

Varicose Vein Preauthorization Requirement Change

Effective **January 1, 2021**, SelectHealth will **only** authorize varicose vein procedures for members on commercial plans and SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare) that are performed in a facility with Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) accreditation as a vein center. In addition, we will remove specific clinical criteria in lieu of this accreditation.

If facilities at which you currently perform varicose vein procedures **are accredited** with the IAC, no action is necessary.

Note that procedure codes not covered will remain uncovered regardless of accreditation.

Why is SelectHealth requiring IAC accreditation?

SelectHealth is constantly working to manage utilization, which has historically been by means of preauthorization only. Moving to oversight via an accreditation process for the quality and safety for our members is more consistent with our overall goals as an organization. Thus, we are making this change to **ensure quality outcomes** for our members. The IAC provides quality and safety oversight through:

- Review of imaging with inter-rater monitoring
- Review of processes around procedure types and volumes
- Required documentation of outcomes

How does a facility gain this accreditation?

Facilities can begin the process of securing this accreditation at <https://www.intersocietal.org/>. The process typically can take between three to six months.

Will varicose vein procedures still require preauthorization?

Yes. Preauthorization forms will include a question about IAC accreditation. Procedures performed without preauthorization will be denied to the provider.

What happens if the facility does not have IAC accreditation?

If a facility **is not currently accredited** with the IAC, they will need to become accredited by **January 1, 2021**, or the provider will need to perform these procedures in IAC-accredited facility instead.

Questions? Contact your Provider Relations Representative at **800-538-5054**.