

Medical Drug and Step Therapy Prior Authorization List for Medicare Plus BlueSM and BCN AdvantageSM members

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This document lists the medical benefit drugs that have prior authorization or step therapy requirements for Medicare Advantage members. Here's what these terms mean:

- **Prior authorization** – For the drugs listed in this document, approval is needed from the plan before the plan will cover the drug. This requirement helps ensure medication safety and helps guide the appropriate use of certain drugs.
- **Step therapy** – For certain drugs, members must first try another drug to treat a medical condition before the plan will cover the drug. Refer to the “Step therapy requirement” column to see whether a drug has a step therapy requirement.

The “Submit authorization request through” columns in this table specify where to submit prior authorization requests for each drug:

- For most medical benefit drugs, including the CAR-T cell therapy drugs Abecma[®], Breyanzi[®], Carvykti[™], Kymriah[®], Tecartus[®] and Yescarta[®], you'll submit authorization requests through the NovoLogix[®] online tool.
- For medical oncology and supportive care drugs, you'll submit authorization requests to Carelon Medical Benefits Management.

Note: If this list specifies that you should submit a prior authorization request through Carelon but you're prescribing the drug for a **non-oncology** diagnosis, **don't** submit the request to Carelon. Instead, call the Pharmacy Clinical Help Desk at 1-800-437-3803.

To view our medical policies for medical benefit drugs, see the [For Providers: How Do I Submit a Drug Prior Authorization Request for Medicare Plus Blue PPO and BCN Advantage](#) page of our bcbsm.com/providers website.

See the revision history at the end of this document for information about changes to this list.

HCPCS codes	Generic name	Trade name	Step therapy requirement	Prior authorization requirement effective date		Submit authorization request through	
				Medicare Plus Blue	BCN Advantage	NovoLogix	Carelon
C9399	Omidubicel-ONLY	Omisirge [™]		2/1/2024	2/1/2024	✓	
G2082	Esketamine	Spravato [®] (up to 56 mg plus observation)	✓	2020	2020	✓	

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G2083	Esketamine	Spravato [®] (greater than 56 mg plus observation)	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J0129	Abatacept	Orencia [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®] . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	2017	2018	✓	
J0172	Aducanumab-avwa	Aduhelm [®]		2021	2021	✓	
J0174	Lecanemab-irmb	Leqembi [®]		2023	2023	✓	
J0178	Aflibercept	Eylea [®]	✓ Trial and failure of bevacizumab (Avastin[®]) or a bevacizumab biosimilar	2017	2017	✓	
J0179	Brolucizumab-dbll	Beovu [®]	✓ Trial and failure of bevacizumab (Avastin[®]) or a bevacizumab biosimilar	2020	2020	✓	
J0180	Agalsidase beta	Fabrazyme [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J0217	Velmanase alfa	Lamzede [®]		5/1/2023	5/1/2023	✓	
J0218	Olipudase alfa-rpcp	Xenpozyme [®]		2022	2022	✓	
J0219	Avalglucosidase alfa-ngpt	Nexviazyme [®]		2021	2021	✓	



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J0221	Alglucosidase alfa, 10mg	Lumizyme [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J0222	Patisiran	Onpattro [®]		2019	2019	✓	
J0223	Givosiran	Givlaari [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J0224	Lumasiran	Oxlumo [®]		2021	2021	✓	
J0225	Vutrisiran	Amvuttra [®]		2022	2022	✓	
J0257	Alpha 1-proteinase inhibitor (human), 10mg	Glassia [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J0490	Belimumab	Benlysta [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J0491	Anifrolumab-fnia	Saphnelo [®]	✓	2021	2021	✓	
J0517	Benralizumab	Fasenra [®]	✓	2018	2018	✓	
J0565	Bezlotoxumab	Zinplava [™]		2019	2019	✓	
J0584	Burosumab-twza	Crysvita [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J0585	Injection, onabotulinumtoxin A	Botox [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J0586	Injection, abobotulinumtoxin A	Dysport [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J0587	Injection, rimabotulinumtoxin B	Myobloc [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J0588	Injection, incobotulinumtoxin A	Xeomin [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	

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J0638	Canakinumab	Ilaris [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J0642	Levoleucovorin	Khapzory [®]		2020	2020		✓
J0717	Certolizumab pegol	Cimzia [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®] .	2017	2018	✓	
J0791	Crizanlizumab	Adakveo [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J0896	Luspatercept-aamt	Reblozyl [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J0897	Denosumab	Prolia [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1300	Eculizumab	Soliris [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J1301	Edaravone	Radicava [®]		2019	2019	✓	
J1302	Sutimilab-jome	Enjaymo [®]	✓	2022	2022	✓	
J1303	Ravulizumab-cwvz	Ultomiris [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J1304	Tofersen	Qalsody [®]		8/1/2023	8/1/2023	✓	
J1305	Evinacumab-dgnb	Evkeeza [®]	✓ Trial and failure of a high-intensity statin AND Praluent[®] or Repatha[®] .	2021	2021	✓	
J1306	Inclisiran	Leqvio [®]	✓ Trial and failure of a high-intensity statin AND Praluent[®] or Repatha[®] .	2022	2022	✓	
J1322	Elosulfase alfa	Vimizim [®]		2017	2017	✓	

