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## National Accounts 2022 Pre-certification list

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The [National Accounts 2022 Pre-certification list](#) has been published. Please note, providers should continue to verify member eligibility and benefits prior to rendering services.

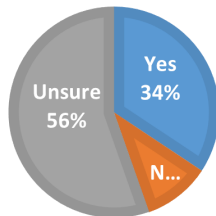
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## Cure for the common cold: rest, fluids and this free prescription pad

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A mother has a sick child and like all good mothers, wants comfort and care. And a prescription for antibiotics. BMJ Journals published a study that rated how many patients with upper respiratory infections (URI) prior to consultation with their physician expected a prescription for antibiotics. Evidence-based data does not support the use of antibiotics in the treatment of the common cold because they do not improve symptoms or shorten the course of the illness. Instead of putting away the prescription pad, [use this one](#).

### EXPECTING ANTIBIOTICS PRECONSULTATION



Offered by the CDC's *Be Antibiotics Aware* campaign, the "Relief for common symptoms of colds and cough" prescription pad provides an alternative to unnecessary antibiotics. Get it through the CDC website [here](#).

**Relief for Common Symptoms of Colds and Cough**

**BE ANTIBIOTICS AWARE**  
SMART USE. BETTER CARE.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Drink extra water and fluids.
- Use a cool mist vaporizer or saline nasal spray to relieve congestion.
- For sore throats, suck on ice chips, popsicles, or lozenges. (Do not give lozenges to children younger than two years old.)
- Use honey to relieve cough for adults and children at least 12 months old or older.
- Other:

**SPECIFIC MEDICINES**

Fever or aches:

Ear pain:

Sore throat:

Nasal congestion:

Cough/chest congestion:

Use medicines according to the package instructions or as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Stop the medication when the symptoms get better.

**FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 4 YEARS OLD**

Do not use over-the-counter cough and cold medicine in children younger than 4 years old unless directed by your doctor. Overuse and misuse of these medicines can result in serious and potentially life-threatening side effects.

To relieve a stuffy nose, parents can use:

- A rubber suction bulb
- Nose saline drops
- A clean humidifier
- A cool mist vaporizer

Call your doctor if the illness has not improved in a few days or if symptoms are severe or unusual.  
To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

**CDC**

## Measure up: HEDIS® guidelines for URI/Pharyngitis

URI measures the percentage of episodes for members 3 months of age and older with a URI diagnosis that did not result in an antibiotic dispensing event.

**Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP)** evaluates members 3 years of age and older where the member was diagnosed with pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode.

## Records and billing codes

URI: In the patient's medical records, document results of all strep tests or refusal for testing. If antibiotics are prescribed for another condition, take care to associate the antibiotic with the appropriate diagnosis.

Description	CPT/HCPCS/ICD-10-CM
Pharyngitis	ICD-10-CM: J02.0, J02.8, J02.9, J03.00, J03.01, J03.80, J03.81, J03.90, J03.91
URI	ICD-10-CM: J00, J06.0, J06.9
Online assessments	CPT: 98970, 98971, 98972, 99421, 99422, 99423, 99457 HCPCS: G0071, G2010, G2012, G2061, G2062, G2063
Telephone visits	CPT: 98966, 98967, 98968, 99441, 99422, 99423

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Description	CPT/HCPCS/ICD-10-CM
Pharyngitis	ICD-10-CM: J02.0, J02.8, J02.9, J03.00, J03.01, J03.80, J03.81, J03.90, J03.91
Group A streptococcal tests	CPT: 87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650-87652, 87880 LOINC: 11268-0, 17656-0, 17898-8, 18481-2, 31971-5, 49610-9, 5036-9, 60489-2, 626-2, 6557-3, 6558-1, 6559-9, 68954-7, 78012-2
Online assessments	CPT: 98970, 98971, 98972, 99421, 99422, 99423, 99457 HCPCS: G0071, G2010, G2012, G2061, G2062, G2063
Telephone visits	CPT: 98966, 98967, 98968, 99441, 99422, 99423

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## 6 SIMPLE strategies to help increase medication adherence

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Did you know the cost impact of medication non-adherence is \$528 billion from non-optimized medication therapy?<sup>1</sup> That's equivalent to 16% of U.S. total health expenditures and contributes to 275,689 deaths per year.<sup>2</sup>

As a healthcare provider, you can motivate your patients to adhere to their medication regimens, which can contribute to improved outcomes and increased STARs performance. Lack of medication adherence also negatively impacts your STARs performance, which in turn can negatively impact your reimbursement.

