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### **Specialty dose rounding program for certain non-oncology medications beginning August 1, 2021**

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Empire BlueCross BlueShield ("Empire") is committed to being a valued healthcare partner in identifying ways to achieve better health outcomes, lower costs and deliver access to a better healthcare experience for consumers.

**Effective with dates of service on or after August 1, 2021**, providers treating members covered by Empire Commercial plans may be asked to consider voluntarily reducing the requested dose to avoid vial wastage for select non-oncology specialty medications. The dose reduction suggestion will only be made if the originally requested dose is within 10% of the nearest whole vial.

**Since this program is voluntary, the decision to participate will not affect the final decision on the prior authorization.**

Reviews for these specialty drugs will continue to be administered by IngenioRx®.

As part of the prior authorization process, providers may be asked the following questions:

- Whether the suggested dose reduction is clinically acceptable
- Clinical reasoning if the dose reduction is not appropriate

Providers can view prior authorization requirements for Empire members on the [Medical Policy & Clinical UM Guidelines](#) page at [empireblue.com](http://empireblue.com).

**Providers should continue to verify eligibility and benefits for all members prior to rendering services.**

If you have questions, please call the Provider Service phone number on the back of the member's ID card.

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