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J1325	Epoprostenol	Flolan [®] , Veletri [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J1411	Etranacogene dezaparovec-drlb	Hemgenix [®]		2022	2022	✓	
J1412	Valoctocogene roxaparovec-rvox	Roctavian [™]	✓	7/10/2023	7/10/2023	✓	
J1413	Delandistrogene moxeparovec-rokl	Elevidys		7/10/2023	7/10/2023	✓	
J1427	Viltolarsen	Viltepso [®]		2021	2021	✓	
J1428	Eteplirsen	Exondys 51 [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J1429	Golodirsen	Vyondys 53 [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J1437	Ferric derisomaltose	Monoferric [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Trial and failure of at least TWO of the following preferred medications first: Ferlecit[®], Feraheme[®], Venofer[®] or INFeD[®].</p> <p>These preferred drugs don't require prior authorization.</p>	2022	2022	✓	
				<p>Prior authorization isn't required when these medications are received through a dialysis facility.</p>			

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J1439	Ferric carboxymaltose	Injectafer [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Trial and failure of at least TWO of the following preferred medications first: Ferlecit[®], Feraheme[®], Venofer[®] or INFeD[®].</p> <p>These preferred drugs don't require prior authorization.</p>	2022	2022	✓	
				<p>Prior authorization isn't required when these medications are received through a dialysis facility.</p>			
J1440	Fecal microbiota, live-jslm	Rebyota [™]		3/1/2023	3/1/2023	✓	
J1442	Filgrastim	Neupogen [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred filgrastim biosimilar drugs: Nivestym[®] and Zarxio[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
J1447	Tbo-filgrastim	Granix [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred filgrastim biosimilar drugs: Nivestym[®] and Zarxio[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
J1448	Trilaciclib	Cosela [®]		2021	2021		✓



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J1449	Eflapegrastim-xnst	Rolvedon [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta[®] and Nyvepria[®].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	3/1/2023	3/1/2023	✓	
J1458	Galsulfase	Naglazyme [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J1459	Immune globulin IV (human), 10% liquid	Privigen [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J1460	Immune globulin (human), IM	GamaSTAN [®] , GamaSTAN S/D [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J1551	Immune globulin subcutaneous (human)-hipp	Cutaquig [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J1554	Immune globulin Intravenous (human) slra 10%	Asceniv [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J1555	Immune globulin Subcutaneous (Human) 20%	Cuvitru [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J1556	Immune globulin Intravenous (human), 10%	Bivigam [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	

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J1557	Immune globulin Intravenous (human)	Gammaplex [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1558	Immune globulin subcutaneous (human)-klhw	Xembify [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J1559	Immune globulin Subcutaneous (human), 20%	Hizentra [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1560	Immune globulin (human), IM (Over 10 mL)	GamaSTAN [®] , GamaSTAN S/D [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J1561	Immune globulin Injection (human), 10%	Gamunex-C [®] , Gammaked [™]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1566	Immune globulin Intravenous (human)	Carimune [®] NF, Gammagard S/D [®] Less IgA	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1568	Immune globulin Intravenous (human)	Octagam [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1569	Immune globulin Infusion (human) 10%	Gammagard [®] Liquid	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1572	Immune globulin Intravenous (human)	Flebogamma [®] DIF	✓	2/1/2024	2/1/2024	✓	

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J1575	Immune globulin Infusion 10% (human) with recombinant human hyaluronidase	Hyqvia [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
J1576	Immune globulin Intravenous (human) – ifas 10%	Panzyga [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J1602	Golimumab	Simponi Aria [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J1743	Idursulfase	Elaprase [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J1745	Infliximab	Remicade [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] and Avsola[®] . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	2017	2017	✓	
J1745	Infliximab	Generic (non-biosimilar)	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] and Avsola[®] . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	10/15/2023	10/15/2023	✓	
J1746	Ibalizumab-uiyk	Trogarzo [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J1747	Spesolimab-sbzo	Spevigo [®]	✓	2022	2022	✓	
J1786	Imiglucerase	Cerezyme [®]		2017	2017	✓	

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J1823	Inebilizumab-cdon	Uplizna [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J1931	Laronidase	Aldurazyme [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J2182	Mepolizumab	Nucala [®]	✓	2018	2017	✓	
J2326	Nusinersen	Spinraza [®]		2018	2018	✓	
J2327	Risankizumab-rzaa	Skyrizi [®] IV	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®] .	2022	2022	✓	
J2356	Tezepelumab-ekko	Tezspire [®]	✓ For eosinophilic asthma: Trial and failure of Fasenra[®] or Nucala[®] AND Dupixent[®] For allergic asthma: Trial and failure of Xolair[®] For oral steroid dependent asthma: Trial and failure of Dupixent[®]	2022	2022	✓	
J2357	Omalizumab	Xolair [®]	✓	2018	2018	✓	
J2506	Pegfilgrastim	Neulasta [®] Neulasta [®] Onpro [®]		2020	2020		✓
J2507	Pegloticase	Krystexxa [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J2508	Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj	Elfabrio [®]		8/14/2023	8/14/2023	✓	