We developed [this video](#) to offer best practices in boosting medication adherence among your patient population.

Use the 6 **SIMPLE** strategies below to help improve medication adherence among your patient population.

### S - Simplify the regimen

- Limit the # of doses and frequency
- Encourage adherence aids such as a pill box
- Utilize generic prescriptions if clinically appropriate
- Implement real-time pharmacy benefit to understand patient cost-share at the point of care

### I - Impart knowledge

- Assess patient's knowledge of medication regimen
- Provide clear medication instructions (written and verbal)
- Patient-provider shared decision-making

### M - Modify patient beliefs and behavior

- Ask open ended questions about impact of not taking medications
- Empower patients to self-manage their condition

### P - Provide communication and trust

- Provide emotional support
- Allow adequate time for the patient to ask question

#### L - Leave the bias

- Understand patient's health literacy and how it affects outcomes
- Develop a patient-centered communication styles

#### E - Evaluate adherence

- Utilize motivational interviewing to confirm adherence
- Review pharmacy refill records, Rx bottles, lab testing
- Identify barriers to adherence
- Determine interventions and follow-up
- When appropriate, prescribe 90 day fills for chronic conditions

Watch [this video](#) to learn more best practices on helping improve medication adherence and your organization's overall quality and STARs performance.

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## Statin therapy for patients with diabetes

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### **Achieve 90% patient statin therapy adherence with a personalized approach**

Adults 40–75 years of age with diabetes, who do or do not have clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), should be started on a statin for primary and secondary prevention of ASCVD regardless of lipid status.<sup>1</sup>



Studies show that statin use reduces comorbidities and mortality from heart disease and non-adherence to statins may increase cardiovascular events and even death.<sup>2</sup>

Clinicians play a powerful role in ensuring their patients are adherent to their statin therapies. In fact, 90% of patients can be successfully adherent to statin therapy with a personalized approach.

**Call to action:** We created [this video](#) to offer clinicians best practices in helping their patients remain adherent to their statin therapies.

**The following 7 strategies can help increase adherence to statin therapy in your patients:**

1. Initiate statin therapy for patients with diabetes or clinical ASCVD as appropriate
  - For diabetics without ASCVD, use *moderate intensity* statin for primary prevention.<sup>2</sup>
  - For diabetics with ASCVD, use *high intensity* statin for secondary prevention.<sup>1</sup>
  - Low intensity statins are not recommended unless unable to tolerate moderate or high intensity.<sup>4</sup>

<b>Medications</b>	
One of the following medications must have been dispensed to satisfy the SUPD measure.	
<b>Drug Category</b>	<b>Medications</b>
<b>Statin medication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lovastatin</li> <li>· Fluvastatin</li> <li>· Pravastatin</li> <li>· Simvastatin</li> <li>· Rosuvastatin</li> <li>· Atorvastatin</li> <li>· Pitavastatin</li> </ul>
<b>Statin combination products</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Atorvastatin / amlodipine</li> <li>· Atorvastatin / ezetimibe</li> <li>· Lovastatin / niacin</li> <li>· Simvastatin / ezetimibe</li> <li>· Simvastatin / niacin</li> <li>· Simvastatin / sitagliptin</li> </ul>
<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Standard exclusion(s)</b>
Any time during the measurement year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· End-stage renal disease</li> <li>· Hospice</li> <li>· Rhabdomyolysis or myopathy</li> <li>· Pregnancy, lactation, or fertility</li> <li>· Liver disease</li> <li>· Pre-diabetes</li> <li>· Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)</li> </ul>

1. If a statin is not suitable for a patient, document exclusion criteria with the appropriate ICD-10 code.
2. Educate patients about the long-term cardiovascular benefits of statin therapy and potential side effects.
3. Try a lower dose, different statin, or consider intermittent statin therapy if there were previous statin-associated side effects.

