

Genetic testing services to require prior authorization

Summary: Effective June 1, 2017, the following genetic testing services require prior authorization (PA): epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) testing, prothrombin coagulation (factor II) testing and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase mutation (MTHFR) testing.

What is the impact of this change?

For dates of service on or after June 1, 2017, PA is required for EGFR testing, prothrombin coagulation (factor II) testing and MTHFR testing covered by Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. for KanCare members. Federal and state law as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions, take precedence over these PA rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

PA requirements will be added to the following codes:

- 81235
- 81240
- 81291

To request PA, contact us by phone at 1-800-454-3730, by fax at 1-800-964-3627 or via the Availity Web Portal (<https://www.availity.com>).

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers on the provider self-service website (<https://providers.amerigroup.com/KS> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > Precertification Lookup Tool).

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.