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J2777	Facricimab-svoa	Vabysmo [®]	✓ Trial and failure of bevacizumab (Avastin[®]) or a bevacizumab biosimilar	2022	2022	✓	
J2778	Ranibizumab	Lucentis [®]	✓ Trial and failure of bevacizumab (Avastin[®]) or a bevacizumab biosimilar	2017	2017	✓	
J2779	Ranibizumab injection, for ocular implant	Susvimo [™]	✓	2021	2021	✓	
J2781	Pegcetacoplan injection	Syfovre [®]		4/3/2023	4/3/2023	✓	
J2786	Reslizumab	Cinqair [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Fasenra[®] or Nucala[®] AND Dupixent[®]	2018	2017	✓	
J2793	Rilonacept	Arcalyst [®]	✓	2021	2021	✓	
J2796	Romiplostim	Nplate [®]	✓	2017	2018	✓	
J2820	Sargramostim	Prokine [®] , Leukine [®]		2020	2020		✓
J2840	Sebelipase alfa	Kanuma [®]		2019	2017	✓	
J2998	Plasminogen, human-tvmh	Ryplazim [®]		2022	2022	✓	

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J3032	Eptinezumab-jjmr	Vyepti [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Trial and failure of botulinum toxins AND an oral or subcutaneous CGRP antagonist.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
J3060	Taliglucerase alfa	Elelyso [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J3111	Romosozumab-aqqg	Evenity [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J3241	Teprotumumab	Tepezza [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
J3245	Tildrakizumab-asmn	Ilumya [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J3262	Tocilizumab	Actemra [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®]. These preferred drugs don't require authorization. Note: Infliximab is not required for cytokine release syndrome or giant cell arteritis.</p>	2017	2017	✓	
J3285	Treprostinil	Remodulin [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J3304	Triamcinolone-acetonide extended release	Zilretta [®]	✓	2019	2019	✓	
J3358	Ustekinumab	Stelara [®] IV	✓	2019	2019	✓	

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J3380	Vedolizumab	Entyvio [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®]. These preferred drugs don't require authorization.</p>	2017	2018	✓	
J3380	Vedolizumab	Entyvio [®] SC	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trial and failure of Renflexis[®] or Avsola[®]. These preferred drugs don't require authorization.</p>	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3385	Velaglucerase alfa	VPRIV [®]		2017	2017	✓	
J3397	Vestronidase alfa-vjvk	Mepsevii [®]		2019	2019	✓	
J3398	Voretigene neparvovec-rzyl	Luxturna [®]		2018	2018	✓	
J3399	Onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi	Zolgensma [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J3401	Beremagene geperpavec-svdt	Vyjuvek [®]		8/14/2023	8/14/2023	✓	
J3490, C9160	Daxibotulinumtoxin A	Daxxify [®]	✓	12/18/2023	12/18/2023	✓	
J3490	Eplontersen	Wainua [™]		3/1/2024	3/1/2024	✓	
J3490	Fosdenopterin	Nulibry [®]		2021	2021	✓	
J3490, J3590	Pegcetacoplan	Empaveli [®]		2021	2021	✓	



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J3490, C9161	Aflibercept	Eylea HD	✓ Trial and failure of bevacizumab (Avastin [®]) or a bevacizumab biosimilar	10/15/2023	10/15/2023	✓	
J3490, C9162	Avacincaptad pegol	Izervay [™]		10/15/2023	10/15/2023	✓	
J3490	Zilucoplan	Zilbrysq [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Vyvgart [®] or Vyvgart [®] Hytrulo.	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3490	Nedosiran	Rivfloza [™]		2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3590	ADAMTS13, recombinant-krhn	Adzynma		3/1/2024	3/1/2024	✓	
J3590	Betibeglogene autotemcel	Zynteglo [®]		2022	12022	✓	
J3590	Bimekizumab-bkzx	Bimzelx [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis [®] or Avsola [®] . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3590	Cipaglifosidase alfa-atga	Pombiliti [™]		2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3590	Donislecel-jujn	Lantidra [™]		10/15/2023	10/15/2023	✓	
J3590	Exagamglogene autotemcel	Casgevy [™]	✓	1/2/2024	1/2/2024	✓	

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J3590	Infliximab-dyyb	Zymfentra™	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis® and Avsola® . These preferred drugs don't require authorization	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3590	Lovotibeglogene autotemcel	Lyfgenia™	✓	1/2/2024	1/2/2024	✓	
J3590	Mirikizumab-mrkz	Omvo™	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis® or Avsola® . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J3590	Pozelimab-bbfg	Veopoz™	✓	10/15/2023	10/15/2023	✓	
J3590	Secukinumab	Cosentyx® IV	✓ Initiation requests: Trial and failure of Renflexis® or Avsola® . These preferred drugs don't require authorization.	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	✓	
J7170	Emicizumab-kxwh	Hemlibra®		2020	2020	✓	