Intensity and dose of statin therapy		
High Intensity	Moderate Intensity	Low Intensity
Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average by $\approx \geq 50\%$	Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average by $\approx 30\%$ to $< 50\%$	Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average by $< 30\%$
Atorvastatin 40-80 mg Rosuvastatin 20-40 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Atorvastatin 10-20 mg</li> <li>· Rosuvastatin 5-10 mg</li> <li>· Simvastatin 20-40 mg</li> <li>· Pravastatin 40-80 mg</li> <li>· Lovastatin 40 mg</li> <li>· Fluvastatin XL 80 mg</li> <li>· Fluvastatin 40 mg bid</li> <li>· Pitavastatin 2-4 mg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Simvastatin 10 mg</li> <li>· Pravastatin 10-20 mg</li> <li>· Lovastatin 20 mg</li> <li>· Fluvastatin 20-40 mg</li> <li>· Pitavastatin 1 mg</li> </ul>

1. Inform patients that a significant number of generic statin medications are available for \$0 for a 90-day supply on most plans
2. Encourage patients to use their plan ID card to fill statin medications
3. Watch [this video](#) to learn best practices on helping improve statin therapy adherence and your organization's overall quality and STARS performance.

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# National Consumer Cost Tool (NCCT) provider cost data available for review

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Anthem continues to support cost transparency, which involves making provider cost information available to members. We do this via our consumer transparency tools, BCBS AXIS/NCCT Cost Comparison, Care and Cost Finder, and Castlight. We display costs for common procedures that are non-emergent, high-cost, or high-volume. For these procedures, we derive a cost range for the total episode of care, which includes all facility, professional, and ancillary services provided during an admission or outpatient visit. These costs are based on historical rates.

Anthem cost and quality information is available nationally through the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and is known as the National Consumer Cost Tool (NCCT). In addition, the Blue Axis/NCCT data are used as the basis for the EYC tool and other third-party transparency initiatives, which can be found on the home page of our Consumer Portal website.

We have expanded the cost information that will be made available to members through the Care and Cost Finder tool. Members using Care and Cost Finder will be able to view provider-specific costs for additional professional and ancillary services, including provider-specific office visit cost data.

The current version of the cost comparison transparency data will be updated in November 2021, and will be available for provider review in September 2021 prior to its release via the Anthem POIT web tool through Availity. If you have questions regarding Anthem Care Comparison, Estimate Your Cost, or our expanded transparency initiatives, please contact David Spencer, Sr. Provider Network Manager at [david.spencer@anthem.com](mailto:david.spencer@anthem.com).

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## Anthem's Provider Experience Model

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Delivering world-class provider service is integral to our mission at Anthem. We redesigned our approach to provider service, and our new service model creates an improved experience when doing business with us, and ensures we support you in delivering high-quality healthcare to our members.

We are here to support you with:

### **Easier self-service**

- Most questions and issues can be resolved by using Anthem's self-service tools that are available 24/7 using the [Availity Portal](#). This includes claim payment disputes, provider data updates, claims status, verification of member benefits and eligibility, view claims status, submit and view prior authorization requests, and more.
- Use the [Provider Maintenance Form](#) to submit changes or additions to your information.

### **Faster access to Provider Services**

- We have increased our focus to resolve issues and requests to our provider services on your first attempt.
- You can now use [Availity's secure live chat](#) function to conveniently chat with a provider service representative on most issues and requests.
- You can also speak with a provider services representative by calling the number on the back of your patient's ID card or dialing 800-676-2583 during normal business hours. Provider services can escalate your issue to your Provider Experience representative when necessary.

Our most up-to-date contact information can be found on the [Contact Us page](#) of our provider website.

We will continue to work hard on reducing your administrative burden and operational issues, allowing you more time to focus on the care you provide patients and our members.

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# Get your payments faster when you sign up for electronic funds transfer

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Effective **November 1, 2021**, EnrollSafe will replace CAQH Enrollhub as the electronic funds transfer (EFT) enrollment portal for Anthem providers. As of November 1, 2021, CAQH Enrollhub will no longer offer EFT enrollment to new users.

