







Patient Access Portal Platform Background



- The in-house Patient Access Program (AP) of Boston Scientific is offered on behalf of *patients*, not providers. The AP assists patients in obtaining access to care, navigating the process with their insurers, and helps promote Intracept with payors as a minimally invasive, long term therapeutic solution for lower back pain.
- Patient signs a HIPAA compliant authorization form allowing the provider to share data (MRI report, clinic note, and insurance card) with the Boston Scientific patient access team, similar to a release to another healthcare provider.
- Patient Access Portal built within Salesforce
 - Provides deep security infrastructure
 - Extensive list of compliance certifications available at https://compliance.salesforce.com/en/
- The patient release allows the reimbursement team to work on behalf of the patient and directly with the patient's insurance company.
- The AP is exclusively for Intracept. All communications with payors will indicate that the Intracept Procedure is being performed. Approval will only cover the Intracept Procedure.
- Performing an alternative procedure may result in denial of a claim and result in a significant bill for your practice or your patient to cover.

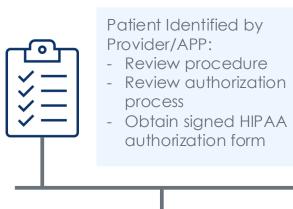




Intracept Patient Access Program Process Overview



For the Intracept Procedure:





Case is reviewed, if complete LOMN is drafted and sent to physician for review and signature. If incomplete, case will not be submitted until all information is obtained.



Approval or Denial is obtained



Documentation
Uploaded to Intracept
Portal



Once LOMN is electronically signed, Patient Access Team submits prior authorization on behalf of the patient.



The Intracept Procedure

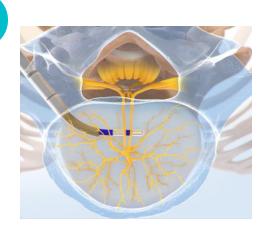
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- Same-day surgery, brief recovery
- Implant free
- Preserves overall spine structure
- Long-term pain relief after single treatment (mean follow-up of 6.4 years)¹⁻³
- Reduced utilization of injections³
- Proven safety profile⁴

Indications for Use: The Intracept Intraosseous Nerve Ablation System is intended to be used in conjunction with radiofrequency (RF) generators for the ablation of basivertebral nerves of the L3 through S1 vertebrae for the relief of chronic low back pain of at least six months duration that has not responded to at least six months of conservative care, and is also accompanied by features consistent with Type 1 or Type 2 Modic changes on an MRI such as inflammation, edema, vertebral endplate changes, disruption and fissuring of the endplate, vascularized fibrous tissues within the adjacent marrow, hypointensive signals (Type 1 Modic change), and changes to the vertebral body marrow including replacement of normal bone marrow by fat, and hyperintensive signals (Type 2 Modic change)



Access the Pedicle



Place the Radiofrequency Probe



Create the Channel



Ablate the BVN

^{1.} Fischgrund J, Rhyne A, Macadaeg K, et al. Long-term outcomes following intraosseous basivertebral nerve ablation for the treatment of chronic low back pain; 5 year treatment arm results from a prospective randomized doubleblind sham-controlled multi-center study. Eur Spine J. 2020 29(8): 1925-34. doi. or g/10.1007/s00586-020-06448-x

^{2.} Koreckii T. Kreiner S. Khalil JG. Smuck M. Markman J. Garfin S. Prospective, randomized, multicenter study of intraosseous basivertebral nerve ablation for the treatment of chronic low back pain; 24-month treatment amm results. NASSJ. Published online October 26, 2021, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xnsi.2021.100089

^{3.} Fischgrund JS, Rhyne A, Franke J, et al. Intraosseousbæivertebral nerve ablation for the treatment of chronic low back pain: 2-year results from a prospective randomized double-blind sham-controlled multicenter study. Int J Spine Surg. 2019;13(2):110-9. doi:10.14444.6015

Boston Scientific data on file as of Q2 2023



Diagnostic Coding



Diagnosis Codes for the Intracept™ Procedure:

| ICD-10 | Description |
|---------|--|
| M54.51 | Vertebrogenic low back pain; low back pain vertebral endplate pain |
| M54.50 | Low back pain |
| M54.9 | Dorsalgia, unspecified |
| M47.816 | Spondylosis w/o myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region |
| M47.817 | Spondylosis w/o myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region |

M54.51 is the most specific diagnosis code for the Intracept Procedure



| 202 | 5 Medicare Reimbursement | HOPD | ASC | Physician Fee |
|-------|--|----------|---------|---------------|
| 64628 | Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, inclusive of all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies, lumbar or sacral | \$12,867 | \$9,524 | \$399.16 |
| 64629 | Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, inclusive of all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body, lumbar or sacral | ψ12,007 | φ/,024 | \$188.26 |

^{*} Rates above are Medicare national averages subject to geographic adjustment. Commercial rates are generally higher than Medicare and dependent on contracted rates.



