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Elective one and two vessel coronary artery bypass graft to require prior authorization

Summary: Effective January 1, 2017, elective one and two vessel coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) will require prior authorization (PA).

What is the impact of this change?

Amerigroup Community Care will require PA for the elective one and two vessel CABG beginning January 1, 2017. Please refer to the provider self-service website for detailed PA requirements (<https://providers.amerigroup.com/NJ> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > Precertification Lookup Tool).

Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims. PA requirements will be added to the following codes:

- 33510 — coronary artery bypass, vein only; single coronary venous graft
- 33511 — coronary artery bypass, vein only; two coronary venous grafts
- 33517 — coronary artery bypass, using venous graft(s) and arterial graft(s); single vein graft (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 33518 — coronary artery bypass, using venous graft(s) and arterial graft(s); two venous grafts (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 33530 — reoperation, coronary artery bypass procedure or valve procedure, more than one month after original operation (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 33533 — coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); single arterial graft
- 33534 — coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); two coronary arterial grafts

To request PA, contact us via phone (1-800-454-3730), fax (1-800-964-3627) or the provider website.

The Utilization Review team will utilize the InterQual Procedures criteria for CABG requests.

What if I need assistance?

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