

## **Update to Low-Dose CT Scan Authorization Requirement**

### **Q: What is the purpose of this notification?**

A: Effective **January 1, 2025**, Neighborhood updated its authorization requirements for CPT Code 71271.

### **Q: What is the update?**

A: Prior authorization is no longer required for CPT Code 71271.

### **Q: What does the code pertain to?**

A: The code pertains to computed tomography (CT) of the thorax, specifically low-dose CT for lung cancer screening without the use of contrast material.

### **Q: What lines of business are impacted?**

A: This update applies to all lines of business.

### **Q: Is this change reflected in the provider portal?**

A: Evolent's portal will not reflect this change immediately. Providers **should not** submit authorizations for this code through Evolent. Although requests may be accepted, authorization is no longer required. Neighborhood is working with Evolent to update their portal to align with this authorization update.

### **Q: Where can providers find more information on prior authorization?**

A: Providers are encouraged to refer to Neighborhood's [Prior Authorization Search Tool](#) for the most current authorization requirements.