Dedicated Reimbursement Support



Patient Access Team

- Works to obtain access to care (prior authorization) for your patients
- Not outsourced over 41 full-time BSC employees
- Works on behalf of the patient
- Collaborates with you during the authorization process via our web-based HIPAA compliant portal.

Reimbursement Business Manager (RBM) Team

- Provides coding and billing education pro/fac
- Physician and APP documentation training
- Documentation review for best practices
- Claim review and appeal assistance if ever needed

Payer Strategy & Health Policy Team

- Pursues positive coverage with payers
- Develops tools & resources to help patients & customers address payer challenges
- Monitors payer policies & coverage trends
- Builds relationships within payers, medical societies, and employer benefit teams
- Monitors CMS rules & regulations and provides comments back to CMS to maintain appropriate coverage & payment





Commercial Payer Patient Access Process





Setting proper expectations is the key to satisfaction:

- Intracept[™] is still considered Investigational and Experimental (I&E) with half of the payers across
 the U.S.
 - This is common language with new technology
 - We work to obtain coverage and are successful obtaining approval even with I&E payers.
- Commercial approval rate: 52% across all payers. Is 85%-95% if the payer has positive coverage.
- Denials are not uncommon through this process especially with payers implementing AI to review initial requests.
- The Intracept team exhausts all available appeal options within the member's plan.



Payer Decisions Timelines





- Commercial cases can go up to IRO (4 months) (Self-funded have an employer review option)
- Medicare Advantage cases can go up to ALJ Hearing (4-6 months)
- Medicaid cases can go up to State Fair Hearing (4-6 months)



Traditional Medicare Patient Access Process



Courtesy clinical reviews for traditional Medicare are ONLY offered for physicians who have recently completed IntraceptTM training.

- Traditional Medicare patients in a state without an active Intracept LCD, can be entered into the portal for the
 first 30 days following the physicians trained date.
 - An email will be sent notifying you whether the patient meets or does not meet FDA indications based on the documentation. Only schedule patients who have met FDA indications.
- After 30 days, received Medicare cases will be closed and an email reminder sent that a prior authorization is not required, and the case can be scheduled.

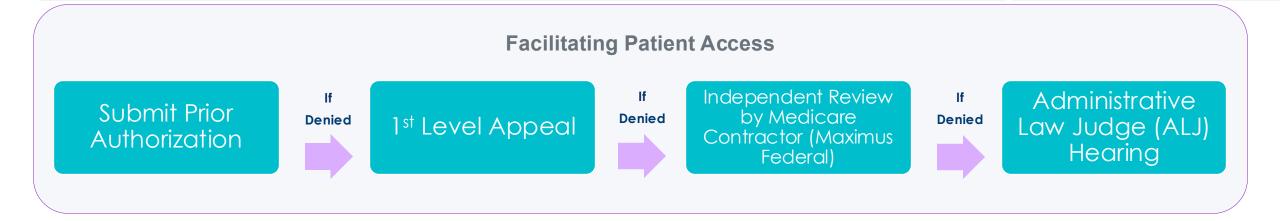
The patient access team does not routinely perform reviews for traditional Medicare plans.

- Medicare patients must meet FDA indications and if the service is to be provided in a state in which an active Medicare LCD exists, the criteria in that LCD must be met.
- Medicare does not require authorization for Intracept. Please ensure applicable criteria has been met in the clinical record before scheduling.



Medicare Advantage Patient Access Process





Setting proper expectations is the key to satisfaction:

- Timeframe to approval or denial: ~30 days for quick approvals or up to ~6 months for ALJ hearing.
- Medicare Advantage approval rate: 90%
- Denials are not uncommon in states without an active LCD or positive payer coverage policy.

