

For oncology providers

## Finding the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) provider information

Our provider communications about the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) information updates for providers* webpage located within *BCBSM Newsletters and Resources* or *BCN Provider Publications and Resources* on web-DENIS. Our public webpage for providers is located at [bcbsm.com/coronavirus](https://bcbsm.com/coronavirus). Click on *For providers*.

## Recommendations for submitting authorization requests for medical oncology drugs to AIM

Follow these recommendations for submitting authorization requests for medical oncology drugs to AIM Specialty Health® to ensure a more efficient authorization review process:

- Wait to submit the request until you have **all** the pertinent information, including but not limited to, tumor testing results, information on tumor staging and prior therapy regimens.
- Provide **all** the clinical information needed for clinical review, including the rationale for the requested regimen.
- Be sure the phone number provided is accurate if AIM needs to contact you to schedule a peer-to-peer consultation for more information to establish medical necessity.

This information applies to all Blue Cross PPO, Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> PPO, BCN HMO<sup>SM</sup> and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup> members whose plans require authorization of medical oncology drugs by AIM.

For more information, see [Page 27 of the July–August 2020 BCN Provider News](#) or the [June 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

## Medical benefit specialty drug prior authorization lists are changing in July and August for Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> PPO, BCN HMO<sup>SM</sup> and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup> members

We're adding authorization requirements for four specialty drugs covered under the medical benefit for Medicare Plus Blue PPO, BCN HMO and BCN Advantage members.

For dates of service on or after July 24, 2020, the following drugs will require authorization through AIM Specialty Health®:

- Trodelvy<sup>TM</sup> (sacituzumab govitecan-hziy, J3490, J3590, J9999)
- Jelmyto<sup>TM</sup> (mitomycin, J3490, J3590, J9999)
- Darzalex Faspro<sup>TM</sup> (daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj, J3490, J3590, J9999)

For dates of service on or after Aug. 24, 2020, the following drug will require authorization through AIM:

- Imlygic® (talimogene laherparepvec, J9325)

For more information, see [Page 13 of the July–August 2020 BCN Provider News](#) or the [July 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

## Two UAW groups have similar names, causing some confusion

Because of their similar names, there has been some confusion about whether the UAW Retiree Health Care Trust, UAW International Staff or UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust require prior authorization from AIM Specialty Health for select outpatient medical diagnostic services. Keep in mind that the URHCT and the UAW International Staff do not require preauthorization, while URMBT does. For more information, see the [May 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

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## eviCore healthcare® updates

- **eviCore simplifies authorization process for radiation oncology**

Beginning July 1, 2020, eviCore healthcare simplified the authorization process for radiation oncology so that you'll see fewer clinical questions on authorization requests. As part of the process, eviCore will be asking clinical decision support questions, rather than traditional clinical questions. This change applies to authorizations for breast, prostate and non-small-cell lung cancer.

For more information, see the [August 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#), and [Blue Cross eviCore-Managed Procedures](#) and [BCN eviCore-Managed Procedures](#) pages of [ereferrals.bcbsm.com](http://ereferrals.bcbsm.com).

- **Policy on hypofractionation for breast and prostate cancer revised**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network have revised the radiation oncology program managed through eviCore healthcare to limit coverage to hypofractionation (a shorter, equally effective regimen) for many breast and prostate cancers, effective for requests submitted on or after Sept. 21. The changes align with evidence-based guidelines including the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, or NCCN. The change will result in less frequent visits for patients.

For more information, see the upcoming issues of the [September–October 2020 BCN Provider News](#) or the [September 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

## New quantity limits for morphine

Effective May 1, 2020, certain long-acting morphine products require new quantity limits for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network commercial members.

A prior authorization is required for members who received a prescription on or after May 1, 2020, under the new quantity limits.

For more information, see [Page 30 of the May–June 2020 BCN Provider News](#) or the [March 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

## Radiation therapy services for A9590 require prior authorization for all Blue Cross, BCN members

For dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, services associated with HCPCS code A9590 (iodine i-131, iobenguane, 1 millicurie) require prior authorization by eviCore healthcare.

This applies to all Blue Cross and BCN members with plans subject to eviCore healthcare authorization requirements. For more information, see [Page 35 of the March–April 2020 BCN Provider News](#) or the [March 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

## HEDIS® measure tip sheets updated for 2020

We've updated our HEDIS tip sheets for 2020 and posted them on the [Clinical Quality Corner](#) page of web-DENIS, along with a series of Star Measure Tips that were posted earlier this year. The tip sheets were developed to assist health care providers and their staff in their efforts to improve overall health care quality and prevent or control diseases and chronic conditions.

For more details, see the [May 2020 issue of \*The Record\*](#).

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