

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Medical Oncology Drug Prior Authorization Updates for Fully Insured Commercial and Medicare Advantage Subscribers – eviCore Healthcare Utilization Management (UM) Program

The eviCore Healthcare Utilization Management Program will be making the following updates to the Medical Oncology CPT® (Current Procedural Terminology) Prior Authorization (PA) Code List.

The following oncologic drugs already require PA through eviCore’s Medical Oncology program, but will have the following code changes **effective March 1, 2020:**

Drug	Deleted/Discontinued code(s)	Newly added code(s)
Bevacizumab-bvzr (Zirabev)		Q5118
Calaspargase pegol-mknl (Asparlas)	J3490, J3590	J9118
Cemiplimab-rwlc (Libtayo)	C9399, J9999	J9119
Levoleucovorin (Khapzory™)	J3490, J3590	J0642
Mogamulizumab-kpkc (Poteligeo)	C9038, C9399, J9999	J9204
Moxetumomab pasudotox-tdfk (Lumoxiti)	C9399, J9999	J9313
Tagraxofusp-erzs (Elzonris)	J3490, J3590	J9269
Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)		Q5117
Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera)		Q5116

The following drugs have been added to the Medical Oncology program and will require prior authorization for oncologic reasons **beginning April 1, 2020:**

Drug	Code(s)
Polatuzumab vedotin-piiq (Polivy)	C9399, J9309, J9999
Pegfilgrastim-bmez (Ziextenzo)	J3490, J3590
Rituximab-pvvr (Ruxience)	C9399, J3490, J3590, J9999
Gemcitabine NaCL (Infugem)	J9199

Prior authorization requests will be reviewed based on eviCore clinical guideline criteria. Providers can view the list of CPT codes that require prior authorization, eviCore clinical guidelines, and other provider resources on the eviCore Implementation Resources website.

To view CPT Code lists:

- Access the ‘Provider Section’ of the Blue Cross website at providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Select “**Medical Policy**” under *Tools and Resources*, read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Under “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” scroll down and click on the “**eviCore healthcare Specialty Utilization Management Clinical Guidelines**” link

- Select “**Solution Resources**” and then click on the appropriate solution (ex: Medical Oncology)
- Select “**CPT Codes**” to view the current CPT code list that require a prior authorization

To view Clinical Guidelines:

- Access the ‘Provider Section’ of the Blue Cross website at **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Select “**Medical Policy**” under *Tools and Resources*, read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Under “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” scroll down and click on the “**eviCore healthcare Specialty Utilization Management Clinical Guidelines**” link
- Click on the “**Resources**” dropdown in upper right corner
- Click “**Clinical Guidelines**”
- Select the appropriate solution: i.e. Medical Oncology
- Type “**BCBS MN**” (space is important) in ‘Search by Health Plan’
- Click on the “Current”, “Future”, or “Archived” tab to view guidelines most appropriate to your inquiry

Products Impacted

This change only applies to **fully insured commercial** and **Medicare Advantage** subscribers.

The changes do not impact:

- Blue Cross Commercial Self-Insured Subscribers
- Blue Cross Platinum Blue and Senior Gold Subscribers
- Blue Cross Government Programs [Families and Children (F&C), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) health plans]
- Blue Cross Federal Employee Program (FEP) Subscribers

To submit a Prior Authorization (PA) Request to eviCore

Providers submit eviCore PA requests via our free [Availity](#) provider portal. Instructions on how to utilize this portal are found on the Availity website.

Providers need to reference the eviCore clinical guideline criteria, submit prior authorization request via Availity, and submit all applicable clinical documentation with the PA request. Failure to submit required information may result in review delays or denial of the request due to insufficient information.

Note:

- An approved PA does not guarantee coverage under a subscriber’s benefit plan. Subscriber benefit plans vary in coverage and some plans may not provide coverage for certain services discussed in the medical policies.
- Some of the Medical Oncology Drugs listed above may be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use treating non-oncology indications. To identify if a prior authorization for a drug for non-oncology use, please refer to the Prior Authorization Lists posted on the Blue Cross website. To access the Pre-Authorization Lists:
 - Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](#)
 - Select “Medical Policy” under Tools and Resources, read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
 - Review the lists under the “Utilization Management” section

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact eviCore provider service at **844-224-0494**.