

## **Anthem specialty pharmacy medical step therapy drug list clarification about non-oncology colony stimulating factor agents\***

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In the February edition of *Provider News*, we shared that the following clinical criteria will be effective May 1, 2019. We will begin the medical step therapy review process for non-oncology uses of these drugs at this time. We will notify you when we begin the medical step therapy review process for oncology indications.

### **Colony Stimulating Factor Agents ING-CC-0002**

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2019, the following specialty pharmacy codes from new or current criteria will be included in our existing specialty pharmacy medical step therapy review process. Zarxio<sup>®</sup> will be the preferred short-acting colony stimulating factor (CSF) agent over Neupogen<sup>®</sup>, Granix<sup>®</sup>, and Nivestym<sup>™</sup>.

Anthem's prior authorization clinical review of these specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by AIM Specialty Health<sup>®</sup> (AIM), a separate company.

Additional information regarding biosimilar drugs can be found by viewing this reference document, [Biosimilar Drugs – What are they?](#)

You can go online to access the [Clinical Criteria](#) information.

<b>Clinical Criteria</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Drug</b>	<b>HCPCS or CPT Code</b>	<b>NDC Code</b>
ING-CC-0002	Preferred Agent	Zarxio <sup>®</sup>	Q5101	61314-0304-01 61314-0304-10 61314-0312-01 61314-0312-10 61314-0318-01 61314-0318-10

				61314-0326-01 61314-0326-10
ING-CC-0002	Non-Preferred Agent	Neupogen®	J1442	55513-0530-01 55513-0530-10 55513-0546-01 55513-0546-10 55513-0924-01 55513-0924-10 55513-0924-91 55513-0209-01 55513-0209-10 55513-0209-91
ING-CC-0002	Non-Preferred Agent	Granix®	J1447	63459-0910-11 63459-0910-12 63459-0910-15 63459-0910-17 63459-0910-36 63459-0912-11 63459-0912-12 63459-0912-15 63459-0912-17 63459-0912-36
ING-CC-0002	Non-Preferred Agent	Nivestym™	Q5110	00069-0291-10 00069-0291-01 00069-0292-01 00069-0292-10

\* Notice of Prior Authorization or Material Adverse Change

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