

Anthem prior authorization updates for specialty pharmacy are available

Published: Apr 1, 2020 - **Products & Programs** / Pharmacy

Prior authorization updates

Effective for dates of service on and after **July 1, 2020**, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our prior authorization process.

Please note, inclusion of the National Drug Code (NDC) on your claim will shorten the claim processing time of drugs billed with a Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) code.

Access the [clinical criteria document](#).

For Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and affiliate HealthKeepers, Inc., prior authorization of these specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by Anthem. Drugs used for the treatment of Oncology will still require pre-service clinical review by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), a separate company.

Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)	Drug
*ING-CC-0003	C9399 J3490 J3590	Xembify
ING-CC-0062	J3590	Eticovo
ING-CC-0062	J3490	Hadlima
ING-CC-0072	J0179	Bevou
ING-CC-0152	J3490	Vyondys 53
ING-CC-0153	C9399 J3490 J3590	Adakveo
ING-CC-0154	C9399 J3490 J3590	Givlaari

* Non-oncology use is managed by Anthem’s medical specialty drug review team; *oncology use is managed by AIM.*

Step-therapy updates

Effective for dates of service on and after **July 1, 2020**, the following specialty pharmacy codes from new or current clinical criteria will be included in our existing specialty pharmacy medical step-therapy review process.

Orencia will be the non-preferred agent for rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. The table below will assist you in identifying the applicable preferred agents and clinical criteria.

Access the [clinical criteria document](#).

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)					
Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Preferred Agents	Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Non-Preferred Agent
ING-CC-0062	J1438	Enbrel	ING-CC-0078	J0129	Orencia
ING-CC-0062	J0135	Humira			
ING-CC-0062	J3590	Simponi			
ING-CC-0062	J1602	Simponi Aria			
ING-CC-0062	J1745	Remicade			

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)					
Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Preferred Agents	Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Non-Preferred Agent
ING-CC-0062	J1438	Enbrel	ING-CC-0078	J0129	Orencia
ING-CC-0062	J0135	Humira			

Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)					
Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Preferred Agents	Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code	Non-Preferred Agent
ING-CC-0042	C9399 J3490 J3590	Cosentyx	ING-CC-0078	J0129	Orencia
ING-CC-0062	J1438	Enbrel			
ING-CC-0062	J0135	Humira			
ING-CC-0062	J3590	Simponi			
ING-CC-0062	J1602	Simponi Aria			
ING-CC-0062	J1745	Remicade			
ING-CC-0063	J3357	Stelara			

URL: <https://providernews.anthem.com/virginia/article/anthem-prior-authorization-updates-for-specialty-pharmacy-are-available-1>

Featured In:

April 2020 Anthem Provider News - Virginia

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the trade name of: In Colorado Rocky Mountain Hospital and Medical Service, Inc. HMO products underwritten by HMO Colorado, Inc. In Connecticut: Anthem Health Plans, Inc. In Georgia: Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan of Georgia, Inc. In Indiana: Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. In Kentucky: Anthem Health Plans of Kentucky, Inc. In Maine: Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc. In Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area): RightCHOICE® Managed Care, Inc. (RIT), Healthy Alliance® Life Insurance Company (HALIC), and HMO Missouri, Inc. RIT and certain affiliates administer non-HMO benefits underwritten by HALIC and HMO benefits underwritten by HMO Missouri, Inc. RIT and certain affiliates only provide administrative services for self-funded plans and do not underwrite benefits. In Nevada: Rocky Mountain Hospital and Medical Service, Inc. HMO products underwritten by HMO Colorado, Inc. dba HMO Nevada. In New Hampshire: Anthem Health Plans of New Hampshire, Inc. HMO plans are administered by Anthem Health Plans of New Hampshire, Inc. and underwritten by Matthew Thornton Health Plan, Inc. In Ohio: Community Insurance Company. In Virginia: Anthem Health Plans of Virginia, Inc. trades as Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Virginia, and its service area is all of Virginia except for the City of Fairfax, the Town of Vienna, and the area east of State Route 123. In Wisconsin: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin (BCBSWI), which underwrites or administers the PPO and indemnity policies and underwrites the out of network benefits in POS policies offered by CompCare or WCIC; CompCare Health Services Insurance Corporation (CompCare) underwrites or administers the HMO policies and Wisconsin Collaborative Insurance Company (WCIC) underwrites or administers Well Priority HMO or POS policies. Independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Anthem is a registered trademark of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and symbols are registered marks of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Use of the Anthem websites constitutes your agreement with our Terms of Use.