When you sign up for EFT through EnrollSafe, the new enrollment portal, you'll receive your payments up to seven days sooner than through the paper check method. Not only is receiving your payment more convenient, so is signing up for EFT. What's more, it's easier to reconcile your direct deposits.

## **EnrollSafe is safe, secure and available 24-hours a day.**

Beginning November 1, 2021, log onto the EnrollSafe enrollment hub at <https://enrollsafe.payeehub.org> to enroll in EFT. You'll be directed through the EnrollSafe secure portal to the enrollment page, where you'll provide the required information to receive direct payment deposits.

## **Already enrolled in EFT through CAQH Enrollhub?**

If you're already enrolled in EFT through CAQH Enrollhub, no action is needed unless making changes. Your EFT enrollment information will not change as a result of the new enrollment hub.

If you need to make changes after October 31, 2021, use EnrollSafe to update your account.

## **Electronic remittance advice (ERA) makes reconciling your EFT payment easy and paper-free.**

Once you are enrolled in EFT, using the digital ERA is the very best way to reconcile your deposit. You'll be issued a trace number with your EFT deposit that matches up with your ERA on Availity. The ERAs can be retrieved directly from Availity, select **Claims and Payments > Send and Receive EDI Files > Received Files** folder, or if you use a clearinghouse or billing service, they will supply the 835 ERA for you. You also have the option to view or download a copy of the **Remittance Advice** under **Payer Spaces > Remittance Inquiry tool**. All this can be done in a secure, safe, and completely effortless way.

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## **HEDIS® medical record submission made easier with our Remote EMR Access Service**

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Instead of faxing multiple pages of medical records for HEDIS studies, use Anthem's Remote EMR Access Service we offer to providers that allows us to access your EMR system directly to pull the documentation we need. Our Remote EMR Access Service helps reduce the time and costs associated with medical record retrieval while improving efficiency and lessening the impact on your office staff.

We have a centralized EMR team experienced with multiple EMR systems and extensively trained annually on HIPAA, EMR systems, and HEDIS measure updates. We complete medical record retrieval based on minimum necessary guidelines:

- We only access medical records of members pulled into the HEDIS sample using specific demographic data.
- We only retrieve the medical records that have evidence related to the HEDIS measures.
- We only view face sheets when there are demographic discrepancies.
- We exclude data related to hospice, long-term care, inpatient, and palliative care.

**Let us help you! Getting started with Remote EMR Access is just one click away.** [Download and complete the registration form](#) and email it to us at [Centralized\\_EMR\\_Team@anthem.com](mailto:Centralized_EMR_Team@anthem.com).

**To learn more about our Remote EMR Access Service, view the Frequently Asked Questions below.**

- 1. How do you retrieve our medical records?**
2. We access your EMR using a secure portal and retrieve only the necessary documentation by printing to an electronic file we store internally, on our secure network drives.

**1. Is printing necessary?**

2. Yes. The NCQA audit requires print-to-file access.

**1. Is this process secure?**

2. Yes. We only use secure internal resources to access your EMR systems. All retrieved records are stored on Anthem secure network drives.

**1. Why does Anthem need full access to the entire medical record?**

2. There are several reasons we need to look at the entire medical record of a member:

- HEDIS measures can include up to a 10-year look back at a member's information.
- Medical record data for HEDIS compliance may come from several different areas of the EMR system, including labs, radiology, surgeries, inpatient stays, outpatient visits, and case management.
- Compliant data may be documented or housed in a non-standard format, such as an in-office lab slip scanned into miscellaneous documents

**1. What information do I need to submit to use your Remote EMR Access Service?**

2. Complete the registration form that requests the following information:

- Practice/facility demographic information (e.g., address, national provider ID, taxpayer identification numbers, etc.)
- EMR system information (e.g., type of EMR system, required access forms, access type – web based or VPN-to-VPN connection, special requirements needed for access, etc.)
- List of current providers/locations or a website for accessing this list. Also, if applicable, a list of providers affiliated with the group that are not in the EMR System.

