New 2014 Medicare Advantage Precertification Requirements Effective July 1, 2014

There are new 2014 precertification requirements for Anthem BlueCross (Anthem) Medicare Advantage plans that Anthem made available March 28, 2014 on the Provider Forms section of the Anthem BlueCross Medicare Advantage Public Provider Portal. These new precertification requirements will go into effect on July 1, 2014. The main changes effective in July are the requirement for providers to precertify select procedures for; Knee Arthroscopy, Pain Management, Cardiac Catheterization, and Pacemakers (with defibrillators). Some of these services were listed as required since January 1, 2014 but are called out here as reinforcement.

Please visit the Provider Forms section of the Anthem BlueCross Medicare Advantage Public Provider Portal (www.anthem.com/ca/medicareprovider) to see the new precertification list that is effective July 1, 2014 as well as the precertification requirements that were effective January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. To obtain precertification or to verify member eligibility, benefits or account information, please call the telephone number listed on the back of the member’s identification card.