



**Aetna Better Health of Texas
PROVIDER NOTIFICATION**

Dear Valued Provider,

In a periodic review of our Prior Authorization code listing, Effective July 1, 2025, Aetna Better Health of Texas **will require prior authorization** for the codes listed below for participating providers. The change applies to CHIP, STAR and STAR Kids. Codes remain non covered for CHIP Perinate. As always, do not hesitate to contact your Aetna Better Health of Texas Provider Relations Representative with any questions or comments.

Please refer to the provider pre-authorization tool for the most up to date listing of codes requiring a prior authorization

<https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/texas/providers/prior-authorization.html>

Please note: This new process may result in a change in how your practice is reimbursed for these services. We urge you to thoroughly review the information in this document and in the attached policy.

CHIP

Bexar area

1-866-818-0959 (TTY: 711)

Tarrant area

1-800-245-5380 (TTY: 711)

STAR (Medicaid)

Bexar area

1-800-248-7767 (TTY: 711)

Tarrant area

1-800-306-8612 (TTY: 711)

STAR Kids

Dallas and Tarrant areas

1-844-787-5437 (TTY: 711)

Thank you for your valued partnership in caring for our Aetna Better Health Members.

Sincerely,

Provider Services and Chief Medical Officer
Aetna Better Health of Texas

Code List

Code	Code Description
38225	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; harvesting of blood-derived T lymphocytes for development of genetically modified autologous CAR-T cells, per day
38226	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; preparation of blood-derived T lymphocytes for transportation (eg, cryopreservation, storage)
38227	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; receipt and preparation of CAR-T cells for administration

38228	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; CAR-T cell administration, autologous
51721	Insertion of transurethral ablation transducer for delivery of thermal ultrasound for prostate tissue ablation, including suprapubic tube placement during the same session and placement of an endorectal cooling device, when performed
55881	Ablation of prostate tissue, transurethral, using thermal ultrasound, including magnetic resonance imaging guidance for, and monitoring of, tissue ablation;
55882	Ablation of prostate tissue, transurethral, using thermal ultrasound, including magnetic resonance imaging guidance for, and monitoring of, tissue ablation; with insertion of transurethral ultrasound transducer for delivery of thermal ultrasound, including suprapubic tube placement and placement of an endorectal cooling device, when performed
60660	Ablation of 1 or more thyroid nodule(s), one lobe or the isthmus, percutaneous, including imaging guidance, radiofrequency
61715	Magnetic resonance image guided high intensity focused ultrasound (MRgFUS), stereotactic ablation of target, intracranial, including stereotactic navigation and frame placement, when performed
64466	Thoracic fascial plane block, unilateral; by injection(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
64467	Thoracic fascial plane block, unilateral; by continuous infusion(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
64468	Thoracic fascial plane block, bilateral; by injection(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
64469	Thoracic fascial plane block, bilateral; by continuous infusion(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
64473	Lower extremity fascial plane block, unilateral; by injection(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
64474	Lower extremity fascial plane block, unilateral; by continuous infusion(s), including imaging guidance, when performed
66683	Implantation of iris prosthesis, including suture fixation and repair or removal of iris, when performed
81195	Cytogenomic (genome-wide) analysis, hematologic malignancy, structural variants and copy number variants, optical genome mapping (OGM)
81558	Transplantation medicine (allograft rejection, kidney), mRNA, gene expression profiling by quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) of 139 genes, utilizing whole blood, algorithm reported as a binary categorization as transplant excellence, which indicates immune quiescence, or not transplant excellence, indicating subclinical rejection

82233	Beta-amyloid; 1-40 (Abeta 40)
82234	Beta-amyloid; 1-42 (Abeta 42)
83884	Neurofilament light chain (NfL)
84393	Tau, phosphorylated (eg, pTau 181, pTau 217), each
84394	Tau, total (tTau)
87513	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori), clarithromycin resistance, amplified probe technique
87594	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Pneumocystis jirovecii, amplified probe technique
90593	Chikungunya virus vaccine, recombinant, for intramuscular use
0521U	Rheumatoid factor IgA and IgM, cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibodies, and scavenger receptor A (SR-A) by immunoassay, blood
0522U	Carbonic anhydrase VI, parotid specific/secretory protein and salivary protein 1 (SP1), IgG, IgM, and IgA antibodies, chemiluminescence, semiquantitative, blood
0523U	Oncology (solid tumor), DNA, qualitative, next-generation sequencing (NGS) of singlenucleotide variants (SNV) and insertion/deletions in 22 genes utilizing formalin-fixed paraffinembedded tissue, reported as presence or absence of mutation(s), location of mutation(s), nucleotide change, and amino acid change
0524U	Obstetrics (preeclampsia), sFlt1/PlGF ratio, immunoassay, utilizing serum or plasma, reported as a value
0525U	Oncology, spheroid cell culture, 11-drug panel (carboplatin, docetaxel, doxorubicin, etoposide, gemcitabine, niraparib, olaparib, paclitaxel, rucaparib, topotecan, veliparib) ovarian, fallopian, or peritoneal response prediction for each drug
0526U	Nephrology (renal transplant), quantification of CXCL10 chemokines, flow cytometry, urine, reported as pg/mL creatinine baseline and monitoring over time
0527U	Herpes simplex virus (HSV) types 1 and 2 and Varicella zoster virus (VZV), amplified probe technique, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected