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## **Reimbursement policy update: Sexually Transmitted Infections Testing - professional**

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Beginning with dates of service on or after December 1, 2021, Anthem will implement a new reimbursement policy titled Sexually Transmitted Infections Testing. We consider Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing CPT® codes 87491, 87591, and 87661 to be part of a laboratory panel grouping.

When two or more of these single test laboratory procedure codes are reported on a claim by the same provider on the same date of service, the codes will be bundled into the more comprehensive, multiple organism laboratory CPT code 87801.

Reimbursement will be made based on a single unit of code 87801 regardless of the units billed for a single code. The provider is required to bill for the applicable single STI CPT codes as rendered, and the comprehensive CPT code will be reimbursed. Modifiers will not override this edit.

For more information about this policy, visit the [Reimbursement Policies](#) page at [anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com).

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## **New reimbursement policy: Inpatient Facility Transfers - facility**

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Beginning with dates of service on or after December 1, 2021, Anthem will implement a new reimbursement policy titled Inpatient Facility Transfers. The policy addresses inpatient transfers from one acute care facility to another acute care facility for the same episode of care. We allow reimbursement for services rendered by both the transferring and the receiving facility.

For more information about this policy, visit the [Reimbursement Policies](#) page at anthem.com.

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## Reimbursement policy update: Drug Screen Testing - professional

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Beginning with dates of service on or after December 1, 2021, Anthem will update the policy to indicate that separate reimbursement is not allowed for specimen validity testing when utilized for drug screening because it is included in the CPT and HCPCS code descriptions for presumptive and definitive drug testing. Modifiers will not override this edit; therefore, we have included this information in our Distinct Procedural Services (Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, XU) reimbursement policy.

For more information about this policy, visit the [Reimbursement Policies](#) page at anthem.com.

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## Correction to July 2021 Provider News medical policy update SURG.00017

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In the July 2021 issue of *Provider News*, we advised that Medical Policy SURG.00127 (Sacroiliac Joint Fusion) would be archived effective September 12, 2021. Please be advised we have changed the archive effective date for this medical policy to July 30, 2021.

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## Prior authorization updates for specialty pharmacy effective December 1, 2021

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### Prior authorization updates

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

Please note, inclusion of national drug code (NDC) code on your claim will help expedite claim processing of drugs billed with a not otherwise classified (NOC) code.

Visit our website to access the [clinical criteria information](#).

Prior authorization clinical review of non-oncology specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by Anthem's medical specialty drug review team. Review of specialty pharmacy drugs for oncology indications will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), and are shown in italics below.

Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)	Drug
*ING-CC-0201	J9999	Rybrevant

\* Oncology use is managed by AIM.

### Quantity limit updates

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

Please note, inclusion of national drug code (NDC) code on your claim will help expedite claim processing of drugs billed with a not otherwise classified (NOC) code.

Visit our website to access the [clinical criteria information](#).

Prior authorization clinical review of non-oncology specialty pharmacy drugs will be managed by Anthem's medical specialty drug review team. Review of specialty pharmacy drugs for oncology indications will be managed by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM), and are shown in italics below.

Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)	Drug
*ING-CC-0050	J3490, J3590	Skyrizi
*ING-CC-0075	Q5123	Riabni

\* Non-oncology use is managed by Anthem's medical specialty drug review team.

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## Clinical criteria updates for specialty pharmacy

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The following clinical criteria documents were endorsed at the June 24, 2021 Clinical Criteria meeting. Visit our [website](#) to access the clinical criteria information.

### Revised clinical criteria effective June 30, 2021

The following criteria were revised to expand medical necessity indications or criteria.

- ING-CC-0124: Keytruda (pembrolizumab)
- ING-CC-0125: Opdivo (nivolumab)

### New clinical criteria effective June 30, 2021

The criteria below is new and may result in services previously covered now being considered not medically necessary.

- ING-CC-0201: Rybrevant (amivantamab-ymjw)

### **Revised clinical criteria effective July 26, 2021**

The following criteria were revised to expand medical necessity indications or criteria.