Secondary Insurance Plans



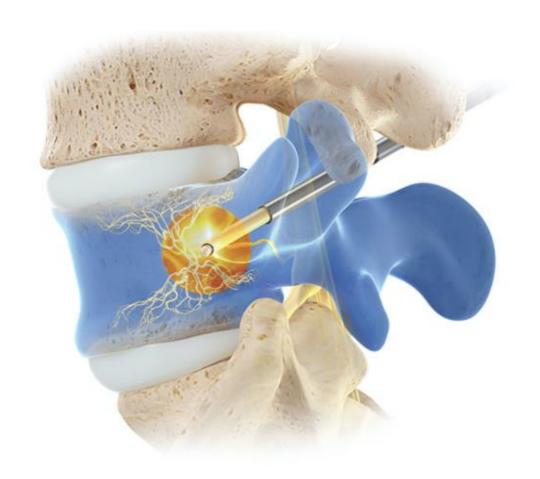
Types of secondary insurance plans

- Full commercial plans (i.e., employer sponsored) **may** need prior authorization
- Medicare Supplement (i.e., plan N, F or G) does not need prior authorization
- ChampVA does not need prior authorization and covers
- Medicaid there is often no additional payment due to lower primary allowable

When should I enter the secondary Insurance?

- If the policy is a commercial plan (i.e., They have a prior auth requirement mentioned on the ID card)
- Authorization has been required for other services
- If you are not sure, enter the policy into the portal and we will advise next steps.

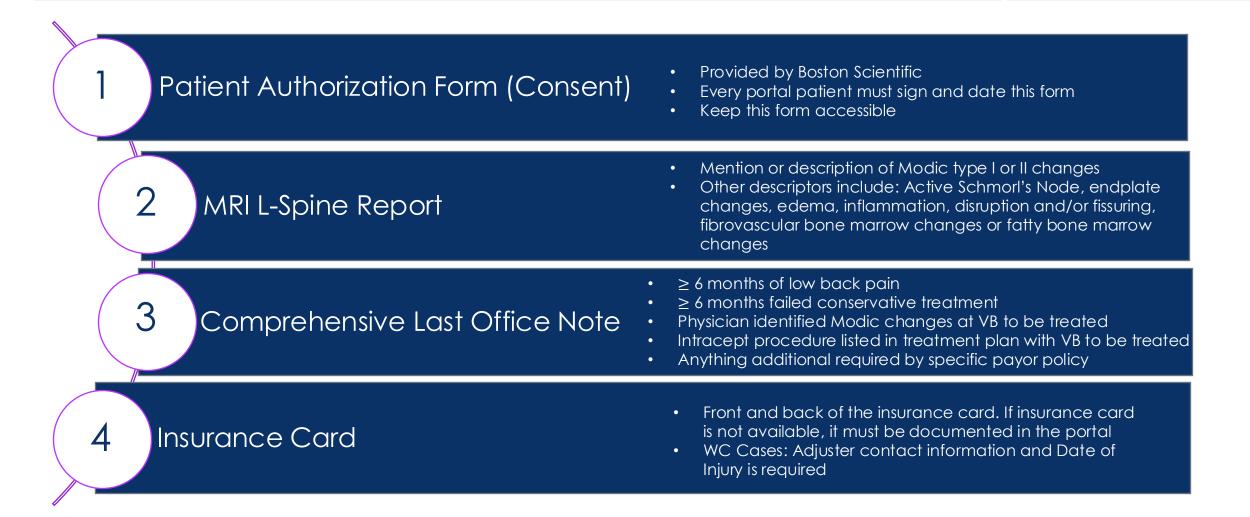
Portal Case Entry Overview





Upload Requirements for Prior Auth or Medicare Review







Intracept Patient Intake Form



The Intake form for use can be found **HERE**.

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| Duration of low back pa | in: (circle one) | | |
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| Does your pain negative | ely affect your activities of | daily living? (check all th | at apply) |
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| Modic changes noted | at: (check all | that apply) | | | | |
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| M47.817 Spondylosis w/o mye radiculopathy, lumbo region | | Oth | M51.36 er intervertebral d eneration, lumbar | | | 1.37 tervertebral disc ation, lumbosacral |
| Treatment Plan: | | | | | | |
| Intracept Procedure | | L3 | □ L4 | | ☐ L 5 | ☐ S 1 |
| Additional Comments (v | why Intracept | t is the b | est treatment op | tion): | | |
| Healthcare Provider Sig | nature: | | | | | |
| Healthcare Provider Na | me (Printed) | : | | | _ | |
| Healthcare Provider's N | ational Prov | ider Ider | ntifier (NPI): | | | |
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Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Resource



Some IntraceptTM payer coverage policies require the patient to participate in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). We have identified a resource that can provide CBT services via telehealth for the patient's convenience.

