

Medical Policy Hierarchy

In terms of the sequence of prior authorization review, BCBSKS will first reference existing [National Coverage Determinations \(NCD\)](#) or [Local Coverage Determinations \(LCD\)](#). If neither of these exist, BCBSKS will reference InterQual criteria, if available. If there no InterQual criteria is available for the service, BCBSKS will develop a medical policy or leverage [internal existing medical policies](#).

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InterQual criteria



Develop new or leverage [existing BCBSKS Medical Policies](#)