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Blue Care Network
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Your medical benefit drugs may require prior authorization and certain sites of care for infusions

There are hundreds of different medications filled under your medical benefits and more are becoming available every day. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan works to make sure you get the safest, most effective and most reasonably priced prescription drugs. Our pharmacists do this in many different ways. Prior authorization and infusion site of care are two of our tools. Some drugs that fall under your medical coverage also have limits on the quantity that's allowed.

What medications are covered under medical benefits?

We may cover your prescription drug under your medical benefits, instead of your pharmacy benefits, if it's given to you by a medical professional:

- In your doctor's office
- At a hospital outpatient facility
- In your home

What is prior authorization?

Blue Cross requires review of certain medications before your plan will cover them, which is called prior authorization. This ensures that you have tried the preferred alternatives — medications with a proven track record that may be better tolerated, less expensive or less likely to cause interactions — and the medicine is being prescribed appropriately. If your doctor doesn't get prior authorization when required, your medicine might not be covered.

What is the infusion site of care program?

Our prior authorization program requires additional approval in order for infusion services to be covered in a hospital outpatient department. This program requires members receiving select injectable or infusible drugs to instead receive them in a lower cost, alternate site of care, such as the physician's office or member's home.

Which medicines need prior authorization?

- Medicine that has dangerous side effects or can be harmful when combined with other medicines
- Medicine that should only be used for certain health conditions
- Medicine that is often misused or abused
- Medicine that is prescribed when less expensive medicines might work better

How do I find out if my medication needs approval?

If you have a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan PPO plan, our Prior Authorization Medical Coverage Drug List shows the drugs that we need to approve under your medical coverage before you receive them. Some drugs that fall under your medical coverage also have limits on the quantity that's allowed. The drug list outlines these drugs and the limits that apply.

You can find the drug list on our website at bcbsm.com/pharmacy:

- Click on *Why do I need prior authorization for a prescription drug?*
- Click on *Medical coverage drugs*.
- Click on *Prior Authorization Medical Coverage Drug List (PDF)*.

You also can check whether your medicine requires a coverage review, has quantity limits or is part of the infusion site of care program by consulting the complete Blue Cross medical drug list at bcbsm.com/pharmacy, under *Drug lists*.

What should I do if my prescription needs prior authorization or step therapy?

If your medicine needs approval or is part of the infusion site of care program, talk to your doctor about getting approval for it before you begin treatment. Your medicine won't be covered if your doctor doesn't get the required approval.

Examples of medical drugs that are part of the infusion site of care program:

- **IVIG** — For various diseases, including autoimmune and infectious diseases
- **Remicade**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease
- **Entyvio**[®] — Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis
- **Orencia**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis
- **Soliris**[®] — Paroxysmal nocturnal hypoglobinuria
- **Actemera**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis
- **Benlysta**[®] — Lupus
- **Inflectra**[®] — Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis
- **Simponia Aria**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis

Examples of medical drugs that require prior authorization:

- **Botox**[®] — Migraine, bladder, limp spasticity
- **Remicade**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease
- **Entyvio**[®] — Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis
- **Prolia**[®] — Osteoporosis
- **Xolair**[®] — Asthma
- **Stelara**[®] — Arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease
- **Gammagard**[®] — Replacement of immune globulin
- **Fasenra**[®] — Eosinophilic asthma
- **Simponia Aria**[®] — Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis
- **Xgeva**[®] — Cancer