Advantage Point Behavioral accepts and is contracted with all insurance plans*.

1. Physicians can send a referral via email to referrals@advantagepointbehavioral.com or via fax @ 844-583-5633 with the following information:

Practice Name

Physician Name

Practice Phone Number

Patient Demographics

Procedure Information:

Please list 3 CBT sessions and/or Mental Health screening

2. Patient registers on Advantage Point Behavioral website: https://emr.advantagepointbehavioral.com

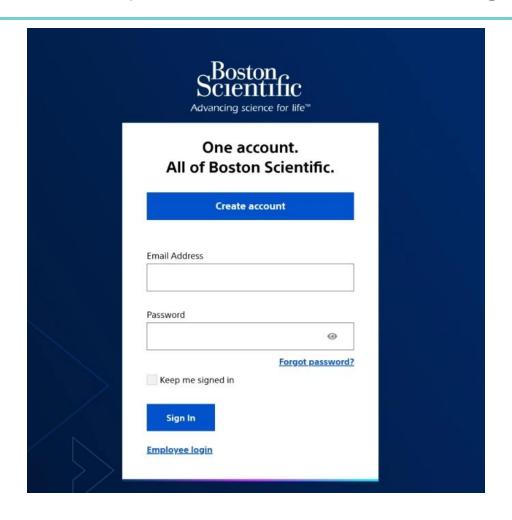
^{*}Any CBT providers may be utilized, and Advantage Point does not have to be utilized for the Intracept procedure.







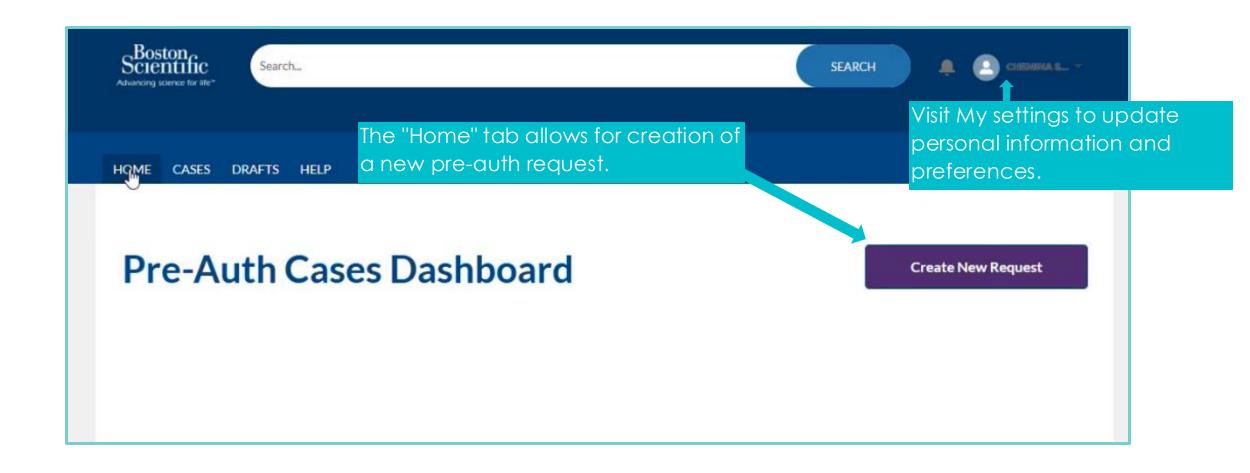
Go to: <u>bsci.my.site.com/NMDPreAuthPortal</u> to login