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J7320	Sodium hyaluronate	GenVisc [®] 850	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Trial and failure of all the following preferred hyaluronic acid drugs: Durolane[®], Euflexxa[®], Gelsyn-3[®] and Supartz FX[®].</p> <p>These preferred drugs don't require authorization.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
J7321	Sodium hyaluronate	Visco-3 [™] Hyalgan [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7322	High Molecular Weight Viscoelastic Hyaluronan	Hymovis [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7324	High Molecular Weight Hyaluronan	Orthovisc [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7325	Hylan G-F 20	Synvisc [®] , Synvisc-One [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7326	Sodium hyaluronate	Gel-one [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7327	High Molecular Weight Hyaluronan	Monovisc [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7329	Sodium hyaluronate	TriVisc [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7331	Sodium hyaluronate	Synjoynt [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7332	Sodium hyaluronate	Trilon [®]		2020	2020	✓	
J7352	Afamelanotide	Scenesse [®]		2020	2020	✓	

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J7686	Treprostinil	Tyvaso [®]	✓	2017	2017	✓	
				<p>Prior authorization is required for Tyvaso[®] nebulizer.</p> <p>Note: Tyvaso DPI[®] (J3535) is a pharmacy benefit drug, not a medical benefit drug.</p>			
J9022	Atezolizumab	Tecentriq [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9023	Avelumab	Bavencio [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9029	Nadofaragene firadenovec-vncg	Adstiladrin [®]	✓	5/1/2023	5/1/2023	✓	
J9035	Bevacizumab	Avastin [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred bevacizumab biosimilar drug: Mvasi[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
				<p>Prior authorization isn't required for use in retinal disorders.</p>			
J9055	Cetuximab	Erbitux [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9061	Amivantamab-vmjw	Rybrevant [®]		2021	2021		✓
J9063	Mirvetuximab soravtansine	Elahere [™]		8/23/2023	8/23/2023		✓
J9119	Cemiplimab-rwlc	Libtayo [®]		2019	2019		✓

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J9144	Daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj	Darzalex Faspro [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9145	Daratumumab	Darzalex [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9173	Durvalumab	Imfinzi [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9176	Elotuzumab	Empliciti [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9177	Enfortumab vedotin-ejfv	Padcev [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9204	Mogamulizumab-kpkc	Poteligeo [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9205	Irinotecan liposome	Onivyde [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9227	Isatuximab-irfc	Sarclisa [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9228	Ipilimumab	Yervoy [®]		2017	2017		✓
J9258	Paclitaxel protein-bound particles	Generic brand		1/1/2024	1/1/2024		✓
J9259	Paclitaxel protein-bound particles	Generic brand		7/1/2023	7/1/2023		✓
J9264	Paclitaxel protein-bound particles	Abraxane [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9269	Tagraxofusp-erzs	Elzonris [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9271	Pembrolizumab	Keytruda [®]		2018	2017		✓
J9272	Dostarlimab-gxly	Jemperli		2021	2021		✓
J9273	Tisotumab vedotin-tftv	Tivdak [®]		2022	2022		✓



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J9274	Tebentafusp-tebn	Kimmtrak [®]		2022	2022		✓
J9281	Mitomycin	Jelmyto [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9286	Glofitamab-gxbm	Columvi [™]		3/1/2024	3/1/2024		✓
J9294, J9296, J9297	Pemetrexed	Generic (various brands)		4/1/2023	4/1/2023		✓
J9298	Nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw	Opdualag [™]		2022	2022		✓
J9299	Nivolumab	Opdivo [®]		2018	2017		✓
J9303	Panitumumab	Vectibix [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9304	Pemetrexed	Pemfexy [®]		2/9/2023	2/9/2023		✓
J9305	Pemetrexed	Alimta [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9306	Pertuzumab	Perjeta [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9309	Polatuzumab	Polivy [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9311	Rituximab-hyaluronidase human	Rituxan Hycela [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9312	Rituximab	Rituxan [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use both of the following preferred rituximab biosimilar drugs: Truxima[®] and Ruxience[®].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These preferred drugs don't require authorization.</p>	2021	2021	✓	



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J9314	Pemetrexed	Generic		1/1/2023	1/1/2023		✓
J9316	Pertuzumab/trastuzumab/hyaluronidase-zzxf	Phesgo [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9317	Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy	Trodely [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9321	Epcoritamab-bysp	Epkinly [™]		3/1/2024	3/1/2024		✓
J9322, J9323	Pemetrexed	Generic (various brands)		7/1/2023	7/1/2023		✓
J9324	Pemetrexed	Pemrydi [®] RTU		1/1/2024	1/1/2024		✓
J9331	Sirolimus albumin-bound	Fyarro [®]		2022	2022		✓
J9332	Efgartigimod alfa-fcab	Vyvgart [®]	✓	2022	2022	✓	
J9333	Rozanolixizumab-noli	Rystiggo [®]	✓	7/10/2023	7/10/2023	✓	
J9334	Efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc	Vyvgart [®] Hytrulo	✓	7/10/2023	7/10/2023	✓	
J9345	Retifanlimab-dlwr	Zynyz [®]		12/10/2023	12/10/2023		✓
J9347	Tremelimumab-actl	Imjudo [®]		8/23/2023	8/23/2023		✓
J9348	Naxitamab-gqgk	Danyelza [®]		2021	2021		✓
J9349	Tafasitamab-cxix	Monjuvi [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9350	Mosunetuzumab-axgb	Lunsumio [™]		8/23/2023	8/23/2023		✓