- ING-CC-0042: Monoclonal Antibodies to Interleukin-17
- ING-CC-0067: Prostacyclin Infusion and Inhalation Therapy
- ING-CC-0077: Palynziq (pegvaliase-pqpz)

### **Revised clinical criteria effective July 26, 2021**

The following criteria were reviewed and may have word changes or clarifications, but had no significant changes to the policy position or criteria.

- ING-CC-0031: Intravitreal Corticosteroid Implants
- ING-CC-0050: Monoclonal Antibodies to Interleukin-23
- ING-CC-0051: Enzyme Replacement Therapy for Gaucher Disease
- ING-CC-0076: Nulojix (belatacept)
- ING-CC-0136: Drug Dosage, Frequency, and Route of Administration
- ING-CC-0141: Off-Label Drug and Approved Orphan Drug Use
- ING-CC-0174: Kesimpta (ofatumumab)
- ING-CC-0182: Agents for Iron Deficiency Anemia

### **Revised clinical criteria effective August 1, 2021**

The following criteria were reviewed and may have word changes or clarifications, but had no significant changes to the policy position or criteria.

- ING-CC-0037: Kanuma (sebelipase alfa)
- ING-CC-0043: Monoclonal Antibodies to Interleukin-5
- ING-CC-0057: Krystexxa (pegloticase)
- ING-CC-0066: Monoclonal Antibodies to Interleukin-6
- ING-CC-0068: Growth Hormone
- ING-CC-0069: Egrifta (tesamorelin)
- ING-CC-0111: Nplate (romiplostim)

- ING-CC-0137: Cablivi (caplacizumab-yhdp)
- ING-CC-0153: Adakveo (crizanlizumab)
- ING-CC-0162: Tepezza (teprotumumab-trbw)
- ING-CC-0194: Cabenuva (cabotegravir extended-release; rilpivirine extended-release)  
Injection

### **Revised clinical criteria effective August 23, 2021**

The following criteria was reviewed and may have word changes or clarifications, but had no significant changes to the policy position or criteria.

- ING-CC-0182: Agents for Iron Deficiency Anemia

### **Revised clinical criteria effective December 1, 2021**

The following criteria listed below might result in services that were previously covered now being considered either not medically necessary and/or investigational.

- ING-CC-0077: Palynziq (pegvaliase-pqpz)

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## **Utilization management authorization rule operations**

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On November 1, 2021, AMH Health, LLC prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for procedure code L8702 covered by AMH Health. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

PA requirements will be added for the following code:

- L8702 — Powered upper extremity range of motion assist device, elbow, wrist, hand, finger, single or double upright(s), includes microprocessor, sensors, all components and accessories, custom fabricated

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers on the [provider website](#) or by accessing [Availity](#)\*. Once logged in to Availity, select Patient Registration > Authorizations & Referrals, then choose Authorizations or Auth/Referral Inquiry, as appropriate. Contracted and noncontracted providers who are unable to access Availity may call our Provider Services at the number on the back of the members' ID card for assistance with PA requirements.

\* Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services on behalf of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

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## Prior authorization/Precertification form notification

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The best way to ensure you're submitting everything needed for a prior authorization is to use the [Prior authorization/Precertification form](#) at [anthem.com/medicareprovider](https://anthem.com/medicareprovider) > Providers > Provider Resources > Forms and Guides. By filling out the form completely and with as much information as possible, you can be sure we have the information to process your request timely.

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## Reimbursement policy update - DRG Inpatient Facility Transfers effective November 30, 2021

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Effective November 30, 2021, claims for AMH Health, LLC members who leave against medical advice and are admitted to another acute care facility on the same day are considered transfers and will follow the criteria detailed in the policy.

For additional information, please review the [DRG Inpatient Facility Transfers reimbursement policy](#) at [www.anthem.com/medicareprovider](http://www.anthem.com/medicareprovider) under the **Facilities** dropdown.

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## Keep up with Medicare news

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Please continue to check [Important Medicare Advantage Updates](#) at [anthem.com/medicareprovider](http://anthem.com/medicareprovider) for the latest Medicare Advantage information, including:

- [Clinical Criteria Updates Notification May 2021](#)

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