

Provider Notice

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Genetic Testing Prior Authorization Requirement

CountyCare Health Plan is committed to providing efficient, consistent and high-quality utilization management (UM) experiences for both members and providers.

This communication serves as advance notice of upcoming prior authorization (PA) requirements for select genetic testing services.

Effective Sept. 15, 2026, the following procedure codes will require prior authorization:

Code Type	Code	Description
CPT	81420	Fetal chromosomal aneuploidy (e.g., trisomy 21, 18, 13) genomic sequence analysis panel, circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood (noninvasive prenatal testing – NIPT)
PLA	0493U	Oncology (solid tumor), DNA analysis of 5–50 genes (tumor profiling panel)
CPT	81479	Unlisted molecular pathology procedure

Requests will be reviewed for medical necessity using nationally recognized criteria (InterQual) and any applicable clinical guidelines.

The CountyCare prior authorization form should be completed and include supporting clinical documentation, such as:

- Clinical indication and diagnosis supporting need for genetic testing
- Relevant medical and family history (e.g., hereditary risk, cancer history, prenatal risk factors)
- Prior testing results, if applicable
- Documentation supporting medical necessity of the specific test requested
- Rationale for use of panel testing or unlisted molecular testing (81479), if applicable
- Any relevant provider notes supporting clinical decision-making

How to Request Prior Authorization

- **Provider portal (preferred method – in-network providers only):** Submit requests via the CountyCare provider portal for a quicker response. You can find the portal link at www.countycare.com/providers.
- Phone: Call 312-864-8200, option 3 or 855-444-1661, option 3.
- Fax: Please review the provider manual available at www.countycare.com for fax numbers and details.



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Information on authorization codes is available on CountyCare's Prior Authorization Look-Up Tool at www.countycare.com/providers.

Contact Us

Thank you for working with us to ensure that CountyCare members receive quality care. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact CountyCare Provider Services at countycareproviderservices@cookcountyhhs.org or your assigned provider relations representative.