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J9352	Trabectedin	Yondelis [®]		2019	2019		✓
J9353	Margetuximab-cmkb	Margenza [®]		2021	2021		✓
J9354	Ado-trastuzumab emtansine	Kadcyla [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9355	Trastuzumab	Herceptin [®]	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred trastuzumab biosimilars: Kanjinti[®] and Ogivri[®]</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
J9356	Trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk	Herceptin Hylecta [™]		2020	2020		✓
J9358	Fam-trastuzumab-nxki	Enhertu [®]		2020	2020		✓
J9359	Loncastuximab tesirine-lpyl	Zynlonta [®]		2021	2021		✓
J9380	Teclistamab-cqyv	Tecvayli [®]		8/23/2023	8/23/2023		✓
J9381	Teplizumab-mzww	Tziel [®]		2022	2022	✓	
Q2041	Axicabtagene ciloleucel (CAR-T)	Yescarta [®]		2021	2021	✓	
Q2042	Tisagenlecleucel (CAR-T)	Kymriah [®]		2021	2021	✓	

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Q2053	Brexucabtagene autoleucl (CAR-T)	Tecartus [®]		2021	2021	✓	
Q2054	Lisocabtagene maraleucl (CAR-T)	Breyanzi [®]		2021	2021	✓	
Q2055	Idecabtagene vicleucl (CAR-T)	Abecma [®]		2021	2021	✓	
Q2056	Ciltacabtagene autoleucl (CAR-T)	Carvykti [®]		2022	2022	✓	
Q4074	Iloprost	Ventavis [®]	✓	2020	2020	✓	
Q5101	Filgrastim-sndz	Zarxio [®]		2020	2020		✓
Q5103	Infliximab-dyyb	Inflectra [®]	✓ Trial and failure of Renflexis and Avsola [®] . These preferred drugs don't require authorization	1/1/2024	1/1/024	✓	
Q5107	Bevacizumab-awwb	Mvasi [®]		2020	2020		✓
Q5108	Pegfilgrastim-jmdb	Fulphila [®]	✓ Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta [®] and Nyvepria [®] . Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.	2020	2020	✓	
Q5110	Filgrastim-aafi	Nivestym [®]		2020	2020		✓

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Q5111	Pegfilgrastim-cbqv	Udenyca [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta[®] and Nyvepria[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5112	Trastuzumab-dttb	Ontruzant [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred trastuzumab biosimilars: Kanjinti[®] and Ogivri[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5113	Trastuzumab-pkrb	Herzuma [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred trastuzumab biosimilars: Kanjinti[®] and Ogivri[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5114	Trastuzumab-dkst	Ogivri [®]		2020	2020		✓

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Q5116	Trastuzumab-qyyp	Trazimera®	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred trastuzumab biosimilars: Kanjinti® and Ogivri®</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5117	Trastuzumab-anns	Kanjinti®		2020	2020		✓
Q5118	Bevacizumab-bvzr	Zirabev®	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred bevacizumab biosimilar drug: Mvasi®.</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for this preferred drug to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5120	Pegfilgrastim-bmez	Ziextenzo®	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta® and Nyvepria®.</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2020	2020	✓	
Q5122	Pegfilgrastim-apgf	Nyvepria®		2020	2020		✓

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Q5123	Rituximab-arrx	Riabni [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred rituximab biosimilar drugs: Truxima[®] and Ruxience[®].</p> <p>These preferred drugs don't require authorization</p>	1/1/2024	1/1/2024	✓	
Q5124	Ranibizumab-nuna	Byooviz [™]	<p>✓</p>	2022	2022	✓	
Q5125	Filgrastim-ayow	Releuko [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use both of the following preferred filgrastim biosimilar drugs: Nivestym[®] and Zarxio[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2022	2022	✓	
Q5126	Bevacizumab-maly	Alymsys [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred bevacizumab biosimilar drug: Mvasi[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2022	2022	✓	

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Q5127	Pegfilgrastim-fpgk	Stimufend [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta[®] and Nyvepria[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	3/1/2023	3/1/2023	✓	
Q5128	Ranibizumab_eqrn	Cimerli [®]	<p>✓</p>	2022	2022	✓	
Q5129	Bevacizumab-adcd	Vegzelma [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred bevacizumab biosimilar drug: Mvasi[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	3/1/2023	3/1/2023	✓	
Q5130	Pegfilgrastim-pbbk	Fylnetra [®]	<p>✓</p> <p>Use the following preferred pegfilgrastim drugs: Neulasta[®] and Nyvepria[®].</p> <p>Submit authorization requests for these preferred drugs to Carelon.</p>	2022	2022	✓	