Portal Home Page

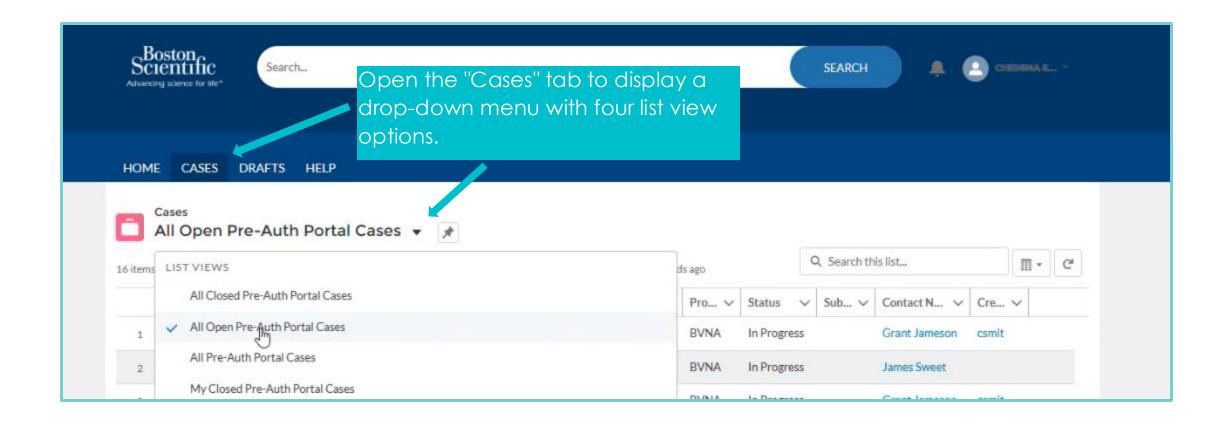






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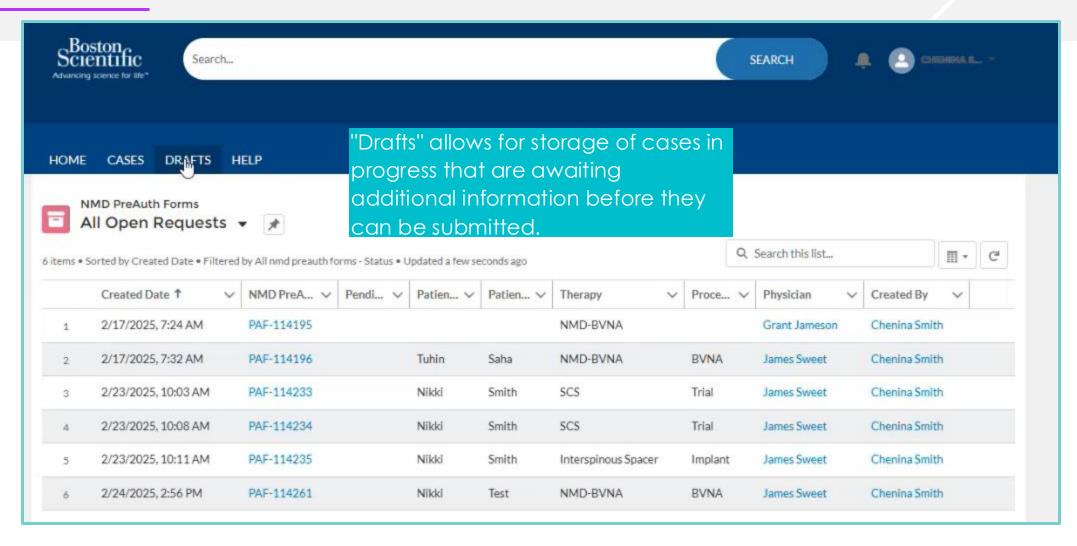






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Documenting the Pre-Auth Form





From Home tab, click "Create New Request" to begin entering a new case.

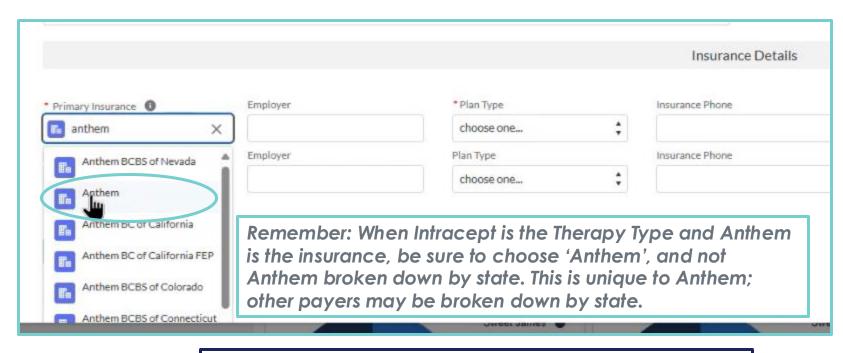
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| Patient Information | Procedure Information | Physician & Facility Information | Additional Information | Physician Certification |
| | | Therapy | | |
| • Therapy Type Spinal Cord Stimulator | Basivertebral Nerve Ablation (Intra | ccept) | | |
| Cancel | | | | Save & Next |

The Pre-Auth Form template will be initiated. For Intracept, choose 'Basivertebral Nerve Ablation (Intracept)' as "Therapy Type" and click, "Save & Next".