0528U	Lower respiratory tract infectious agent detection, 18 bacteria, 8 viruses, and 7 antimicrobial resistance genes, amplified probe technique, including reverse transcription for RNA targets, each analyte reported as detected or not detected with semiquantitative results for 15 bacteria
0529U	Hematology (venous thromboembolism [VTE]), genome-wide single-nucleotide polymorphism variants, including F2 and F5 gene analysis, and Leiden variant, by microarray analysis, saliva, report as risk score for VTE
0530U	Oncology (pan-solid tumor), ctDNA, utilizing plasma, next generation sequencing (NGS) of 77 genes, 8 fusions, microsatellite instability, and tumor mutation burden, interpretative report for single-nucleotide variants, copy number alterations, with therapy association
0906T	Concurrent optical and magnetic stimulation (COMS) therapy, wound assessment and dressing care; first application, total wound(s) surface area less than or equal to 50 sq cm
0908T	Open implantation of integrated neurostimulation system, vagus nerve, including analysis and programming, when performed
0909T	Replacement of integrated neurostimulation system, vagus nerve, including analysis and programming, when performed
0910T	Removal of integrated neurostimulation system, vagus nerve
0913T	Percutaneous transcatheter therapeutic drug delivery by intracoronary drug-delivery balloon (eg, drug-coated, drug-eluting), including mechanical dilation by nondrug-delivery balloon angioplasty, endoluminal imaging using intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) or optical coherence tomography (OCT) when performed, imaging supervision, interpretation, and report, single major coronary artery or branch
0915T	Insertion of permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s), including fluoroscopic guidance, and evaluation and programming of sensing and therapeutic parameters; pulse generator and dual transvenous electrodes/leads (pacing and defibrillation)
0916T	Insertion of permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s), including fluoroscopic guidance, and evaluation and programming of sensing and therapeutic parameters; pulse generator only
0917T	Insertion of permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s), including fluoroscopic guidance, and evaluation and programming of sensing and therapeutic parameters; single transvenous lead (pacing or defibrillation) only
0918T	Insertion of permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s), including fluoroscopic guidance, and evaluation and programming of sensing and therapeutic parameters; dual transvenous leads (pacing and defibrillation) only
0919T	Removal of a permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s); pulse generator only
0920T	Removal of a permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s); single transvenous pacing lead only

0921T	Removal of a permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s); single transvenous defibrillation lead only
0922T	Removal of a permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system component(s); dual (pacing and defibrillation) transvenous leads only
0923T	Removal and replacement of permanent cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation pulse generator only
0924T	Repositioning of previously implanted cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation transvenous electrode(s)/lead(s), including fluoroscopic guidance and programming of sensing and therapeutic parameters
0925T	Relocation of skin pocket for implanted cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation pulse generator
0926T	Programming device evaluation (in person) with iterative adjustment of the implantable device to test the function of the device and select optimal permanent programmed values with analysis, including review and report, implantable cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system
0927T	Interrogation device evaluation (in person) with analysis, review, and report, including connection, recording, and disconnection, per patient encounter, implantable cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system
0928T	Interrogation device evaluation (remote), up to 90 days, cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system with interim analysis and report(s) by a physician or other qualified health care professional
0929T	Interrogation device evaluation (remote), up to 90 days, cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillation system, remote data acquisition(s), receipt of transmissions, technician review, technical support, and distribution of results
0930T	Electrophysiologic evaluation of cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillator leads, including defibrillation-threshold evaluation (induction of arrhythmia, evaluation of sensing and therapy for arrhythmia termination), at time of initial implantation or replacement with testing of cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillator pulse generator
0931T	Electrophysiologic evaluation of cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillator leads, including defibrillation-threshold evaluation (induction of arrhythmia, evaluation of sensing and therapy for arrhythmia termination), separate from initial implantation or replacement with testing of cardiac contractility modulation-defibrillator pulse generator
0932T	Noninvasive detection of heart failure derived from augmentative analysis of an echocardiogram that demonstrated preserved ejection fraction, with interpretation and report by a physician or other qualified health care professional
0933T	Transcatheter implantation of wireless left atrial pressure sensor for long-term left atrial pressure monitoring, including sensor calibration and deployment, right heart catheterization, transseptal puncture, imaging guidance, and radiological supervision and interpretation
0934T	Remote monitoring of a wireless left atrial pressure sensor for up to 30 days, including data from daily uploads of left atrial pressure recordings, interpretation(s) and trend analysis, with adjustments to the diuretics plan, treatment paradigm thresholds, medications or lifestyle modifications, when performed, and report(s) by a physician or other qualified health care professional

