

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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Medical Drug Update for Rituximab Biosimilars (Truxima, Ruxience) - Commercial Products

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is clarifying prior authorization (PA) requirements for rituximab. Blue Cross does **not** require PA of rituximab biosimilars (Truxima, Ruxience) for non-oncologic indications for commercial lines of business.

Existing prior authorization requirements for commercial lines of business*:

Drug	Brand	HCPCS CPT Code**	Indication	New Policy	Prior Authorization Requirement & Medical Policy Criteria	
					Commercial* Fully-Insured	Commercial* Self-Insured
Rituximab	Rituxan	J9312	Non-Oncology	No	Yes <i>II-47 Rituximab</i>	Yes <i>II-47 Rituximab</i>
Rituximab Biosimilars	Truxima Ruxience	Q5115 J3490	Non-Oncology	No	No <i>II-47 Rituximab</i>	No <i>II-47 Rituximab</i>

*The changes do not impact the Federal Employee Program (FEP) health plans which has its own requirements.

Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes:

Medical Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted. To access the website:

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

**Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.

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