Documenting the Pre-Auth Form, con't





IMPORTANT

When entering insurance information, ensure the correct provider is chosen, see example above.

Double check before you 'Create a New Record' to avoid duplicates.

Enter patient information into all required fields.

NOTE:

- Patient email is very important, please obtain if possible.
- Primary Insurance
 must be entered
 before proceeding,
 Add secondary
 insurance if available.



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| Y Procedur | re Information | Physician & Facility Information | Additional Information | Physician Certification |
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| | | Diagnosis Codes | | |
| Please select the patient's diagnosis code(s) from the menus below. Payer policies wi | ll vary and should be verified prior to tre | eatment for limitations on diagnosis, coding, or site of se | rvice requirements. The diagnosis codes options listed | are commonly used codes and are not intended to be |
| Ill-inclusive list. We recommend consulting your relevant manuals for appropriate o | | (HCP) is solely responsible for selecting the site of ser- he independent medical judgement of the HCP. | vice and treatment modalities appropriate for the patie | nt based on medically appropriate needs of that patie |
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Complete Physician & Facility information, click "Save & Next".

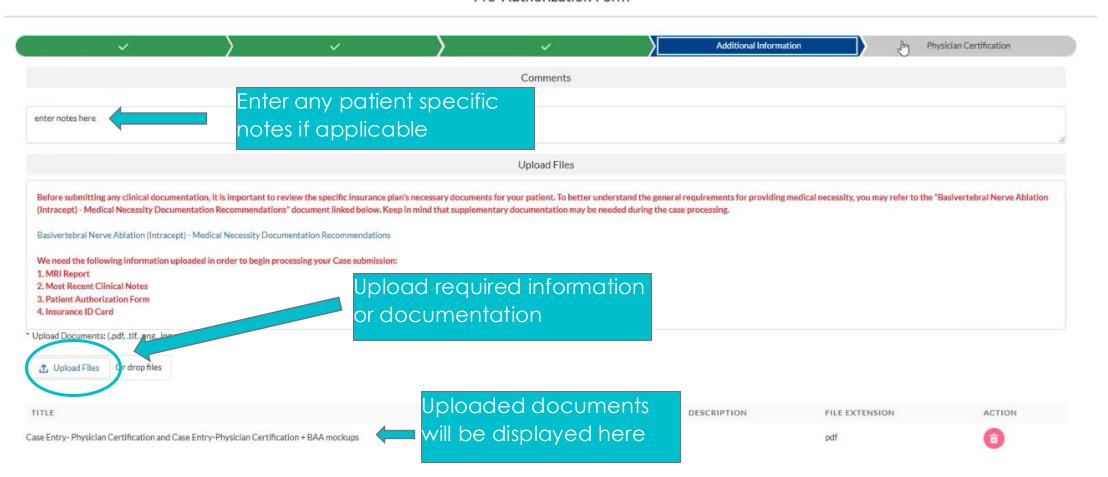
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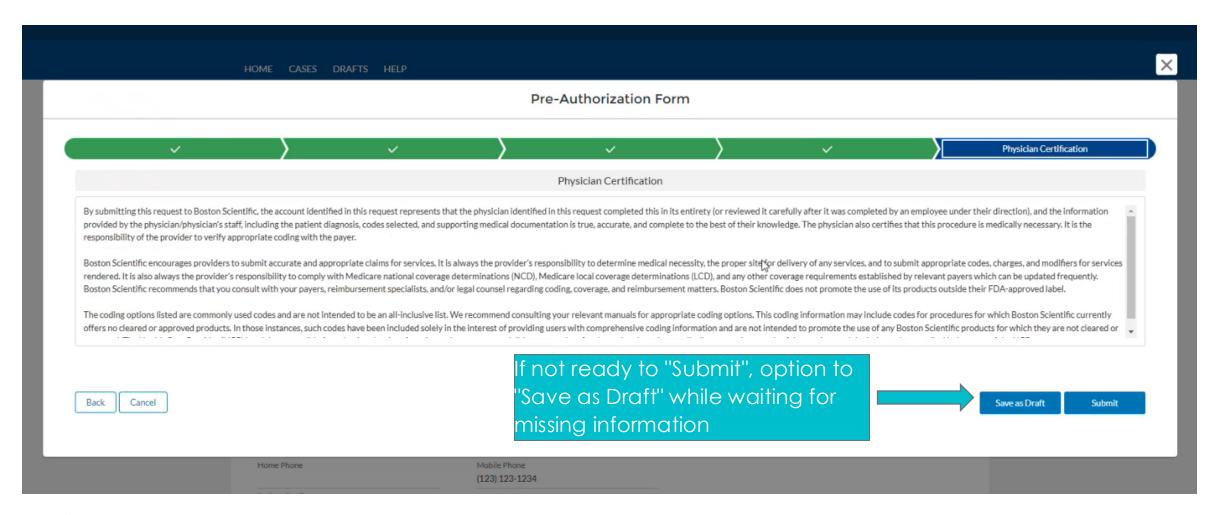