0935T	Cystourethroscopy with renal pelvic sympathetic denervation, radiofrequency ablation, retrograde ureteral approach, including insertion of guide wire, selective placement of ureteral sheath(s) and multiple conformable electrodes, contrast injection(s), and fluoroscopy, bilateral
0936T	PHOTOBIMODULATION THERAPY RETINA SINGLE SESSION
0937T	External electrocardiographic recording for greater than 15 days up to 30 days by continuous rhythm recording and storage; including recording, scanning analysis with report, review and interpretation by a physician or other qualified health care professional
0938T	External electrocardiographic recording for greater than 15 days up to 30 days by continuous rhythm recording and storage; recording (including connection and initial recording)
0939T	External electrocardiographic recording for greater than 15 days up to 30 days by continuous rhythm recording and storage; scanning analysis with report
0940T	External electrocardiographic recording for greater than 15 days up to 30 days by continuous rhythm recording and storage; review and interpretation by a physician or other qualified health care professional
0941T	Cystourethroscopy, flexible; with insertion and expansion of prostatic urethral scaffold using integrated cystoscopic visualization
0942T	Cystourethroscopy, flexible; with removal and replacement of prostatic urethral scaffold
0943T	Cystourethroscopy, flexible; with removal of prostatic urethral scaffold
0944T	3D contour simulation of target liver lesion(s) and margin(s) for image-guided percutaneous microwave ablation
0946T	Orthopedic implant movement analysis using paired computed tomography (CT) examination of the target structure, including data acquisition, data preparation and transmission, interpretation and report (including CT scan of the joint or extremity performed with paired views)
0947T	Magnetic resonance image guided low intensity focused ultrasound (MRgFUS), stereotactic blood-brain barrier disruption using microbubble resonators to increase the concentration of blood-based biomarkers of target, intracranial, including stereotactic navigation and frame placement, when performed
A9615	Injection, pegulicianine, 1 mg
C1737	Joint fusion and fixation device(s), sacroiliac and pelvis, including all system components (implantable)
C7562	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed with intraprocedural coronary

	fractional flow reserve (ffr) with 3d functional mapping of color-coded ffr values for the coronary tree, derived from coronary angiogram data, for real-time review and interpretation of possible atherosclerotic stenosis(es) intervention
C7563	Transluminal balloon angioplasty (except lower extremity artery(ies) for occlusive disease, intracranial, coronary, pulmonary, or dialysis circuit), open or percutaneous, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation necessary to perform the angioplasty within the same artery, initial artery and all additional arteries
C8001	3d anatomical segmentation imaging for preoperative planning, data preparation and transmission, obtained from previous diagnostic computed tomographic or magnetic resonance examination of the same anatomy
C8002	Preparation of skin cell suspension autograft, automated, including all enzymatic processing and device components (do not report with manual suspension preparation)
C8003	Implantation of medial knee extraarticular implantable shock absorber spanning the knee joint from distal femur to proximal tibia, open, includes measurements, positioning and adjustments, with imaging guidance (eg, fluoroscopy)
C9173	Injection, filgrastim-txid (nypozi), biosimilar, 1 microgram
C9804	Elastomeric infusion pump (e.g., on-q* pump with bolus), including catheter and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with section 4135 of the caa, 2023)
C9806	Rotary peristaltic infusion pump (e.g., ambit pump), including catheter and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with section 4135 of the caa, 2023)
C9807	Nerve stimulator, percutaneous, peripheral (e.g., sprint peripheral nerve stimulation system), including electrode and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with section 4135 of the caa, 2023)
C9808	Nerve cryoablation probe (e.g., cryoice, cryosphere, cryosphere max, cryoice cryosphere, cryoice cryo2), including probe and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with section 4135 of the caa, 2023)
C9809	Cryoablation needle (e.g., iovera system), including needle/tip and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with section 4135 of the caa, 2023)
E1803	Dynamic adjustable elbow extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1804	Dynamic adjustable elbow flexion only device, includes soft interface material
E1807	Dynamic adjustable wrist extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1808	Dynamic adjustable wrist flexion only device, includes soft interface material