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2/1/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 3/1/2024: J3590 Adzynma, J3490 Wainua • Code correction: J3380 Entyvio SC • Updated step therapy requirements for Eylea HD • Authorization requirement effective 2/1/2024: J1572 Flebogamma is once again available in the U.S. • Authorization requirement removed effective 1/31/2024: J0256 Aralast, Prolastin C and Zemaira
1/1/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement removed effective 12/31/2023: J9027 Aliqopa (no longer on the market in the U.S.) • Authorization requirement effective 1/1/2024: J9258 Paclitaxel protein-bound particles, J9324 Pemrydi RTU • Prior authorization changed from Novologix to Carelon effective 1/1/2024: Q5122 Nyvepria, Q5114 Ogivri • Prior authorization changed from Carelon to Novologix effective 1/1/2024: Q5118 Zirabev, Q5108 Fulphila, Q5120 Ziextenzo, Q5116 Trazimera • Infliximab step added effective 1/1/2024: J0717 Cimzia and J2327 Skyrizi IV • Infliximab step removed effective 1/1/2024: J3245 Ilumya • Authorization requirement effective 1/2/2024: Lyfgenia and Casgevy (both have code J3590) • Code update effective 1/2/2024: J0217 Lamzede, J1304 Qalsody, J1412 Roctavian, J1413 Elevidys, J2508 Elfabrio, J3401 Vyjuvek, J9333 Rystiggo, J9334 Vyvgart Hytrulo • Authorization requirement effective 2/1/2024: C9399 Omisirge • Authorization requirement effective 2/12/2024: J3590 Bimzelx, J3590 Cosentyx IV, J3590 Entyvio SC, J3590 Omvoh, J3590 Pombiliti, J3590 Zymfentra, J3490 Rivfloza, J3490 Zilbrysq • Authorization requirement effective 3/1/2024: J9286, Columvi, J9321 Epkinly
11/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 12/18/2023: J3490 Daxxify • Updates made to highlight changes to preferred agents effective 1/1/2024 • Prior authorization requirement removed 1/1/2024: Q5104 Renflexis, Q5115 Truxima • Prior authorization requirement added effective 1/1/2024: Q5103 Inflectra, Q5123 Riabni

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9/5/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 10/15/2023: Veopoz, Lantidra (both have code J3590); Izervay, Eylea HD (both have code J3490); and J1745 generic infliximab (non-biosimilar) • Authorization requirement effective 12/10/2023: J9345 Zynyz • Code update effective 10/1/2023: J2781 Syfovre • Authorization requirement removed effective 9/30/2023: J9313 Lumoxiti® (no longer on the market in the U.S.)
8/7/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byooviz step therapy requirement removed effective 7/27/2023: J0178 Eylea • Code change with a retroactive effective date of 7/6/2023: J0174 Leqembi
7/10/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 7/10/2023: Elevidys, Roctavian and Rystiggo (all have code J3590) and J3490 Vyvgart Hytrulo
7/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 7/1/2023: J1440 Rebyota, J1576 Panzyga, J9381 Tzield, J9029 Adstiladrin, • Authorization requirement effective 7/1/2023: J9321, J9322, J9323 Pemetrexed generic various manufacturers, J9259 paclitaxel protein-bound particles (generic brand) • Authorization requirement effective 8/1/2023: J3590 Qalsody • Authorization requirement effective 8/14/2023: Vyjuvek and Elfabrio both are J3590 • Authorization requirement effective 8/23/2023: J9063 Elahere, J9350 Lunsumio, J9380 Tecvayli, J9347 Imjudo,
5/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to Eylea to reflect changes in step therapy requirements • Updates to Cinqair and Tezspire to reflect changes in step therapy requirements • Corrected code for Rebyota to J3490
4/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 4/1/2023: Q5127 Stimufend, Q5128 Cimerli, Q5129 Vegzelma, Q5130 Fynetra, J1747 Spevigo, J1411 Hemgenix, J1449 Rolvedon, J0218 Xenpozyme • Additional codes added for various brands of generic pemetrexed: J9294, J9296, and J9297 • Corrected code for Syfovre to J3490 • Authorization requirement effective 5/1/2023: J3590 Lamzede

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3/8/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement removed effective 4/1/2023: J2503 Macugen (no longer on the market in the U.S.) • Authorization requirement removed effective 4/1/2023: J0775 Xiaflex • Authorization requirement effective 5/1/2023: J3590 Adstiladrin • Authorization requirement effective 4/3/2023: J3590 Syfovre
2/6/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 3/1/2023: Rolvedon, Stimufend, Vegzelma, Rebyota (all have code J3590)
1/9/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 1/13/2023: J3590 Leqembi • Byooviz step therapy requirement removed effective 1/9/2023: J2778 Lucentis
1/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 1/1/2023: J0225 Amvuttra, J2327 Skyrizi IV, Q5126 Alymsys • Authorization requirement effective 1/1/2023: J9314 generic pemetrexed • Authorization requirement removed effective 1/1/2023: J9037 Blenrep (no longer on the market in the U.S.) • Authorization requirement removed for oncology drugs effective 1/1/2023: J9042 Adcetris, J9302 Arzerra, J9118 Asparlas, J9036 Belrapzo, J9034 Bendeka, J9229 Besponsa, J9039 Blincyto, J9308 Cyramza, Q2050 Doxil, Q2049 Lipodox, J9246 Evomela, J9301 Gazyva, J9179 Halaven, J9325 Imlygic, J9318 and J9319 Istodax, J9207 Ixempra, J9043 Jevtana, J9047 Kyprolis, J2562 Mozobil, J9203 Mylotarg, J9295 Portrazza, Q2043 Provenge, J2860 Sylvant, J9033 Treanda, J9999 Unituxin, J0897 Xgeva, J9400 Zaltrap, J9223 Zepzelca
12/2/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 12/2/2022: J3590 Hemgenix • Authorization requirement effective 12/2/2022: J3590 Tzield
12/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 12/19/2022: J3590 Fynetra • Authorization requirement effective 2/9/2023: J9304 Pemfexy • Infliximab step therapy requirement removed effective 12/19/2022: J3590 Skyrizi IV
11/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 11/1/2022: Xenpozyme and Zynteglo (both have code J3590)
10/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 10/1/2022: C9142 Alymsys, J1302 Enjaymo, J2777 Vabysmo, J9274 Kimmtrak, Q2056 Carvykti, Q5125 Releuko • Authorization requirement effective 9/26/2022: J3590 Spevigo • Authorization requirement effective 10/3/2022: J3590 Cimerli • Authorization requirement effective 12/1/2022: J9298 Opdualag

