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Prior authorization updates for specialty pharmacy are available

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Prior authorization updates

Effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2021, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our prior authorization review process.

To access the Clinical Criteria information please click [here](#).

Empire BlueCross BlueShield’s (“Empire”) prior authorization clinical review of non-oncology specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by Empire’s medical specialty drug review team. *Review of specialty pharmacy drugs for oncology indications will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), a separate company and are shown in italics in the table below.*

Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)	Drug
<i>*ING-CC-0127</i>	<i>J9999, C9399</i>	<i>Darzalex Faspro</i>

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

Step therapy updates

Effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2021, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our existing specialty pharmacy medical step therapy review process.

To access the Clinical Criteria information related to Step Therapy, please click [here](#).

Empire’s prior authorization clinical review of non-oncology specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by Empire’s medical specialty drug review team. *Review of specialty pharmacy drugs for oncology indications will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), a separate company and are shown in italics in the table below.*

ING-CC-0011	Non-preferred		Ocrevus	J2350
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Correction to a prior authorization update

In the [October 2020 edition of Provider News](#), we published a prior authorization update regarding clinical criteria **ING-CC-0174** on the drug Kesimpta.

- One HCPCS code has been added, J9302. This is the valid code for the drug Kesimpta.

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