

UPDATE: March 27, 2024, review has been complete

Original notice below, additions in **red font**.

March 18, 2024

Dear Provider/Facility:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (Blue Cross VT) is in the process of completing our review of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, deletions and revisions for April 1, 2024. This could result in some changes to:

- Prior approval
- Investigational services
- Unit designation
- Non-Covered
- Other Changes
- Fee/Allowed Amounts

~~Our review is still underway, so any additional changes will be posted to the provider website.~~

#### **PRIOR APPROVAL**

The following new codes, require prior approval: 0448U, C9166 – C9168\*, E2298, J0177\*, J0589\*, J1202\*, J1203\*, J1323\*, J2277\*, J2782\*, J3055\*, J9248\*, J9249\*, J9376\*, L1320, L5783, L5841, Q5133\*, and Q5134\*

\*prior approval is through Optum Rx

#### **INVESTIGATIONAL SERVICES**

The following new codes are considered investigational: 0439U – 0447U, 0449U, A2026, A4438, A4593, A4594, E0468, E0736, E0738, E0739, K1037, Q4305 – Q4310, S4988, and S9002.

#### **INFORMATIONAL SERVICES**

Code H0051 is considered informational and will not process to benefits.

#### **UNIT DESIGNATION**

##### **NEW CODES:**

The following new HCPCS/CPT® codes, effective April 1, 2024, have the following unit designations:

Single Unit Designation: 0439U – 0449U, A4564, A4593, A4594, C9796, C9797, E0152, E0468, E0736, E0738, E0739, E2104, E2298, G0138, H0051, K1037, L1320, L5783, L5841, S4988, S9002.

Multiple Unit Designation: A2026, A4271, A4438, A9293, C9166 – C9168, J0177, J0209, J0577, J0578, J0589, J0650 – J0652, J1010, J1202, J1203, J1323, J1434, J2277, J2782, J2801, J2919, J3055, J3424, J7165, J7354, J9073 – J9075, J9248, J9249, J9376, Q4305, Q4306, Q4307, Q4308, Q4309, Q4310, Q5133, Q5134.

Services billed for dates of service on or after April 1, 2024 require the correct billing of unit designation.

The Unit Designation Grid located at [www.bcbsvt.com/provider](http://www.bcbsvt.com/provider) under manual/reference guides, general, unit designation is updated to include the new CPT®/HCPCS codes and their unit designations.

**NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY**

Code E0152 is considered not medically necessary and will report as a provider liability.

**CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES**

Starting with dates of service April 1, 2024, or after, there are changes in requirements for the following services.

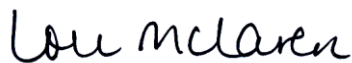
Code	Processing through March 31, 2024	Change for April 1, 2024
<b>27278</b>	Requires Prior Approval	Investigational
<b>0242U</b>	Investigational	Requires Prior Approval
<b>87806</b>	Standard Benefits	Added to Preventive Grid for certain categories as zero cost share with applicable diagnosis
<b>C9796</b>	Error occurred; code was not set up	Investigational
<b>C9797</b>	Error occurred; code was not set up	Investigational

**Fee/Allowance Amounts**

The fee/allowances for the above codes can be obtained by contacting your provider relations consultant. Fee/allowances can be obtained by April 15, 2024.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions regarding this notice, feel free to contact your provider relations consultant. If you are not sure who that is, please email [providerrelations@bcbsvt.com](mailto:providerrelations@bcbsvt.com) or call (888) 449-0443 option 1 and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

Sincerely,



Lou McLaren  
Director, Provider Services