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8/10/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date correction – Authorization requirement removal date changed from 8/1/2022 to 8/15/2022: J3357 Stelara SC • Authorization requirement removed effective 8/15/2022: J3590 Skyrizi SC
8/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 8/1/2022: J3590 Skyrizi IV formulation • Authorization requirement effective 8/8/2022: J3490 Amvuttra, J3590 Releuko and J9999 Alymsys • Authorization requirement removed effective 8/1/2022: J3357 Stelara SC • Infliximab step therapy requirement removed effective 8/1/2022: J3358 Stelara IV
7/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 7/1/2022: C9094 Enjaymo, C9095 Kimmtrak, C9097 Vabysmo, C9098 Carvykti, J1306 Leqvio, J1551 Cutaquig, J2356 Tezspire, J2779 Susvimo, J2998 Ryplazim, J9332 Vyvgart • Prior authorization requirement added effective 8/8/2022: J1437 Monoferric, J1439 Injectafer
5/16/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement removed effective 5/31/2022: J0641 Fusilev[®] (no longer on the market in the U.S.) • Authorization requirement effective 8/16/2022: J9331 Fyarro
4/12/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications made to codes: J9999 Kimmtrak and Unituxin, J3490 Nulibry
4/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edits made to clarify preferred products effective 4/1/2022.
3/9/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement effective 3/7/2022: J9999 Carvykti • Code updates effective 4/1/2022: C9090 Ryplazim, C9093 Susvimo, J0219 Nexviazyme, J0491 Saphnelo, J9359 Zynlonta, Q5124 Byooviz • Authorization requirement added effective 5/23/2022: J9273 Tivdak, J3590 Kimmtrak
3/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 3/7/2022: Enjaymo and Vabysmo (both have code J3590) • Authorization requirement added effective 6/6/2022: J3590 Byooviz • Prior authorization requirement removed 4/1/2022: Q5121 Avsola • Prior authorization requirement added effective 4/1/2022: Q5104 Renflexis • Prior authorization changed from Novologix to AIM: Q5108 Fulphila, Q5120 Ziextenzo • Prior authorization changed from AIM to Novologix: Q5111 Udenyca
2/7/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 2/21/2022: J3490 Tezspire • Authorization requirement added effective 3/1/2022: J3490 Vyvgart and Leqvio

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1/1/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 1/1/2022: C9085 Nexviazyme, J0172 Aduhelm, J2506 Neulasta, J9061 Rybrevant, J9272 Jemperli, Q2055 Abecma, C9086 Saphnelo • Authorization requirement added effective 1/17/2022: J3590 Ryplazim
11/29/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement removed: J9247 Pepaxto (no longer on the market in the U.S.) • Authorization requirement removed effective 12/1/2021: J3490 Tegsedi • Authorization requirement added effective 12/27/2021: J3590 Susvimo
10/4/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code update effective 10/1/2021: Q2054 Breyanzi, J1305 Evkeeza, J9318 and J9319 Istodax, J9247 Pepaxto, J1448 Cosela, C9084 Zynlonta, C9083 Rybrevant, C9082 Jemperli, C9081 Abecma • Code correction: Nexviazyme changed to J3590 • Authorization requirement removed: J1572 Fleboggamma (no longer on the market in the U.S.)
9/1/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 9/1/2021: J3490 Nexviazyme, J3590 Saphnelo
8/9/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 9/13/2021: J2793 Arcalyst • Authorization requirement added effective 9/27/2021: J3490, J3590, J9999, C9399 Rybrevant • Code update effective 9/1/2021 to indicate Spravato plus observation: G2082 and G2083
6/8/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 6/8/2021: J3590 Aduhelm • Authorization requirement added effective 6/14/2021: J3490, J3590 Empaveli • Authorization requirement added effective 7/26/2021: Jemperli and Zynlonta (both have codes J3490, J3590, J9999, C9399) • Code update effective 7/1/2021: J9348 Danyelza, J9353 Margenza, J0224 Oxlumo, C9080 Pepaxto, C9079 Evkeeza, C9078 Cosela, C9076 Breyanzi • Authorization requirement removed effective 6/8/2021: J2504 Adagen (no longer on the market in the U.S.)
5/10/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code update effective 4/1/2021: Visco-3 once again shares code J7321 with Hyalgan
5/3/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 5/24/2021: Cosela and Pepaxto (both have codes J3490, J3590, J9999, C9399) • Authorization requirement added effective 6/22/2021: C9074 Oxlumo; Evkeeza and Nulibry (both have codes C9399, J3490, J3590)