Pre-Authorization Form





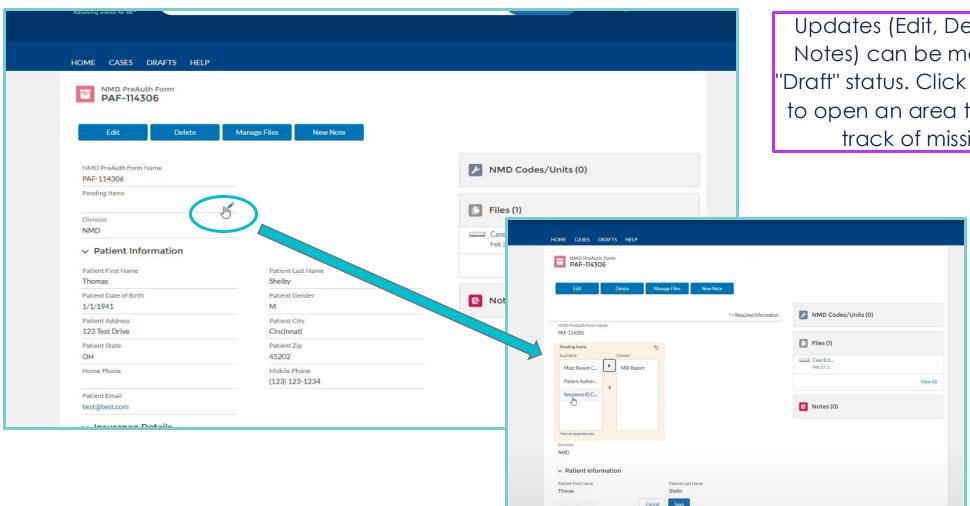






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Updates (Edit, Delete, Manage Files, New Notes) can be made at any time when in "Draft" status. Click the Pending Items "Pencil" to open an area that can be used to keep track of missing documentation.

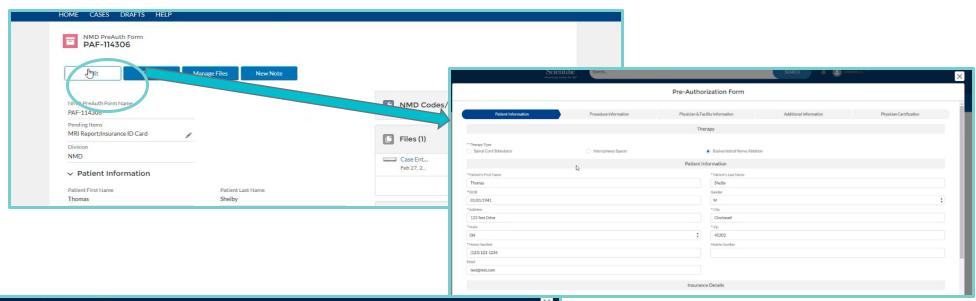
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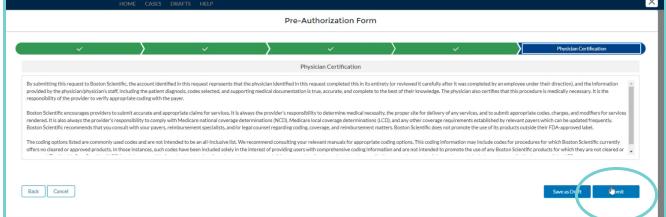
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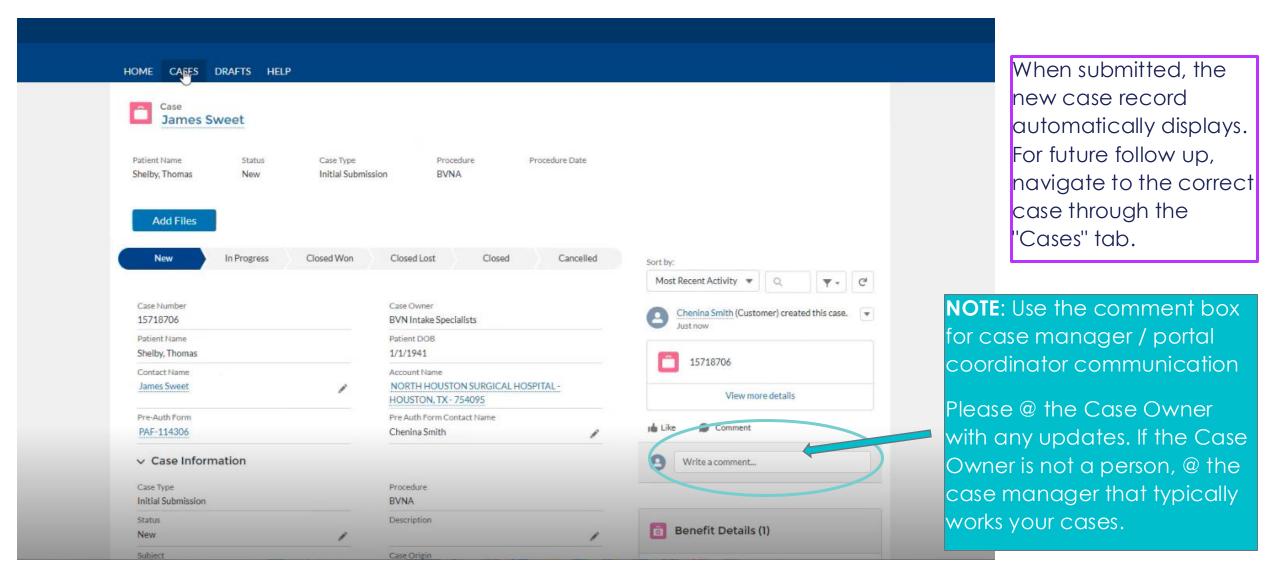


