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Howard E Schulman, MD
Medical Associates of Rhode Island
1180 Hope St
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Howard E Schulman, MD,

At Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI), we continue to improve our members' health and peace of mind by facilitating their access to affordable and high-quality healthcare.

We are pleased to announce the implementation of the Primary Care Physician (PCP) burden reduction initiative that will go into effect on May 15, 2025. This initiative aims to streamline processes and reduce the administrative processes on PCPs by exempting them from submitting prior authorization requests for certain services.

Providers who are credentialed as an eligible PCP will no longer need to submit prior authorization requests for 62 CPT codes related to radiology, cardiology, and sleep studies. This change is expected to simplify workflows, reduce delays in patient care, and improve overall provider satisfaction.

Educational sessions will be conducted to ensure you as PCP understand the new processes and requirements Specialists will need to encounter. These sessions will address how PCP's will check if their NPI is eligible for the waiver by entering their NPI, the code in question and the date of the order. We will also show PCP offices how specialist will identify if the ordering physician is an eligible PCP to allow the code to be waived of the prior authorization requirement. There will be a new process within the provider portal to find this information which will be presented in these sessions.

Date	Time
Wednesday, May 7 th	12:00pm-12:30pm
Friday, May 9 th	1:00pm-1:30pm
Monday, May 12 th	8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, May 13 th (Monthly Provider Conference Call)	10:00am-11:00am
Wednesday May 14 th	12:00pm-12:30pm

To join a session that we will be offering, please review the announcement on our Alerts and Updates section of the Provider Portal for the link or you can email

ProviderRelations@bcbsri.org for a copy of the dates, times and links to join the session.

- they know who ~~we~~ we are. We need to
Simplify things not make them more complicated.
- MRIs - biggest problem. ~~FA~~ just one of many thousand cuts that is ~~debt~~ ^{cutting} ^{up} ^{the} ^{system}

If you have any additional questions about these changes or trainings, please contact Provider Relations at 1-844-707-5627 or ProviderRelations@bcbsri.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stef Vito". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stef Vito
Director, Provider Relations

