

Prior authorization requirements for Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator system

Effective **February 1, 2019**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for the Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator system to be covered by Amerigroup. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 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:

- Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator system — Insertion or replacement of permanent subcutaneous implantable defibrillator system, with subcutaneous electrode, including defibrillation threshold evaluation (33270)

To request PA, you may use one of the following methods:

- **Web:** <https://www.availity.com>
- **Fax:** 1-800-964-3627
- **Phone:** 1-800-454-3730

Not all PA requirements are listed here. PA requirements are available to contracted and noncontracted providers on our provider website (<https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > [Precertification Lookup Tool](#)). Providers may also call us at 1-800-454-3730 for PA requirements.

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