E1813	Dynamic adjustable knee extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1814	Dynamic adjustable knee flexion only device, includes soft interface material
E1822	Dynamic adjustable ankle extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1823	Dynamic adjustable ankle flexion only device, includes soft interface material
E1826	Dynamic adjustable finger extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1827	Dynamic adjustable finger flexion only device, includes soft interface material
E1828	Dynamic adjustable toe extension only device, includes soft interface material
E1829	Dynamic adjustable toe flexion only device, includes soft interface material
G0552	Supply of digital mental health treatment device and initial education and onboarding, per course of treatment that augments a behavioral therapy plan
G0553	First 20 minutes of monthly treatment management services directly related to the patient's therapeutic use of the digital mental health treatment (dmht) device that augments a behavioral therapy plan, physician/other qualified health care professional time reviewing information related to the use of the dmht device, including patient observations and patient specific inputs in a calendar month and requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month
G0554	Each additional 20 minutes of monthly treatment management services directly related to the patient's therapeutic use of the digital mental health treatment (dmht) device that augments a behavioral therapy plan, physician/other qualified health care professional time reviewing data generated from the dmht device from patient observations and patient specific inputs in a calendar month and requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month
G0555	Provision of replacement patient electronics system (e.g., system pillow, handheld reader) for home pulmonary artery pressure monitoring
G0561	Tympanostomy with local or topical anesthesia and insertion of a ventilating tube when performed with tympanostomy tube delivery device, unilateral (list separately in addition to 69433) (do not use in conjunction with 0583t)
G0563	Stereotactic body radiation therapy, treatment delivery, per fraction to 1 or more lesions, including image guidance and real-time positron emissions-based delivery adjustments to 1 or more lesions, entire course not to exceed 5 fractions

G0564	Creation of subcutaneous pocket with insertion of 365 day implantable interstitial glucose sensor, including system activation and patient training
J0139	Injection, adalimumab, 1 mg
J0605	Sucroferric oxyhydroxide, oral, 5 mg (for esrd on dialysis)
J0607	Lanthanum carbonate, oral, 5 mg (for esrd on dialysis)
J0608	Lanthanum carbonate, oral, powder, 5 mg, not therapeutically equivalent to j0607 (for esrd on dialysis)
J0609	Ferric citrate, oral, 3 mg ferric iron, (for esrd on dialysis)
J0870	Injection, imetelstat, 1 mg
J0901	Vadadustat, oral, 1 mg (for esrd on dialysis)
J1307	Injection, crovalimab-akkz, 10 mg
J1414	Injection, fidanacogene elaparovec-dzkt, per therapeutic dose
J1552	Injection, immune globulin (alyglo), 500 mg
J2472	Injection, pantoprazole sodium in sodium chloride (baxter), 40 mg
J2802	Injection, romiplostim, 1 microgram
J3392	Injection, exagamglogene autotemcel, per treatment
J7601	Ensifentrine, inhalation suspension, fda approved final product, non-compounded, administered through dme, unit dose form, 3 mg
J9026	Injection, tarlatamab-dlle, 1 mg

J9028	Injection, nogapendekin alfa inbakicept-pmln, for intravesical use, 1 microgram
J9076	Injection, cyclophosphamide (baxter), 5 mg
J9292	Injection, pemetrexed (avyxa), not therapeutically equivalent to j9305, 10 mg
Q0155	Dronabinol (syndros), 0.1 mg, oral, fda approved prescription anti-emetic, for use as a complete therapeutic substitute for an iv anti-emetic at the time of chemotherapy treatment, not to exceed a 48 hour dosage regimen
Q4346	Shelter dm matrix, per square centimeter
Q4347	Rampart dl matrix, per square centimeter
Q4348	Sentry sl matrix, per square centimeter
Q4349	Mantle dl matrix, per square centimeter
Q4350	Palisade dm matrix, per square centimeter
Q4351	Enclose tl matrix, per square centimeter
Q4352	Overlay sl matrix, per square centimeter
Q4353	Xceed tl matrix, per square centimeter
Q5139	Injection, eculizumab-aeab (bkemv), biosimilar, 10 mg
Q5140	Injection, adalimumab-fkjp, biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5141	Injection, adalimumab-aaty, biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5142	Injection, adalimumab-ryvk biosimilar, 1 mg

Q5143	Injection, adalimumab-adbm, biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5144	Injection, adalimumab-aacf (idacio), biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5145	Injection, adalimumab-afzb (abrilada), biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5146	Injection, trastuzumab-strf (hercessi), biosimilar, 10 mg
Q9996	Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), subcutaneous, 1 mg
Q9997	Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), intravenous, 1 mg
Q9998	Injection, ustekinumab-aekn (selarsdi), 1 mg