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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\* 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/TX> > 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.

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