When the case is ready for final review, click "Edit" while in "Draft" status to be taken to the original interface. Page through all tabs to ensure accuracy, then click "Submit" button.



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Communication and Scheduling Approved Patients



COMMUNICATION:

- Notification emails are sent to the Practice and Patient with important status updates, such as approvals, denials, and requests for additional information.
- Please inform patients to monitor their email for communication from their BSC case manager.
- The comment section in the portal case is used for routine updates and communication between our team and the PC.
- If you have general questions regarding the portal, or are experiencing access issues, please email <u>IntraceptPortalSupport@bsci.com</u> and a team member will assist you.

APPROVALS:

- Authorizations:
 - Are specific to a SoS and physician
 - Have an expiration date if auth expires we will need to start the process over.
 - Expiration date can usually be extended by the office by calling the payer <u>before</u> the expiration date. BSC cannot perform authorization extensions.
 - Approved patients can be scheduled upon receipt of authorization approval email.
- If a patient is no longer interested, please contact your territory manager.



Friendly Reminders



- Access to Care services are provided to <u>patients seeking treatment with the IntraceptTM Procedure</u>. Authorization services are not provided for patients being treated with another basivertebral nerve ablation system.
- Obtaining the patient's email is critical to our ability to communicate with the patient. Please assure the patient that their email is for the sole use of the patient access team and is how we will communicate with them regarding their case. They should monitor their email throughout the process. We will never share or sell their email information.
- The practice portal coordinator who enters the case is the person who will receive communication from Intracept regarding the
 case. Other practice team members with access will still be able to view the case details and check status.
- Follow the patient case status by viewing the posts on the activity section of the case along with the case status.
- For any questions regarding the status of a specific case, send a post by @ mentioning the Case Owner.
- You cannot edit case information once the case has been submitted to the payer. If you need to update a site of service, physician, or insurance, please contact the Case Owner assigned to the case.
- Self-service password reset! You can reset your password on the login page, under the "forgot password?" link.





- For any questions related to post-service claim denials, authorizations obtained outside the Intracept portal, payer contracting/reimbursement for Intracept, or physician documentation improvement, please contact your **Reimbursement Business Manager**.
- For any questions or issues related to portal access, entering a case, or portal process, please email lntraceptPortalSupport@bsci.com.
- For questions related to specific case status, please contact the case manager listed on the case or post a
 case comment on the case.
- <u>Reimbursement Resources</u> Save this link as a favorite on your internet browser for reference. This is a valuable resource for providers, billers, and portal coordinators.





You are ready to enter your first case!



Indications For Use and Disclaimers





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