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4/1/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code update effective 4/1/2021: Q2053 Tecartus • Authorization requirement added effective 4/5/2021: J9999 Abecma • Statement added that J9035 Avastin does not require prior authorization for use in retinal disorders.
3/7/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization request submissions moving from AIM to NovoLogix effective 4/1/2021: J1442 Neupogen, J1447 Granix, J9035 Avastin, J9355 Herceptin, Q5113 Herzuma, Q5114 Ogivri, Q5112 Ontruzant, Q5108 Fulphila, Q5120 Ziextenzo, Q5122 Nyvepria • Authorization requirement added effective 4/1/2021: J9312 Rituxan, Q5115 Truxima • Authorization requirement added effective 4/22/2021: Danyelza and Margenza (both have codes J3490, J3590, J9999, C9399) • Code updates effective 4/1/2021: J1427Viltepso, J1554 Asceniv, J9037 Blenrep, J9349 Monjuvi
2/15/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 2/11/2021: J9999 Breyanzi • Code update effective 1/1/2021: S0013 Spravato
12/26/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 1/1/2021: J1823 Uplizna, J7352 Scenesse, J9144 Darzalex Faspro, J9223 Zepzelca, J9281 Jelmyto, J9316 Phesgo, J9317 Trodelvy, Q5122 Nyvepria, C9069 Blenrep, C9070 Monjuvi, C9071 Viltepso, C9072, Asceniv, C9073 Tecartus
10/30/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 11/20/2020: Blenrep and Monjuvi (both have codes J3490, J3590, J9999, C9399), • Authorization requirement added effective 1/1/2021: Tecartus (J9999) and Viltepso (J3490, J3590) • Authorization requirement removed effective 11/20/2020: Lartruvo (J9285)
9/22/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 10/1/2020: C9062 Darzalex Faspro, C9064 Jelmyto, C9066 Trodelvy, J3032 Vyepti, J3241 Tepezza, J9227 Sarclisa
8/5/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 9/28/2020 for: J0638 Ilaris; J1558 Xembify; J1599 Cutaquig • Authorization requirement added effective 9/25/2020 for: Zepzelca, Phesgo, Nyvepria (all have codes J3490, J3590, J9999) • Step therapy requirements added to list for: J3245 Ilumya, J3590 Skyrizi • Addition of preferred filgrastim biosimilar step therapy requirement for: J1442 Neupogen, J1447 Granix

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6/29/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 7/9/2020 for: Abicipar pegol • Authorization requirement added effective 8/21/2020 for: Roctavian, Uplizna (both have code J3590); Q5121 Avsola • Authorization requirement removed effective 8/1/2020 for: J1740 Boniva, J2430 Aredia
6/12/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code updates effective 7/1/2020: C9061 Tepezza, C9063 Vyepti, J0223 Givlaari, J0791 Adakveo, J0896 Reblozyl, J1429 Vyondys 53, J3399 Zolgensma, J7333 Visco-3, J9177 Padcev, J9358 Enhertu, Q5120 Ziextenzo • Authorization requirement added effective 7/24/2020 for: Trodelvy, Jelmyto, Darzalex Faspro (all have codes J3490, J3590, J9999); J9325 Imlygic
5/15/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step therapy requirements added to list for: J3262 Actemra, J3357 Stelara SQ, J3358 Stelara IV, J3590 Vyepti, J0129 Orencia and J3380 Entyvio
4/2/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 6/15/2020 for: J1428 Exondys 51, J3490 Vyondys 53, C9056 and J3490 Givlaari, J3590 Tepezza, J3590 Vyepti • Authorization requirement added effective 5/15/2020 for: J3590 Sarclisa • Code update: C9058 Ziextenzo • Authorization requirement removed effective 4/3/2020 for: Q5103 Inflectra, Q5104 Renflexis, Q5109 Ixifi
2/26/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 4/1/2020 for: Enhertu; Padcev; Ziextenzo (all have codes J3490, J3590, J9999) • Certain oncology medications: Removed information about submitting authorization requests through NovoLogix for dates of service on or before 12/31/2019
2/16/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization requirement added effective 3/16/2020 for: J3590 Reblozyl; J3490 Scenesse; J3590 Adakveo; J9036 Belrapzo; J9039 Polivy; J9118 Asparlas; J9313 Lumoxiti; J9356 Herceptin Hylecta; Q5116 Trazimera; Q5117 Kanjiti; Q5118 Zirabev • Authorization requirement removed effective 3/2/2020 for: J3489 Reclast, Zometa • Effective date changed for: Q2041 Yescarta; Q2042 Kymriah

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